

FR ALO WRITES...

Sharing God's Glory

(Mark 9:2-10)

It must have been a very painful experience for Abraham when God asked him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Abraham had obeyed God many times in his walk with Him, but no test could have been more severe than the one in the first reading today (Genesis 22). God commanded, *"Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering"* (Genesis 22:2a). This command sounds contrary to the nature of God, who is compassionate and merciful. Moreover, this is a surprising command since Isaac was the son of promise. However, Abraham responded to God's command with immediate obedience. How could Abraham obey such a "brutal" command? This is an extraordinary obedience that very few could offer. Later, for such obedience, Abraham was crowned with God's great glory: *"By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."* (Gen 22:17-18). His obedience and sacrifice merited him God's glory. Paul in the second reading of this Sunday mentioned similar thing: *"He who did not spare even his own Son, but handed him over for the sake of us all, how could he not also, with him, have given us all things?"* (Rom 8:32).

God is willing to share his glory with us - as reflected in today's gospel when Jesus' face is transfigured in the mountain before his disciples. In this incident Jesus appears in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles. It symbolizes a continuation of God's saving plan for the world from one generation to the other. Also proclamation of Jesus as the beloved symbolizes the culmination of God's glorious plan in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. God's glorious plan did not exclude Jesus from being a special sacrifice for the Father and the world. His suffering and death that we are contemplating during the Lenten Season is the way he had chosen for saving the world. And Jesus' obedience and sacrifice is crowned with glorious resurrection. Jesus is an example of those who trust in total obedience to the Father. Therefore we are asked to listen to him: *"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"* (Mark 9:7), meaning to follow his footsteps.

Do we desire to have a share in God's glory? Obedience which means "listening" (to God) is the way to share His glory. The Lenten Season is a great time for forming and shaping lives to become obedient people of God. Don't let the clouds of prejudice, shame, low self-esteem, self-blaming, sorrow, and other negative feeling hinder us from seeing and enjoying God's glory.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 28 FEB

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 1 MAR

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass + Kids Church

MONDAY 2 MAR

9:00am Mass

9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 4 MAR

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 5 MAR

7:00pm Holy Hour + Reconciliation

FRIDAY 6 MAR

9:00am Mass - Year 2

SATURDAY 7 MAR

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 8 MAR

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.

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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 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

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 31-34

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 2-10

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

Br Bernard Delaney msc, Peter Ashelford

ANNIVERSARIES

Joao Guerreiro, Daniel James de Sousa, Aurelio Coelho (1 year)

ROSTERS

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		
MAR 7/8	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allan	Fred Luca
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Nani Widarto Stephen Chiew	Jim Nguyen Selvi Ung
E. Ministers	John Dorahy Alice Mouco	Trish Veness Roel Castillo Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Ana Corpuz Amelia Iovanelia	Grace Pandiangan Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	9:30am – Charisse Low & Jackie Ma 6:00pm – Francine & Marcus Pirola		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making OLR Parish Chinese New Year celebrations a wonderful event.

SICK/HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a neighbour, or know any parishioner who is sick or housebound and would like Communion taken to them in their home, would like transport to and from Mass, or would like a visit from a Parish member please contact Maria at the Parish House 9663 1070.

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

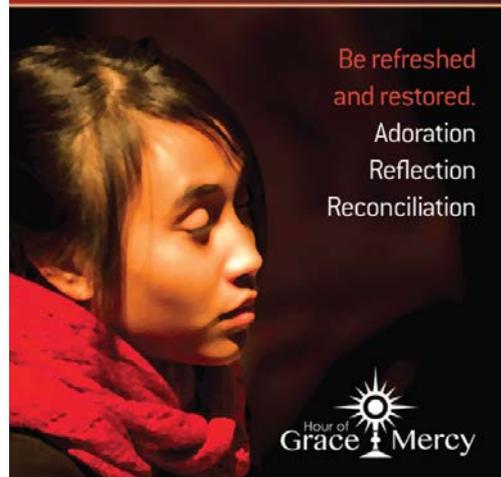
Easter Vigil: Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Boys/Altar Girls

Easter Sunday: Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Boys/Altar Girls



This week we meet married couple Eric and Ma in Fiji who had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they received training supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life. **Please donate to Project Compassion today and help people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to grow food for life. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413.**

You are invited...



Thursday, 5 March | 7-8 pm

MESSAGE FROM BR JAMES

*Dear OLR friends,
I was deeply moved to arrive home from hospital last Monday evening to find your beautiful card waiting for me. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all your prayers and inspiring words of encouragement. I have the card (poster) up on my bedroom wall! I am so glad to be home, and grateful that it is much earlier than expected. I will still have to remain in isolation for some weeks, until my immune system gets stronger, but when the time is right, I look forward to being with you again in the flesh!*

*Love and peace,
Br James*

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.

ANNUAL RACING FRATERNITY MASS

Sunday 15th March 2015 at 11am

At the Royal Randwick Ballroom
Level 2 Queen Elizabeth 11 Grandstand,
Royal Randwick (enter via Gate 1/Main Gate
off Alison Road, Randwick)

Everyone welcome!

Light refreshments served after the Mass.

The Racing Mass is attended by all denominations and by people who are representatives of all sections of the racing industry and is offered for the well-being of the racing industry as a whole.

QUARTERLY MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED INTERRED IN THE EASTERN SUBURBS MEMORIAL GARDENS, BOTANY

Please note that the next Memorial Cemetery Mass for the deceased interred in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Botany will be celebrated in the Crematorium South Chapel on **Saturday 14th March 2015 at 11am.**

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.

JOKE CORNER

A man is struck by a bus on a busy Portland street. Seriously injured, he gasps to on-lookers, "A priest. Somebody get me a priest!" A police officer checks the crowd... no priest, no nun, no Eucharistic Minister or person of the cloth of any kind. "Please, any words of the church," the injured man cries. Out of the crowd steps a shabby old man. He says he's not Catholic, but he's slept behind Sacred Heart Cathedral forty years and has heard the words of the priests so many times they are etched in his memory. Desperate, the injured man nods. The elderly homeless man kneels by him and solemnly intones, "B-4 . . . I-19 . . . N-38 . . . G-54 . . . O-72 . . ."

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL

Year 5 is currently learning about Creation and how we can be stewards of the earth. We take the benefits of our earth for granted and humankind is quickly utilising all resources without thought of how we will sustain our own needs or those of the earth itself. The students are learning that we don't own the earth; we are merely responsible for passing it on to future generations of people. The students will identify the call to challenge those ways and structures that oppress and exploit creation.

WAVERLEY COLLEGE

Open Day – Tuesday 3 March 2015 – 3:30pm to 6:30pm

An invitation is extended to parishioners, their families and friends to visit Waverley College on Open Day 2015, when both our Junior (Years 5 and 6) and Senior (Years 7 to 12) campuses will be open. At Open Day visitors will be able to tour the College and speak with staff and students about subjects, sport and student life. There will be extra-curricular activities on display, including sport, drama, music and cadets. Parent groups will be present with stalls offering information and refreshments, and we also provide a complimentary sausage sizzle for hungry visitors. The Headmaster, Director of Learning Innovation and College Captain will give presentations at the Senior Campus (Performing Arts Centre) at 4pm and 5:45pm and at the Junior School (Auditorium) at 5pm. Our Registrar, Terese Kielt, will be on hand with enrolment information and application forms, as well as answers to your enrolment questions. Further details available at waverley.nsw.edu.au.



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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