

FR ALO WRITES...

Triumph of Humility (Palm Sunday Reflection)

This Sunday we commemorate 'Palm Sunday'. Palm Sunday is not simply a time to recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem prior to his crucifixion, but a time to reflect on its significance and meaning for us today. St Augustine, the great fifth century Church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem:

"The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4).

Humility is the key point of our Palm Sunday celebration. We celebrate Jesus Christ who entered Jerusalem with humility by riding on a donkey. Jesus was not born into a social status that would have given him power over the people of his time. His power came from within him and was embodied in his relationship with people – people in the synagogues, the streets, the market place, and especially those on the margins of their society. This attracted many people to Jesus and we hear of them coming to cheer him on.

Today in our own society and within our own families, we can recognise people of great humility. They may not have a prestigious position or an authority status but their rapport with others comes from the simplicity and humility with which they embrace life. One such person that came to mind for me was an MSC confrere who was not considered to be as academically gifted as others. He entered religious life because he felt he was called by God. I was asked by my (then) superior to accompany him for two years before he was to make perpetual vows as religious brother with the MSC's. Since he was not good at teaching catechism and religion in school, or doing sacramental preparation, I was not too impressed with him. In my mind, every religious brother should be able to teach basic things about religion and in that way, they are able to minister and help their brother priests in ministry. One day I asked him: *"Brother, what was your motivation for entering religious life and what are some of the qualities you can offer the community, as well as the Church?"* He said: *"Father, I felt that I was called to religious life. And you know that I am not good academically. The thing that I can offer is looking after the house and the garden. Isn't that a kind of support to our mission?"* I was both moved and impressed by this simple answer. A few years later, while attending a Provincial Plenary Council meeting to talk about personnel and appointments, amazingly every MSC district superior that knew this Brother wanted him to be in their community because of who he was and how he carried out his ministry. In the final analysis, humility, simplicity and service of others is what triumphs and this was true for this MSC Brother of mine!



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 28 MAR
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 29 MAR
9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Mass + Kids Church

MONDAY 30 MAR
9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation
7:00pm Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 1 APR
9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 2 APR
7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper
9:00pm Indonesian Mass

FRIDAY 3 APR
10:00am Stations of the Cross
11:00am Reconciliation
3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion
5:00pm Indonesian Mass

SATURDAY 28 MAR
7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
9:30pm Indonesian Mass

SUNDAY 29 MAR
9:30am Easter Sunday Mass
11:00am Baptisms
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
NO EVENING MASS

We acknowledge the traditional owners who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have maintained these Spiritual connections and traditions.



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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
 Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING
 Is 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING
 Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL
 Mark 14:1-15:47

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Father if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan, Leo O’Sullivan, Min Keating, Tonia Pastorelli, Manuel Mouco, Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan, Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzyminski, Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Lucia Simeone, Fr Peter Robinson msc, 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
 Armindo Leal, Lee Jun Hoy

ANNIVERSARIES
 John Michael Stinson, Giuseppe Sidoti

ROSTERS

MAR 28/29	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	Dennis Fenech	Terry Gormley
Readers	Linda Irlia John Dorahy	Ana Corpuz Vicky-Kerry Offord	Selvi Ung Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco Vien Suhadi	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Robyn Kildea Mary Martin Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti	Jan Nicholas Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	9:30am - Mark & Fiona O’Farrell		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Mary Martin, Robyn Kildea		
APRIL 11/12	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Jeff Kildea Ross Martin	Wil Thorp Tony King
E. Ministers	Jan Nicholas John Ryan	Dewi Suryani Henry Ramali Nani Widarto Trish Veness Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox	Lyn King Grace Pandiangan
KidsChurch	Christina and Herlina Halim		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness, Margaret Rigotti		

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2015

Please find details for enrolments of the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation on the updated parish website: www.orkensington.org.au. All enrolments will be done online from this year. Please contact Sarina Capo sarinam@live.com.au or Maria at the parish office if you need more information.



Holy Week

Time Table

Reconciliation Monday 30 March

After 9am Mass and 7pm

Holy Thursday 2 April

Mass of the Last Supper - 7pm (Indonesian 9pm)

Good Friday 3 April

Stations of the Cross 10am, Reconciliation 11am, Liturgy of the Passion 3pm (Indonesian 5:00pm)

Holy Saturday 4 April

Easter Vigil (baptism of catechumens) 7pm (Indonesian 9:30pm)

Easter Sunday 5 April

9:30am Family Mass (+KidsChurch), (Indonesian 3.30pm)

NO EVENING MASS

HOUR OF GRACE & MERCYThursday (First Friday Vigil) | 7-8pm
Reconciliation available.**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.

ANOINTING MASS

An Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 16 April at 10.30am** followed by morning tea. Anyone needing transport to and from church, please contact Maria at the Parish Office.

**PARISH FAMILY GROUP NEXT MEETING**

Graphic Arts Club Mascot
Dinner Monday 13 April at 6.30pm
Bookings Martin O'Loughlin
E: oloughlinm@iprimus.com.au
or 9662 8559. All Welcome

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE JUSTICE AND PEACE GATHERING

18 April 2015, 10.30am to 3.00pm,
St Patrick's Parish, 5 Drynan St, Summer Hill.
Join parishioners across the Archdiocese to explore the justice issue of Domestic Violence and discover ways your communities can respond. FREE Event & lunch is provided. Register: jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org or [9307 8461](tel:93078461).

KIDSCURCH ROOM

Plans for the renovation of the Kidschurch room are available on the church notice board for parishioners to view and comment. Work should be completed by end of April.



Unpredictable global weather patterns are having a devastating effect on Indonesian farmers who rely on the land (and weather) for their livelihoods. Until recently, the weather in Vinsen's small farming village in West Timor has been quite stable. However, in the last few years changing weather patterns have made harvests unpredictable and unprofitable. To combat these changes, Vinsen enrolled in the Sustainable Agriculture Program (supported by Caritas Australia) along with a group of farmers from his village. Together they've learnt to terrace land, harness water and grow sustainable food for life – regardless of the changing weather. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in remote West Timor grow sustainable crops for life, regardless of changing weather patterns.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

Happy Birthday to Rob McGuinness!

NOTICES

RABBIT MINDER NEEDED

I was just wondering if anyone would be able to mind my rabbit Captain Carrots over Easter and my mid semester break from Uni so I can go home to see my family. It would be between 3-13 April (it could be less days).



She just needs feeding and watering once a day (and of course loves snuggles if you are interested). She can stay at my place, or happy to move if that is easier. My contact details: mobile: 0430 111 006.

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! **02-05 April 2015** in Appin, NSW. More info at www.lttm.org.au

JOKE CORNER

Palm Sunday

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Sammy stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Sammy inquired as to what they were for. *'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,'* his father responded. *'Wouldn't you just know it?'* Sammy complained, *'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'*

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL NEWS

This term, Year 3 have been learning about Creation and the Holy season of Lent. The students will explore Lent as a time of renewal and how the season of Lent is a time to reflect on ways we can change and follow Jesus more closely through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the Gospels we learn how Jesus gave himself for others. The unit concludes by providing students with the opportunity to reflect on the events of Holy Week, in preparation for the great celebration of the Easter Triduum and Easter season.

The Creation Unit explores the second story of creation in the Book of Genesis that speaks of the creative free act of God, that is an outpouring of divine love and goodness, in which we are called to share. The students will be encouraged to explore their own giftedness and identify how they can use their gifts for the good of all. They will develop awareness of God's love reflected in them, in others and in all creation. The students will explore ways that they can give glory and praise to God for the wonderful gifts they have been given.

Year Three hope you all have a faith filled Easter
Mrs Vescio, Mr Thomas & Mrs Felice
Year Three Teachers

COMPETITION TO NAME THE NEWLY RENOVATED KIDSCURCH ROOM - WIN A \$50 WESTFIELD GIFT VOUCHER!

The Building and Maintenance Committee invites all children in Year 6 and below to help name the KidsChurch room, which is in the process of being renovated. The renovation will give the room a total facelift, including a new kitchen area, new storage, carpet, furniture, air conditioning and blinds. It will provide an area for all of our OLR parishioners (young and not-so-young) to have meetings and undertake other activities in a comfortable (and stylish!) setting.

We are looking for suggestions for a name for the room and need your help! What do you think it should be called? You could name it after your favourite Saint, or pick a catchy name like *"Kids for Christ"* or anything else creative that you can think of. You can participate as an individual or as part of a group.

All you need to do is email your entry to kidschurchname@gmail.com by **17 April 2015**. Your entry should include the following details:

1. Your name (if you are participating as part of a group, list the name of all the group members)
2. Adult's contact details (please provide an email address and phone number and name of the adult with whom we will make contact if you are the winner of the competition)
3. Your suggested name for the new kids' church room
4. Your reasons for why you have chosen the name

The competition will be judged by Fr Alo and members of the Building and Maintenance Committee and the winner will be announced when we reopen the KidsChurch room following the renovations.

The winner will take home a \$50 Westfield gift voucher – if you are participating as part of a group, be sure you share it fairly with your fellow group members! Good luck!