

FR ALO WRITES...

“Make me Clean”

(Ask and You will be Given)

Mark 1:40-45

Today’s Gospel is about asking for God’s help. While reflecting on this gospel, I recalled an experience I had with a couple who were eagerly trying to develop their business. This included property, a palm oil plantation, and an interest in coal mining. As a means of injecting some capital into these business ventures, they decided to sell a piece of land they owned on the outskirts of the city. This land was lent to some farmers to grow crops. The couple approached me and asked me to bless this piece of land. The perception they had was that this “blessing” would not only get them a good price, but also that the land would be sold easily. Whether or not their intention/agenda for having their land blessed was pleasing to God, I did not know. However as a priest who cares for his flock, I carried out their wishes and trusted that God knew what was best for them. After a few months, the land hadn’t sold. Upset, the husband said to his wife: *“You said he was a good priest and the kind that would be good at giving this kind of blessing and yet nothing has happened to this land. I think this priest doesn’t have special gifts related to this kind of business. We should find another priest to bless our land again so that it would bring us a good fortune.”* The wife called me and shared her husband’s disappointment. She continued: *“Father what can you and I do to help my husband believe in God and in you?”* I said: *“We leave it to God. God knows exactly what you need. Keep praying and God may show you something else, something unexpected.”* She agreed. A month later, another of their business ventures grew rapidly. This was a venture that they hadn’t put much hope or as much effort into. It was unexpected. Later they called me with great joy and asked that I do their son’s wedding. Last month, I again received a call from them, this time it is do their daughter’s wedding.

No one who sought out Jesus was refused his help. Indeed God knows what we need and the things we want. I believe that God more readily fulfils our needs rather than our wants. Sometimes it is easy to confuse our needs and wants. It is important that before we approach God in prayer, we use reflection and good discernment to identify our needs, then we prepare our petition.

The leper in this Sunday’s Gospel passage expressed his great need to the Lord. *“Make me clean.”* The leper was desperate for someone to help him. His physical condition was poor and like all lepers he was slowly losing the use of his limbs as they were withering away. Lepers were not only shunned but regarded as “already dead” even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. In order to be reconciled with the larger community a leper must be proven to be “clean”.

In one way or another we are all lepers seeking God’s help. What we need to do is identify our sickness and with trust, we humble ourselves before God and ask for help. God knows what we need better than we do. *Be healed and cleansed!*



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 14 FEB

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 15 FEB

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am French Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass + Kids Church

MONDAY 16 FEB

9:00am Mass

9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 18 FEB

9:00am Ash Wednesday Mass

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

FRIDAY 20 FEB

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 21 FEB

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 22 FEB

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass + Kids Church

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.

SIGN UP!

Get the OLR eNews in your inbox each Friday afternoon.

Visit www.olrkensington.org.au



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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

OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 10:31-11:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 40-45

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan, Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzysinski, 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

Mary Josephine Conacher,

ANNIVERSARIES

Ciaglia & Macolino families

ROSTERS

| FEB 14/15 | SAT 6PM | SUN 9:30AM | SUN 6PM |
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| Acolyte | Gus Alimhamzah | John Allen | Terry Gormley |
| Readers | Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky | Jeff Kildea Sandy Mak | Ben Keneally Marissa Meyn |
| E. Ministers | Alice Mouco Judith Lynch | Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Amelia Iovanella Thomas Chia Grace Pandiangan Robyn Kildea | Kristina Keneally Diana Woon |
| KidsChurch | 9:30am – 6:00pm – Erin & Harriet Beavis | | |
| Counting | Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi | | |
| Comm to Sick | Thomas Chia, Grace Pandiangan | | |
| FEB 21/22 | SAT 6PM | SUN 9:30AM | SUN 6PM |
| Acolyte | Handojo Widjaja | Roel Castillo | Fred Luca |
| Readers | Sr Helen Hearne Linda Irlhia | Big Kids Church Big Kids Church | Nicholas Black Virginia Black |
| E. Ministers | John Dorahy John Ryan | Dewi Suryani Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox Roel Castillo Hartono Ong Briant Koh | Grace Pandiangan Francine Pirola |
| KidsChurch | 9:30am – Christina Halim 6:00pm – | | |
| Counting | James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew | | |
| Comm to Sick | Sheila McAndrew, Roel Castillo | | |

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

Fridays, 7-9:30pm | March 6, 13, 20 | Parish Hall

A dynamic and visually rich presentation by acclaimed international scholar Br Gerard Rummery, with opportunities for general discussion and dialogue with the presenter.

Entry by donation | supper provided | Bookings (online) appreciated:

www.olrkensington.org.au/living-faith/

Youth Ministry Coordinator | Casual, 10 hours/wk

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kensington is seeking a vibrant youth worker to join the parish staff. The successful applicant would be required to work with the Parish Evangelisation Team to support the establishment and day to day running of youth activities in the parish.

Experience in youth ministry and/or parish youth groups is desirable. The full job advertisement and a role description are available from the parish website www.olrkensington.org.au.

To submit your CV with a cover letter and 2 referees including a parish priest

Phone: 9663 1070 | Email: kensoparish@pacific.net.au

Applications close Friday 6 March 2015.

FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Organisation: St Vincent de Paul Society

Location: Sydney and regions

Contact: compeer@vinnies.org.au

Spend an hour a week doing fun activities with someone who has become isolated due to mental illness. Training and ongoing support is provided.

ADULT EDUCATION - IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

Brother Greg McCann msc has been teaching English overseas for ten (15) years. He is now retired and is available to teach English from beginners level to advanced level. His wide experience as an IELTS examiner also allows him to teach IELTS here in the Eastern suburbs to help people improve their IELTS score and to enhance their opportunities for employment and/ or further study. Costs range from \$30/hour for individual tuition or \$20 each/hour for two or three people. He may be contacted on- Mob: 0410 866 043 or at Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma Ave., Kensington.

Sisters of Charity Outreach needs volunteers for our Services

Volunteering opportunities include visiting the socially isolated in their homes in the Eastern Area of Sydney, collecting country people coming to Sydney and driving them to medical appointments or taking their requests for transport, and contributing to fundraising by working in our Gift Shop.

For further information please contact: Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator and Educator Tel: 8382 6437 | Mob: 0404 861 523 | E: mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au
www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au

Hour of Grace & Mercy

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

**Ash Wednesday**

18 February is Ash

Wednesday. OLR Kensington

will offer two Masses for parishioners and guests: one at 9am, where we will be joined by years 4-6 from the parish school, and at 7pm, which will be a co-celebration with the Indonesian Community. All are welcome to begin Lent in a prayerful way in our parish community.

Chinese New Year!

19 February is Chinese New Year, and here we are going to celebrate the Year of the Wooden Sheep at the 9.30am



Mass, Sunday 22 February. The church will be festively decorated, children will receive special red packets, and we are inviting all parishioners to come dressed in red! **We are asking parishioners to bring special foods to share for the celebration for a special Chinese New Year Morning tea after Mass.**

Catechists Needed - Sacrament Program

We are looking to train up some more catechists to prepare our children for the sacraments. Each program has four sessions so the time commitment is limited to a 4-6 week period. Sessions are run after school or on weekends according to the availability of the catechist.

If you would like to be join the team, please contact Sarina Capo on sarinam@live.com.au.

Br James Maher msc

A card and pens have been provided in the church foyer for parishioners to write their messages of support for Br James.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

VISITING ROME? STAY AT DOMUS AUSTRALIA

Domus Australia is a 32 room guest house established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims.

Enquiries:

reservations@domusaustralia.org
www.domusaustralia.org

DACEYVILLE PARISH RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Daceyville Parish has a ground floor 1-bedroom unit available in their Retirement Village for retired over-55s. For more information, please contact Joe De Andrade on 0438 696 396 or Parish Office on 9349 1292."

JOKE CORNER

The Psychiatrist

A guy had been feeling down for so long that he finally decided to seek the aid of a psychiatrist. He went there, lay on the couch, spilled his guts then waited for the profound wisdom of the psychiatrist to make him feel better.

The psychiatrist asked a few questions, took some notes then sat thinking in silence for a few minutes with a puzzled look on his face. Suddenly, he looked up with an expression of delight and said, 'Um, I think your problem is low self-esteem. It is very common among losers.'

Jesus told the man to tell no one but the man did the opposite! Jesus also told the man to do something else. Can you work out what Jesus said by finding the opposites?

"Go straight to the (priestess) _ _ i _ _ _
 and let him examine (me) _ _ u; then in
 order to prove to (no one) _ v _ _ _ _ n _
 that (I am) _ o _ _ _ e (still sick) c _ _ _ _ ,
 offer the sacrifice that Moses
 (forbade) o _ d _ _ _ _ .

