

FR ALLO WRITES...

“To Walk by Faith and not by Sight”

(John 20: 19-31)

As a religious I took my vows of obedience, chastity and poverty. They are three evangelical counsels required to follow Jesus radically. In order to be fruitful in living these vows, we have to have a great understanding of them as well as renewal of commitment from time to time. Concerning the vow of obedience, I recall an experience of being asked by my superior to move from parish ministry to become a Director of Pastoral Centre. I was bit hesitant to move from parish ministry since I was happy with the work and people in the parish. I said to my superior, I would prefer to stay on for several years before transferring to the new place. He said to me: “think about it but, don’t say yes because you want to please me. It won’t do any good for you”. After a week, I called him and said: “I think I have no ability to be in charge of the pastoral centre and I don’t think that it will be good for the archdiocese who owns the centre. However I think I will do so because God may have a different plan for me”. I was then officially appointed as the Director of Pastoral Centre. Surprisingly, I very much enjoyed my four years as the Director. Since that time I have thought that sometimes “the blind obedience” is both a blessing and wisdom. I then learnt to walk by faith (trusting in God’s plan) and not by sight (cultivating my abilities).

Thomas, the apostle, was a man of logic and evidence. He said: “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe” (John 19:25). It is good to be like Thomas to know things with our senses. However we are also spiritual people who do not just rely on physical evidence. We are people with spiritual senses that could sense beyond the physical things. It was also the experience of Mary the mother of God. Her “yes” to the invitation of God was not based on physical evidence but based on her “trust” in God. Therefore she had courage to “jump” to the darkness. She walks by faith and not by sight.

It happened to Thomas as well. He started from physical evidences to spiritual surrender. His spiritual journey didn’t stop in physical things. It goes beyond that. He finally came to submit himself to the Lord: “My Lord and my God” (John 19:28). How is your spiritual journey in finding God?



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 11 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 13 APRIL

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 16 APRIL

10:30am Anointing Mass

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 18 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am French Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

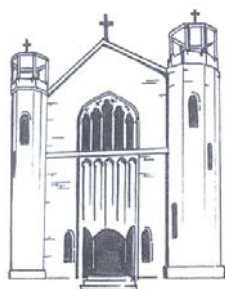
Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.

SIGN UP!

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Fr Aloysius Lamere msc

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
 Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING
 Acts 4: 32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING
 1 John 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You believe in me, Thomas because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
 Alleluia.

GOSPEL
 John 20: 19-31

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Karen Lamb, 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

ANNIVERSARIES
 Lionel Bowen, Daniel G McCaughan, Agnes Smith, Maria Khu Tien Sien

ROSTERS

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		
APRIL 18/19	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Roel Castillo	George Bedirian	Fred Luca
Readers	Selvi Ung Cathy Shiner	Ana Corpuz Nani Widarto	Ben Keneally Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco Judith Lynch	Thomas Chia Grace Pandiangan Amelia Iovanella Briant Koh Stephen Gatt Hartono Ong	Trish Veness Kristina Keneally
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jacki Ma		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Grace Pandiangan		

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.

PEACE AND REFUGEE RALLY

The usual Sydney Palm Sunday rally had to be postponed due to the NSW State Election. It is now taking place on Sunday 19 April from 1-4pm at Belmore Park (near Central Station). This year the focus is on peace and refugee rights. Amnesty International Australia is supporting the rally and more information can be found through the NSW Refugee Network website.

PRECIOUS IN MY EYES

A one day retreat for women, on April 18, 9am- 6pm. This retreat is for all women, both single and married, and of all ages, because all baptised are called to holiness. This retreat will speak about how we can live as signs of God's Love today in our society. Contact Kylie: Verbum Dei Missionaries 9313 7099.

**THE MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE
SIX DAY DIRECTED RETREAT**

A silent retreat with a spiritual director to accompany you. When: April 27 – May 3. Presenter: Team of Directors. Cost: \$660 (concessions apply). Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566. Contact: 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com, www.carmeliteretreats.com.au.

**CATHOLIC ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE NEW COURSES FOR
2015 (TERM TWO APRIL – JUNE)**

Courses include *The Eucharist (New) & Moral Life in Christ* from 20 April – 8 June, Monday evenings with Dr Peter John McGregor; *Knowing and Living with Creation (New)*, one day intensive 18 May with Dr Peter John McGregor; and *Maronite History (New)* 20 April – 25 May, Monday evenings with Peter El Khouri. With the exception of *Maronite History*, all courses will be held at The Catholic Centre, Keating St, Lidcombe. Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010 or study@caec.com.au.

**WYD 2016 LAUNCH + YOUNG ADULT WELCOME TO
ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY – 21 APRIL**

All young adults are invited to Sydney's launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will also be the first time that our new Archbishop will be present at an official Archdiocesan event for young adults so it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome him. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! Come and hear about the exciting pilgrimages that Sydney will be taking in 2016 to the City of Mercy. The evening will be held at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall on **Tuesday 21 April from 7.30pm**. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence (the weekly young adult holy hour) in the Cathedral from 6.30pm.

For more information see the event at www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices or email wyd@catholicyouthservices.org. #getexcited #bemerciful.

HOUR OF GRACE & MERCY

Thursday (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

**BE A COMPEER VOLUNTEER
CHANGE A LIFE!**

Compeer is the St Vincent de Paul Society's friendship program which trains volunteers to be matched with someone who is lonely and experiencing mental illness in their local community. Compeer volunteers provide friendship to their new friend by catching up regularly for simple social activities, such as having a cuppa, going for a walk or attending a community event. We currently need male and female volunteers from across Sydney. Training and ongoing support are provided, as well as the opportunity to connect with like-minded people at social events. An hour a week of your friendship can have a big impact on your new friend's quality of life. To find out more call **9568 0295**, email compeer@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au.

