

# FR ALO WRITES...

## “A Generous God”

(Matthew 20:1-16)

I have a friend who can be classified as a church person. She is very much involved in one of the MSC parishes. There is no doubt about the amount of time, energy and money that she contributes to the parish and to the MSC. Every year during Lent and Advent, she coordinates two different novenas in the parish. The novenas are to the Divine Mercy in the Lenten-Easter season, and to the Infant Jesus in Advent. Those two novenas are well attended by over a thousand people. In the last few weeks she sent me a text message saying that she has a health problem. There was a suspicion that she had a cancer. While informing me of her health problem, she also mentioned that her business isn't making much money. It is going down a bit. She asked me a question that relates to our reflection on the gospel of this Sunday. She said: *“I have been very much involved in the life of the church, I have developed a good prayer life, and yet I am getting these problems. I have some friends, who are not practicing their faith like me, and yet they have a good business, and are prosperous and healthy. Can I question God about this?”* And I said: *“You can, but it has nothing to do with God. It is about your own faith.”*

Some people think that faith is about doing things to please God so that God will give them what they want. Sometimes in prayer we tend to think that our prayer can change God. The practice of faith and regular prayer are not about pleasing God or getting things we want from God. Prayer is about experiencing the presence and the love of God. By practicing my faith and developing my prayer life, I can become closer to God and experience his presence and love in whatever circumstances of my life. In times of sickness, failure, job loss or unprofitable business, I can still experience God's love. Those difficult times do not take away the experience of being loved by God and my desire to be faithful in my relationship with him. I cannot compare myself with others; God treats everyone in a unique way. Therefore if I classified myself as “a person of God” treated equal to the others who from my perspective are “not people of God” because they don't practice their faith, I should be thankful because God is so generous.

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for a reward. They will only put as much effort in as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and for the joy of the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord calls his disciples to serve God and neighbor - his heavenly kingdom and our earthly community - with generosity and joy. Do you perform your work and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support? Be merciful and generous as is your heavenly Father.



### THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY 20 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

#### SUNDAY 21 SEPT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea  
 11:00am French Mass  
 3:30pm Indonesian Mass  
 6:00pm Mass

#### MONDAY 22 SEPT

9:00am Mass  
 9:30am Reconciliation

#### WEDNESDAY 24 SEPT

9:00am Mass

#### FRIDAY 26 SEPT

10:30am Anointing Mass

#### SATURDAY 27 SEPT

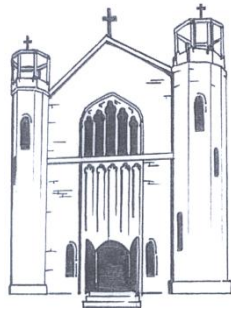
6:00pm Mass

#### SUNDAY 28 SEPT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea  
 3:30pm Indonesian Mass  
 6:00pm Mass

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

*Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.*



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**PARISH PRIEST**  
**Fr Aloysius Lamere msc**

**PARISH SECRETARY**  
 Maria Caetano (Mon-Fri 9am-1pm)

**MASS TIMES**  
 Sat - 6pm (Vigil)  
 Sun - 9:30am (Family), 6pm  
 Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am  
 Indonesian Mass Sun - 3:30pm  
 French Mass Third Sun - 11am

**RECONCILIATION**  
 Mon 9:30am or by appointment

**HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION**  
 Thursday before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday - 7:00pm

**INDONESIAN COMMUNITY**  
 Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

**BAPTISMS**  
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

**WEDDINGS**  
 By Appointment

**SACRAMENTS**  
 Contact parish office

**OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**  
 Marie Nilon – 9663 3346

**OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL**  
 Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

## RESPONSES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**  
 I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.

**FIRST READING**  
 Isaiah 55:6-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
 The Lord is near to all who call him.

**SECOND READING**  
 Philippians 1:20-24, 27

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**  
 Matthew 20:1-16

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
 You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## OREMUS

*Let us Pray*

**SICK**  
 Marie Hill, Miriam McKoy,  
 Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn,  
 Mr MacKenzie, Fr Chris Murphy msc,  
 Tom Regan, Pam (Rose's friend),  
 Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill),  
 Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi,  
 Fr Peter Robinson msc, Lucia Simeone,  
 Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto,  
 Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel,  
 Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio,  
 Rina Vecchief, Betty Mansfield,  
 Anton's mum, Nella Custorella,  
 Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper,  
 Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George,  
 Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon,  
 Angela Breen Ortega

**BELOVED DECEASED**  
 Sr Eileen Ryan fdnsc

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
 Ciaglia & Macolino families,  
 Anthea Nicholas, Roy Nicholas,  
 Giuseppe Ciaglia, Lupo Macolino,  
 Pasquale Ciaglia

## ROSTERS

SEPT 20/21	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	George Bedirian	Terry Gormley
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Sandy Mak Nani Widarto	Ben Keneally Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi John Dorahy	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Thomas Chia Trish Veness Ana Corpuz Hartono Ong	Kristina Keneally Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jacki Ma		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		
SEPT 27/28	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen	Fred Luca
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne Agnes Irhia	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco John Ryan	Thomas Chia Brigid Siely Amelia Iovannella Ana Corpuz Grace Pandiangan Barbara Hitchcox	Jan Nicholas Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Christine Mitchell & Christina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Grace Pandiangan		

## YOUTH

**Big KidsChurch**

Join the team and lead the 9:30am Mass every fourth Sunday. Ages 10-15.  
Contact: Ana Corpuz – 0416 166 149.

## MARRIAGE &amp; FAMILY



The Catholic Parish of St. Canice  
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11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Lumere,  
Sacred Heart Church  
4, Roma Avenue,  
KENSINGTON, NSW 2033

Dear Father Lumere,

Re: *THE KNITTERS*

We just wanted to say a BIG THANKYOU for the four beautiful hand knitted rug/blankets: which one of the ladies dropped into the office yesterday.

Jesuit Refugee Service operates in our parish and they accommodate refugees here whilst they help them process their applications for residency visas.

Most of the refugees they are assisting at the moment are from Africa and really feel the cold; so we have given them first preference on having the blankets, they are delighted, they also love the bright colours.

Please pass onto "THE KNITTERS" our grateful thanks. What they have knitted; with love has brought a lot of joy to four of our refugees.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Strutt  
Parish Secretary.

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**Year 5/6B Update to Our Lady of the Rosary Parishioners**

Many thanks to all parishioners who have kept our senior students in their prayers this term. We celebrated Confirmation in a very reverent atmosphere and the beautiful preparation of the church, as always, contributed hugely to this. The students prepared carefully and thoughtfully with their parents and teachers. We know that they have accepted the responsibility of carrying our faith forward; they are the future of our church. We hope and pray that the formation they receive from home and school will lead them to use right judgment when they contribute to decisions about the future directions of our church. We remember all Our Lady of the Rosary parishioners in our prayers, particularly those who are sick.

Yours in Christ, Ann Millward - Year 5/6B teacher

## PARISH CHAT.....

**Holy Hour - First Thursday Vigil (7pm)**

This Hour of Grace and Mercy is a time to encounter the healing presence of Jesus and refresh your soul. Reconciliation is also available during Adoration.

**ANOINTING MASS**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick on Friday

**26 September at 10:30am.**

Mass will be followed by morning tea and everyone is welcome to attend. If you require transport please contact Maria at the Parish House, or Jan 0407 218 072.

**FAMILY GROUP**

All are welcome to attend the next gathering of the Family Group which will be a 3 course dinner at the Graphic Arts Club, Mascot. Cost \$25 (\$20 for members).

**Monday 29 September, 6:30PM**

Graphic Arts Club

182 Coward Street Mascot

(Parking available behind the Club)

Bookings essential as Monday Night can be busy! Jan Nicholas 0407218072

[jnicholas@virginbroadband.com.au](mailto:jnicholas@virginbroadband.com.au)

**St Canices Kitchen**

A reminder that Dennis Fenech's team is rostered on St Canices Kitchen **on Sunday 28 September**. Please ring Dennis to confirm availability - 0415 381 713.

**Casual Domestic Employee OLSH Convent Kensington**

Immediate Start. Would suit person wanting a position during school hours two mornings per week. Must be reliable and conscientious. For more details please phone Irene on 9662 1777 between 9am and 3.30pm.

# WE'RE CELEBRATING...

## NOTICES

**Longing**  
 Silent Retreat // 10-12 Oct  
 at Peter Conisius House, Pymble  
 \$190 // 102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble  
 Verbum Dei Catholic Missionaries  
 9313 7099 // verbumdeisydney@gmail.com  
 www.verbumdeiaustralia.com

### Living the Joy of the Gospel

Proclaim 2014 conference last August offered practical tips into evangelisation and facilitating parish growth. If you are interested in receiving some of these invaluable insights, workshop and keynote presentations, they are available as visual or audio for FREE online.  
[www.proclaimconference.com.au/resources](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au/resources)

## JOKE CORNER

### Back to school

Little Johnny had finished his long holiday and gone back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving.

"Wait a minute," the mother said. "I had Johnny with me for three months and I never called you once when he misbehaved."

# The First Shall Be Last

Why were the first workers angry? Decode the words to find out what they said. [Tip: the last (letter) shall be first!]

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