

Pope Francis: Sacred Triduum

Speaking on Wednesday during the weekly General Audience, the Pope reflected at length on the celebration of the Sacred Triduum which begins on Holy Thursday, and during which we commemorate Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

Linda Bordoni Reports:

We begin the Triduum – he continued - by celebrating the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, as we recall Christ's offering of his body and blood to the Father, which he gave to the Apostles as food for their nourishment, with the command that they perpetually celebrate these mysteries in his memory. He said we also recall the Lord washing the Apostles' feet, through which he showed that the "purpose of his life and passion was to serve God and neighbour, a service which we are called to imitate by loving one another as he loved us". This purpose – Pope Francis explained – is expressed also during our Baptism, when the Lord's grace cleansed us from sin and we "put on the new self" in the image of Christ (Col 3, 10). And it happens each time we partake in the Eucharist and enter into Communion with Christ to obey his commandment to love Him as he loved us. If we take Communion without being sincerely ready to wash each other's feet – Francis said – we do not acknowledge the Lord's Body: "Jesus' service is to give of himself, totally".

On **Good Friday** – the Pope continued - we will meditate on the mystery of Christ's death and we will adore the Cross. During the last instants of his life, "before handing over the spirit" – he said – Jesus said "it is finished" (John 19, 30), meaning – the Pope explained – that Salvation has taken place; "that with his sacrifice Jesus has transformed the greatest injustice into the greatest love." By his sacrifice – Francis said - sin has been overcome through love, an immense love which we are called to live and transmit. Throughout the centuries – he continued – many men and women have borne witness to this perfect, uncontaminated love, with their very existence.

On **Holy Saturday** – he continued - we will contemplate Jesus' lying in the tomb, and with Mary, the Church will keep alive the flame of faith, hoping against every hope in Christ's resurrection.

Then, at the **Easter Vigil**, when the Alleluia resounds again, we will celebrate the Risen Christ, the centre and fulfilment of the universe and history. And pointing out that "at times the darkness of the night seems to penetrate into our souls; and that at times we think 'there is nothing left to do' and our heart seems to have lost the strength to love...", Pope Francis said that it is in that very darkness that "Christ lights up the fire of God's love: a flash of light breaks the darkness and announces a new beginning". It is in that darkness – he said – that Christ wins and lights the flame of love. And urging the faithful to open their hearts to a "present which is full of future", the Pope said "our life does not end before a tomb stone, our life continues with the hope of Christ who arose from the tomb". In these days - Pope Francis continued - may we not only observe the Lord's Passion, but truly enter into its mystery, making our own the sentiments of Christ. In this way, our Easter will indeed be blessed.



THIS WEEK



To all our Parishioners,
may the blessings of the Lord guide you,
protect you and be with you.

SUNDAY 5 APRIL

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

MONDAY 6 APRIL

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 11 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

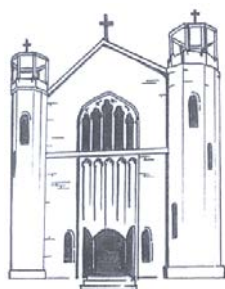
SUNDAY 12 APRIL

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

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

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

Col 3: 1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 20: 1-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, 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

Armando Leal

ANNIVERSARIES

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.

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

**DISCERN A DIRECTION FOR LIFE.
IT'S YOUR CALL.**

m SC Missionaries of the Sacred Heart



Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

**WHAT'S A LIFE FOR?**

More than ever young people are discerning direction for their life. For some it is the question, "Where is God calling me?" for others, "What is my heart's desire, its deepest desire?", "Where can I find true meaning in my life?", "What journey will enable me to love the best way I can?"

Put simply, it's your call – why not join us to:

- Attend a discernment weekend retreat – on 10-12 April or 3-5 July
- Volunteer locally or as a short term lay missionary
- Come and visit us
- Just call to say hi and start a conversation

Fr Peter – 0408 299 170 | Sr Philippa 0415 727 904 | www.whatsalifefor.com



Easter Sunday

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Celebrate that your generosity to Project Compassion will help to empower the world's poorest people. Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life. **Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2015 appeal.** www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413.

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

**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.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

Baptisms | 5 April

Daniel George Lynch
Xavier James Wilds

Congratulations to our newly Baptised, Ameneh and warm welcome to Alex, Fang-Fang and Nicholas as part of our faith community. May the Lord richly bless you and may your love for Jesus shine through in all you do. Please keep Josephine, Edward and Tristan in your prayer for their upcoming Baptism on 12 April.
RCIA Team

NOTICES

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.

JOKE CORNER

POOR SICK BOY

Marty, a little boy, was in church one Easter Sunday with his mother Doris, when he started feeling sick.
'Mummy,' he inquired, 'can we leave now?'
'No,' his mother replied, 'the service isn't over yet.'
'Well, I think I'm about to throw up.' Marty announced.
'Then go out of the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush.' said Doris.
After about sixty seconds, Marty returned to his pew, alongside his mother.
'Did you throw up?' Marty's Mum asked quietly.
'Yes,' Marty answered, embarrassed.
'How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?' Doris demanded.
'I didn't have to go out of the church, Mummy. They have a box next to the front door that says, "For the Sick".'



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!