

FR ALO WRITES...

Forty Days of Test

(Mark 1:12-13)

Three evangelists (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) tell that Jesus was brought by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Reflecting on this, I wondered 'why would the Holy Spirit lead Jesus to the wilderness?' The gospel of Mark puts it most emphatically, placing this story straight after the Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1: 9-11): "*The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness*" (Mark 1:12). Remembering that the mystery of the Trinity, three persons united in one, it might help to think of the Spirit that led Jesus as his own spirit, choosing to seek solitude for purification as well as for preparation for his mission. Just like other human beings test themselves before they take up a mission – think of pilots being tested to ensure that they are fit to fly - Jesus would submit himself to be tested too. Through this story, Jesus shows us that in the wilderness – a solitude place - we cannot rely on the material senses of comfort. It is a place that we can know who we are and who God is.

Jesus won the test and resisted the bad spirit's temptation because he was confident in his identity and who God (the Father) is. Indeed there are lots of Scripture passages that indicate Jesus' experience of God as the one he calls Abba or Father. The baptism is the convincing moment for Jesus to call God as his own Father. It was a public announcement that Jesus is the Son of God. It is not about a status proclamation but simply a proclamation of "relationship" between the Father and the Son based on love. "*You are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased*" (Mark 1:11). This experience gives Jesus great confidence and assurance of his Father's love. This is enough for Jesus to resist the temptation of evil and perform his ministry. And since this is enough for Jesus he does not have to please anyone for acceptance or to prove himself. Henry Nouwen said:

"Jesus refused to be a stunt man. He did not come to prove himself. He did not come to walk on hot coals, swallow fire, or put his hand in a lion's mouth to demonstrate that he had something worthwhile to say".

(In the Name of Jesus, Reflection on Christian Leadership, (London: Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd, 1989, 38)

Jesus comes to the world to be like us and to enjoy his identity as the beloved. We have begun our forty days of solitude – Lenten season – to prepare ourselves for Easter. It is a time to develop our intimacy with God by recalling our own experience of baptism and enjoy our identity. Knowing and enjoying ourselves as the "beloved ones" would allow us to resist any temptation as well as to perform our ministry in bringing God's love to the world. We often do many things to prove our identity: this Lent, let us do things in our life as a consequence of being the beloved ones. Enjoy the Lenten season, time of solitude.



THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY 23 FEB

9:00am Mass

9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 25 FEB

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 27 FEB

9:00am Mass - Year 1

SATURDAY 28 FEB

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 1 MAR

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am Baptisms

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.

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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
 When he calls on me, I will answer him;
 I will deliver him and give him glory; I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING
 Genesis 9: 8-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING
 1 Peter 3:18-22

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL
 Mark 1:12-15

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Manuel Mouco, Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan, 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
 Mary Josephine Conacher

ANNIVERSARIES
 Aurelio Coelho (1 year)

ROSTERS

FEB 21/22	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	Fred Luca
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne Linda Irhia	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		
FEB 28/MAR 1	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	George Bedirian	Terry Gormley
Readers	Agnes Irhia Selvi Ung	Ross Martin Vicky-Kerry Offord	Tony King Wil Thorp
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi Dewi Suryani	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Robyn Kildea Mary Martin Stephen Gatt Ana Corpuz	Lyn King Marieann Duncan
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		

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Please refer to the Notice Board in the Entrance to the Church and write your name on the list if you would like to volunteer for the following Ministries during Holy Week.

- Holy Thursday: Eucharistic Ministers, Washing of the Feet, Altar Boys/Altar Girls
- Good Friday: Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Boys/Altar Girls
- Easter Vigil: Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Boys/Altar Girls
- Easter Sunday: Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Boys/Altar Girls

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.

HOOR OF GRACE & MERCY

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

CHURCH BANNERS

A very special thank you to Sr Carmel Smith, OLSH, for her dedication and talent in making the Banners that adorn the walls of the Church during the various seasons of the liturgical year. Sr Carmel's work is greatly appreciated and admired.

RCIA

Dear Parishioners,
Please kindly pray together for the preparation - rite of the election which will be held on 8th of March for our candidates and catechumens: Alex, Fang Tjia, Nicholas, Ameneh, Josephine, Edward and Tristen.

God bless,
RCIA team

FAMILY PARISH GROUP NEXT MEETING

Sunday 22 February 5pm

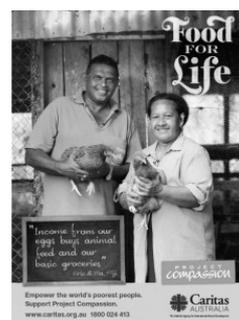
Picnic in the park - Raleigh Park (opp 1 Brompton Rd). Bring a chair, food & drink.
Leader Martin O'Loughlin 9662 8559
All Welcome.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce the OLR Building Management Committee has now been established by Fr Alo.

We have identified our first priority project based on Parish feedback. The Kids Church (*the one room on the side of the main church*), will undergo a mild refurbishment to better service the Kids Church, but will also be suitable for various Parish uses by booking. The space will be refreshed and offer a comfortable multipurpose meeting space with Air Con, AV and tea facilities.

We are calling on building and renovation project specialists, including electricians and air-conditioning installers, to donate time and/or material. We will need white paint, new carpet, shelving and a TV screen. Please call Claude Khoury on [0419 216 416](tel:0419216416) to discuss your contribution as soon as possible.



You are helping to empower the world's poorest people. Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



NOTICES

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. He may be contacted on Mob: 0410 866 043 or at Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma Ave., Kensington.

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.

JOKE CORNER

It is February 20, the third Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis." "I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?" Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar." The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ." "Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."



OLSH OPEN DAY
 10.30am - 2.30pm Tuesday 10th March 2015
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
 Meet the Principal at 7pm Monday 9th March 2015

New buildings and new initiatives in our learning environment will see the College meet the challenges of tomorrow. We invite you to join us.

FEATURES OF OPEN DAY

- Meet the Principal Mrs Jenny Fowler
- Participate in Dynamic and Inspiring Classes
- Explore the College Campus
- Experience the warmth and openness that is OLSH College.

Stretching our Hearts and Minds



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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary,
 How wonderful it was to join in the parish celebration on Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. The students were full of questions about the symbolism and the rich text of the readings of the day. The students in 6B have quickly settled into their routine in many ways. We are exploring the role of Mary in the tradition of the Church and linking that role to other inspirational women throughout her history. We have discussed the changing role of women through to our society today and where we think that might lead in the future. The students are working hard in their investigations of women in the Bible and female saints: we hope this may lead to some inspirational choices in Confirmation saints/mentors. Please keep our class in your prayers throughout Lent; we have made a great start and will work towards fulfilling some needs of Project Compassion through our class box.

Yours in Christ,
 Mrs Ann Millward - 6B Classroom Teacher

OLR REUNION 1965 - 1975

A reunion of OLR ex students is being organised for students who attended any time between 1965 to 1975. The reunion is planned for July this year. Anyone interested in assisting to make this a successful event please contact Michael Walsh (Kindergarten 1965) at mikewalsh567@gmail.com.