

FR ALO WRITES...

“Jesus Opens Our Mind”

(Luke 24:35-48)

In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated the fourth Sunday of Easter (next Sunday) as world day of prayer for vocations, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. I would like to reflect on my own vocation as a religious priest in the light of today's Gospel. Today we hear of the experience of two of Jesus' disciples on the way to Emmaus, a story that was first shared with other disciples when they gathered again in Jerusalem. This is a story of knowing Jesus as well as a vocation story. There are three events in this famous journey to Emmaus that could lead one to know Jesus and his/her own vocation: *'breaking the bread'*, *'being comforted'* and *'understanding scripture'*.

Breaking the Bread (Luke 24:35). It is an action of Jesus that easily draws his disciples' awareness of his presence. Breaking the bread is a sharing of life. We would be happy when someone is sharing his/her things and even his life for us. How happier we are when we are able to share our lives for others. I remember when I was appointed to the West Papua. I was not happy - I mistakenly thought that working with uneducated people wasn't for me, for I am more intelligent than the others. However, in helping those who had little, and who lived in very remote places that could only be reached by foot (sometimes taking more than four hours), I came to appreciate and be grateful for the happiness I gained in sharing my life to serve others.

Being Comforted (Luke 24: 41). The two disciples were joyful in recognizing Jesus. It happened to the rest of the disciples as well in today's gospel. They believed for joy. I came to join the MSC with hope that I would be a happy religious man for being loved by my confreres. And I experienced that love through my community. But later on I realized that the larger community, like parishioners, in some ways gives me comfort. In the last few weeks I was a bit distressed. Many people noticed it and in their own ways gave me comfort. I had a very in depth sharing with one of the parishioners the other day. At the end of our sharing he said: *"it's good to see you smile again"*. God comforts me through my own people whom I minister.

Understanding Scripture (Luke 24:45-47). The Lord's presence can be identified through understanding of Scripture. The religious experience of people in the past recorded in the Scriptures is like a mirror that we can use to reflect on our own life. Scripture messages are inspiring our daily life but also give us direction and awareness of God's saving presence. I remember when I was in minor seminary. At the end of the sixth year I had to discern whether I proceed to the major seminary or live my vocation. I was thinking about finding a job that would support my parents, especially in sending my younger siblings to high school. I then was asked by one of the MSC priests to do a discernment retreat. During the retreat I happened to read the passage of the scripture: *"and everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life"* (Matt 19:29). And it was true. Without any financial support from me, my parents would be able to send my siblings to the school. I have been able to live my vocation, a life of service and sharing, comfort and understanding God's love. Jesus has walked with me, as much as he has walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Please pray for many more vocations.



THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY 20 APRIL

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

9:00am OLR whole school ANZAC Mass

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

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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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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24: 35-48

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Kath Neale, 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

Dolores Morais Machado

ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanni & Carmela Miceli, Anna Chan Ahyee, Lionel Bowen, Daniel G McCaughan, Agnes Smith

ROSTERS

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		
APRIL 25/26	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	John Allen	George Bedirian
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne Agnes Irhia	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Nicholas Black Virginia Black
E. Ministers	John Dorahy John Ryan	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Mary Martin Robyn Kildea	Lyn King Diana Woon
KidsChurch	Christina Halim, Herlina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea, Mary Martin		

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT ENROLMENTS FOR RECONCILIATION

Enrolments for the sacrament of Reconciliation for children who do not attend OLR Primary School can be done on the Parish Website: www.olrkensington.org.au. Please note that **enrolments for the sacrament of Reconciliation will close on Sunday the 26th of April**. Please contact Sarina Capó: sarinam@live.com.au or Maria at the parish office if you need more information.

RETREAT DAY FOR DIVORCED WOMEN

Women who have experienced the pain of divorce are warmly invited to a Day of Reflection and Prayer on Saturday, 2nd of May, at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill, from 10.00am until 4.00pm. The day will be led by Bishop Terry Brady and Sr Lydia Allen RSM and will include talks, Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, and time for fellowship and support. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Cost: \$10. Please direct registrations and inquiries to Silvana at the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8403 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

CENTENARY OF ANZAC VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Friday, 24 April at 5.30pm**. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defence Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Are you interested in starting up a branch of the Catholic Grandparents' Association (CGA) in your parish? Grandparents can have a special role in passing on the faith in their families and in praying and caring for the needs of their children and grandchildren. Find out more about how Grandparents in your area can support each other and get involved on our CGA [webpage](#) or call **(02) 9307 8404**.

**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: 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

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.

HOUR OF GRACE & MERCY

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

**INTRODUCING... OUR NEW YOUTH
MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

We are delighted to welcome Snezana Tanevska to the parish team as the new Youth Ministry Coordinator. Snezana is a Lay Consecrated Missionary with the Verbum Dei Missionaries based in Rosebery. Originally from Wollongong, she has been a part of the community for 10 years and has been a Lay Consecrated Missionary for 5 years. Snezana has a passion for working with youth and in 2012 established a Youth program at Rosebery parish which involved initiating a youth mass and youth groups for different age groups as well as facilitating many other youth activities.

She will be present at each of the Masses over this weekend to meet people and hear your hopes for our young people.

MISSION & OUTREACH MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Mission & Outreach Group **on Wednesday evening 22 April at the Parish House at 7:30pm**.

All welcome.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS**

Next Sunday, **26 April** is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. **In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as World Day of Prayer for Vocations also known as Good Shepherd Sunday**. On this annual worldwide event, the Church invites you to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation and to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

KATH NEALE

(Tunstall Ave) is now residing at the Mark Moran Care Unit at Little Bay and asks to be remembered in your prayers.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB 20th BIRTHDAY

CHANGED VENUE ONE NIGHT ONLY

Wednesday 6th MAY 2015

6.30pm for finger food and drinks

Speakers: 7.30pm, then birthday cake

Topic: "Conscience – 20 years on"

Speakers: Fr Michael Whelan sm
& Geraldine Doogue

VENUE: ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC

CHURCH/SCHOOL HALL,

463 OXFORD STREET PADDINGTON

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JOKE CORNER

A PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate he started eating straight away. 'Ernie, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father. 'I don't have to,' the five year old replied. 'Of course you do, Ernest,' his mother insisted rather forcefully. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Ernie explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook.'



We can't be a witness unless we know who or what we are witnessing to. In the second reading John makes a bold statement about knowing God. The letters of his message have been mixed up. Use the table to work out what John said (ref 1 Jn 2:1–5)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

V S J R B O R L

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