

FR ALO WRITES...

“AUTHORITY”

When I was a superior of the MSC in the Central Pacific I was not really pleased with one of the MSC priests serving in quite a big parish in Suva, the capital city of the Republic of Fiji Islands. When this priest wanted the parishioners to listen to him he would drop my name, or the archbishop’s name. Often neither I nor the archbishop had anything to do with whatever this priest was saying to his parishioners. One day I confronted him about this matter and he said that it was useful to have a “back up” from “authority” (Archbishop and the MSC Superior) for the good things he was doing in the parish – it made it easier for him to gain the support of the parishioners. I understood then that, psychologically, this priest had no confidence in his own abilities or ministry and relied on the implied authority of others to lead his parish.

In today’s Gospel, and in the entire life of Jesus, we can see that Jesus speaks and does things with “authority”. His authority was totally different from the other teachers in his time. The teachers of the law didn’t speak with their own authority. They necessarily prefaced their comments with something like “There is a saying that...” or “Rabbi such-and-such said...” Even the prophets rightly attributed their pronouncements to “Thus says the Lord...” But Jesus said simply, “I say to you...” Here was a man who spoke with his own authority, not in the name of another. That alone was amazing. But if that were not amazing enough, Jesus demonstrated his authority when he told an evil spirit what to do, and the evil spirit obeyed.

Speaking with authority doesn’t mean that Jesus was an authoritarian. People who use their authority for their own sake could be classified as authoritarians for abusing their authority. And we could see many examples of those people around the world like the late Saddam Hussein of Iraq or Al Assad from Syria and many others. There is an insatiable hunger in such people to use their authority to dominate others to their own will. Jesus did things not for his own sake but for the sake of the Kingdom of God, which was his Father’s will, and for the salvation of the world. Jesus did not use his incomparable authority the way we humans tend to use our little sprigs of authority. He took action when necessary. Jesus did not stifle normal living by trying to prevent all possibility of something going wrong. He didn’t post sentries at the doors to keep all potential demon-possessed-looking people from coming in. He simply dealt with the problem decisively when it arose. He was like that because he was so confident in his identity as the beloved one of the Heavenly Father.

My spiritual journey came to the stage of great confidence in my identity some years back when I reflected on the “Baptism of the Lord”. As Jesus was baptized and proclaimed as the beloved Son of God, through my baptism I too have been proclaimed as the son of God. We all possess this identity and it enables us to have an authority to do good things for the Kingdom of God. And our authority is mainly for service. Jesus wants us to use the authority we have. Whether our authority is at home, at work, or somewhere else, he wants us to use it to help others, not to make ourselves into big shots. Jesus gives us the example: use your authority to serve and not to be served (Mark 10:42-45).



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 31 JAN

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 1 FEB

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am Baptism

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass + Kids Church

MONDAY 2 FEB

9:00am Mass

9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 4 FEB

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 5 FEB

7:00pm Holy Hour + Reconciliation

FRIDAY 6 FEB

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 7 FEB

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 8 FEB

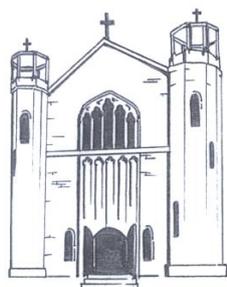
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ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

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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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 1st 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

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Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334, is a JP and is happy to sign documents as required.

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 7: 32-35

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 21-28

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzyminski, Miriam McKoy, Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn, Mr MacKenzie, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Derek Chick, Pam (Rose's friend), 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, Anton's mum, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

Fr Keith Comer msc, Betty Mansfield, Margaret Carrick, Tony Haylen, Marie Veronica Hurworth

ANNIVERSARIES

ROSTERS

31 JAN/1 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	Judith Lynch James Lynch	Kelsey McGuinness Toni McGuinness	Jim Nguyen Selvi Ung
E. Ministers	John Ryan John Dorahy	Robyn Kildea Mary Martin Henny Ramali Amelia Iovanella Ana Corpuz Barbara Hitchcox	Diana Woon Jan Nicholas
KidsChurch	9:30am – Aubrey & Holley Curley 6:00pm – Mark & Fiona O'Farrell		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea, Mary Martin		
FEB 7/8	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen	Fred Luca
Readers	Sr Helen Hearn Linda Irhia	Anna Corpuz Ross Martin	Wil Thorp Tony King
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi Jan Nicholas	Roel Castillo Trish Veness Hartono Ong Brigid Siely Sheila McAndrew Ana Corpuz	Lyn King Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	9:30am – 6:00pm – Francine & Marcus Pirola		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		

OLR Parish Youth Group 2015

Information for Parents

Passing on the faith to our children is no easy task. In fact, it's an impossible task if we're trying to do it alone. No matter how committed or eloquent we may be, sometimes our children just can't 'hear' it from us. Every family needs the support and assistance of a network of families to successfully pass on the faith to their children.

So let's do this together!

If you have children in the age range (or close to it), register your interest.

- Get updates as we move towards the launch of the program in on February 22nd.
- Receive free articles and practical tips on how to engage your young teens in their faith.
- Get 2 free audio talks from Christopher West, internationally acclaimed speaker on the Theology of the Body talking to parents. Beyond the Talk: Sharing God's Plan for Sexuality with Your Kids (Parts 1 & 2).

Register Your Interest Now and we'll send your child/ren a personal invitation.

www.olrkensington.org.au/youth/

Information Meeting for parents

Thu Feb 5, 2015, 8pm, OLR Church (following Holy Hour)

Info: Francine@marriagerc.org | 0433 451 433



City Silence is back for 2015 starting from the 3rd of Feb

City Silence is a weekly Holy Hour for young adults (18-35) at St Mary's Cathedral every Tuesday from 6:30pm. At 7:30pm Following City Silence all are welcome to a casual dinner at a local restaurant.

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Come and join 1,000 young people (16-35 and the young at heart) experiencing Easter together in 2015. Witness the liturgy come alive and take part in prayer, pilgrimage, drama, contemporary music and personal sharing that will help revive your love for God. You'll never forget it! 2-5 April 2015 in Appin, NSW. More info at www.ltn.org.au

DATING AND DEGUSTATION

Dating and Degustation is an event for young men and women between 25-35 to meet new people whilst sharing the exquisite degustation menu provided by our friends at the Raddison Blu Hotel Sydney. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased via [Try Booking](#) this is for a six course degustation and drinks on arrival and throughout the night. We encourage all single men and women to come and to bring along a friend. Numbers are strictly limited and RSVP's are due by February 6, 2015. We hope you can join us for an evening of delicious food, wine and good company.

Hour of Grace & Mercy

Thursday 5th Feb (First Friday Vigil) | 7-8pm
Reconciliation available.

Mission and Outreach Core Group:

The next meeting of the Group will be held at **7:30pm on 9th February 2015** at OLR Parish House.

At the last meeting, current Parish activities were identified and other activities were identified as possible future activities for introduction to the Parish.

Included in these Mission and Outreach activities are St Canice's Kitchen, Cana, St Vincent de Paul, reaching out as a Parish to those in need in other parts of the world eg., Cuba and involvement and response to Catholic Social Justice issues.

At the 9th February meeting the Group will work at composing the Parish vision for Mission and Outreach and then focus on strategies for achieving our goals for fulfilling that vision.

Formation & Training Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers at Mass

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Beginning or Refreshing)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda
Wednesday 25th Feb and 4th March 2015,
7.00pm-9.00pm.

Readers at Mass

(Beginning or Refreshing)
St Jerome's Punchbowl
Saturday 7th and 14th February 2015,
9.30am-12.00pm

Registration is Essential

Forms and further details are available on the Liturgy Office website:
www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

27th ANNIVERSARY PERE RECEVEUR MASS AT LA PEROUSE SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY at 11am

This Mass is celebrated annually near the grave of Fr Receveur who died at Botany Bay on 17th February 1788.

He was a priest and scientist with the La Perouse expedition. He may have been the first Catholic priest in Australia.

Everyone is invited to this outdoor Mass Shade, sound system and transportation of chairs and equipment provided courtesy of Randwick City Council and sausage sizzle provided by Seaside Lions and refreshments by Friends of La Perouse Museum.

JOKE CORNER

Satan visits the church

One bright, beautiful Sunday morning, everyone in tiny Jonestown wakes up early and goes to their local church. Before the service starts, the townspeople sit in their pews and talk about their lives and their families.

Suddenly, at the altar, Satan appears!! Everyone starts screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in their determined efforts to get away from the Evil Incarnate. Soon, everyone is evacuated from the church except for one man, who sits calmly in his pew, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy is in his presence. This confuses Satan a bit. Satan walks up to the man and says, "Hey, don't you know who I am?" The man says, "Yep, sure I do."

Satan says, "Well, aren't you afraid of me?" The man says, "No, sure I am not."

Satan, perturbed, says, "And why aren't you afraid of me?" The man says, "Well, I've been married to your sister for 25 years"

Solve the puzzle to find out what the people said when they saw Jesus' power. HINT: Start at the bottom left hand corner and work your way around.

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