

# FR ALO WRITES...

## “Temple of God”

(John 2:13-25)

The periscope of Jesus driving out the cattle, sheep, and dove sellers, and the money-exchanges from the temple is the foundational reason why we respect churches and chapels, and why we consider them as sacred spaces or as God’s (and our Lord’s) dwelling place. The physical temple symbolises the presence of the Lord. However we can confidently state that the Lord’s presence cannot be fully contained within a consecrated building. Moreover the most profound dwelling place of God is the heart of the human person. The heart of a person (the person him/herself) is the temple of God. Therefore God longs to cleanse us of our sinful ways in order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). The fact we are temples of God and of the Holy Spirit reminds us that we are to accord one another the respect and dignity that the grace entails.

My reflection on this gospel took me back to an experience I had in Indonesia. Indonesia is a place where people have a great respect for religious and sacred places of worship such as churches, chapels, monasteries, convents, mosques, Buddhist temples, the Pura (Hindu temple) etc. If one of these places was intentionally damaged or destroyed, the perpetrators involved would be spontaneously “punished” by the community. Therefore even those religions that are part of the minority are looked after by society at large. I remember one Sunday at Mass, a Muslim gentleman came and began selling things in-front of the church, without respect or consideration for the place or for those inside worshipping. The local parishioners contacted the Muslim community in the area and immediately the Muslim community escorted the man away for further investigation. They finally “punished” him and this included the judgment that he was never to ply his trade around the church again. I deeply appreciated living in a society that practiced respect and tolerance of other faiths and in a way am very proud of that fact.

However, the news of the death penalty passed down for the drug traffickers, Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran has disturbed this sense of pride. My question is: why can’t the same respect for ‘religious buildings’ be applied to ‘human life’? As Christians who believe that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and that God dwells within us, respect for sacred places of worship cannot exclude respect for human life.

This Lenten season offers us a time to get in touch with our own hearts as the dwelling place of God. Saint Augustine said: “Go back to your heart and find him”. This year, Pope Francis has asked the universal Church to gather together on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2015, for a twenty-four hour adoration. This is a good opportunity for us to get in-touch with our Lord through the Blessed Sacrament. In this Lenten season let us prepare the tabernacle of our hearts, for it is there where Christ meets us, and hears our prayers and our cry for the people that we love and for the problems that weigh us down. In the same vein let us continue to pray that our hearts may have a great respect for every person as God’s dwelling place.



### THIS WEEK

**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

**MONDAY 9 MAR**

9:00am Mass

9:30am Reconciliation

**WEDNESDAY 11 MAR**

9:00am Mass

**FRIDAY 13 MAR**

9:00am Mass

**SATURDAY 14 MAR**

6:00pm Mass

**SUNDAY 15 MAR**

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am French Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass + Kids Church

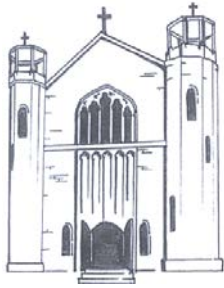
### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

*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!

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**PARISH PRIEST**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**FIRST READING**

Exodus 20: 1-17

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**SECOND READING**

Corinthians 1:22-25

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

**GOSPEL**

John 2:13-25

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## 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,

## ROSTERS

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 Iovanella	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		
MAR 14/15	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	George Bedirian
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Cathy Shiner	Toni McGuinness Kelsey McGuinness	Marissa Meyn Ben Keneally
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Judith Lynch	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Thomas Chia Briant Koh	Kristina Keneally Diana Woon
KidsChurch	9:30am – 6:00pm – Erin & Harriet Beavis		
Counting	Johannes Tantojarjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti, Thomas Chia		

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD, FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> – SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

In response to Pope Francis' Lenten call to participate in 24 hours of Adoration and Reconciliation on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, St Mary's Cathedral will make the "Lady Chapel" available from midday on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March until midday on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Continuous Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout this time except for Mass times (1:10pm & 5:30pm Friday, 9am Saturday). The 24 Hours will culminate with the regular Saturday midday Mass. Afterhours access will be through the Eastern doors. Various groups will facilitate times of Adoration with prayer and/or music. This is an evangelisation event so bring a friend to this gentle time of prayer and encounter with Christ's love and mercy! For a full program go to [www.credosydney.org/24-hours-for-the-lord](http://www.credosydney.org/24-hours-for-the-lord).

**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.

**ANNUAL RACING FRATERNITY MASS**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*



Food in remote Australian communities can be very expensive, making it difficult for many First Australians to provide healthy diets for their families. Many families are experiencing reduced health due to low incomes, limited access to healthy, affordable foods, and poor food choices (due to lack of education).

The Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life program (supported by Caritas Australia) is helping First Australians, like Karen, to take control of their money, and choose and prepare nutritious food to ensure a healthier future for their families.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help First Australians in remote communities gain the skills to make healthier food choices, building a better future for their families.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**HOUR OF GRACE & MERCY**

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



A very big thank you to Jan Nicholas and her team of helpers; John Allen, John Ryan, Dewi Suryani and Gus Alimhamzah for the wonderful new parish office garden, such a nice change.

**LIVING FAITH - LENT LECTURES**

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Br Gerard Rummery - a world renowned scholar.

**Fridays March 6, 13, 20 | 7 pm Parish Hall.**

Bookings appreciated for catering purposes. Visit the website or call the parish office.

**MISSION & OUTREACH MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Mission & Outreach Group on Wednesday evening **11 March at the Parish House at 7:30pm.**

All welcome.

**CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS**

**\$10 each or 6 for \$50**  
**Made from Cadbury chocolate**  
**(White and Milk)**

Funds raised will go towards new KidsChurch supplies and youth ministry.

Available for sale after Sunday Mass.

# WE'RE CELEBRATING...

**Wedding | 7 March 2015**

Vincenzo John Falato & Carla Lavina Marano

## NOTICES

### ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY OPEN DAY

St Mary's Cathedral College offers an enhanced music education for boys in Years 3-6. Primary boys and their parents are invited to the Open Day from **1.30 – 3.00 pm on Friday, 13 March**. Enrolments are open for boys in **Year 3 for choir and also as musicians. Years 4 - 6 enrolments are open for musicians only**. Entry into the primary classes is conditional on audition and committing to a choral and / or music and instrument study. Tuition scholarships are available for boys accepted into the Cathedral Choir.

### SENIORS MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 19 MARCH 2015, 10.30AM

You are invited to attend the Seniors Mass celebrated by Fr. Geoffrey Plant with concelebrant Fr. Paul Hilder Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. This Mass is supported by Life Ascending Australia and concentrates on Spirituality, Friendship and Loving Service for senior or retired people. Everyone Welcome! For more information telephone: **Roy Cooke 9771 3609**.

## JOKE CORNER

A father took his 5-year-old son to several AFL matches where The Australian Anthem was sung before the start of each match. Then the father and son attended a church on a Sunday shortly before Anzac Day. The congregation sang The Australian Anthem, and after everyone sat down, the little boy suddenly yelled out, "PLAY BALL!!!"

