

FR ALO WRITES...

“Abide in Me, and you will bear Fruit”
(John 15:1-8)

In one of my homilies here at Kensington parish I touched on some current political issues. Afterward, I was warned by a parishioner not to speak on such issues, otherwise I would be in trouble. In my reflection today, I have deliberately chosen to again touch a political issue, this time with regards to the (torturous) execution of Andrew Chan, Myuran Sukumaran and others in Indonesia. It is my personal belief that those who intentionally promote or provoke the enforcement of any form of the death penalty are not of God. To advocate for death, in my opinion, is to detach oneself from the “true vine”; for it is God who gives life. People, who have cut themselves off from the “true vine”, cut themselves off from being life-giving people. Some political analysts have stated that the execution was carried out after some polls showed the popularity of the current Indonesian president and his government had significantly dropped. The execution was meant to help improve the Indonesian President and his government’s popularity. If by chance these analysts were correct, then this barbaric act, the sacrificing of human lives, was merely for political benefit/popularity.

This week I was also impressed with the comment of the Australian Prime Minister when he said that he understood why people were angry and upset. To feel anger or distraught for humanitarian reasons is justifiable and warranted. The Prime Minister added that we must not let our anger make a bad situation worse, and I agree with his comment. Allowing bad spirits to channel our intentions only destroys human relationship – between both our countries – and also hardens hearts, which can lead to more unnecessary deaths. While understanding people’s anger, we must also try to open ourselves to the good things that can be done to enable a better future where these kinds of senseless atrocities cease altogether.

In today’s gospel, Jesus is again inviting us to live in communion through him. He is the “true vine” and we are the branches. But it is true that many people who call themselves Christians fail to abide in Christ. Instead of being in communion with the true vine, some have chosen to ground themselves in personal status and ambition; some are attached to their education; and still others have chosen to be rooted in personal popularity (like the current Indonesian government), fame, unhealthy-relationships, or other worldly possessions and desires. We also have some who think of Church structures as their vine, and therefore try to attach themselves to a religious system. But none of these things can sustain us or help us bear good fruit. Christ is the true vine. We are only called branches if we are in communion with him. And when we are in communion and abide in him then we will bear life-giving fruits of "righteousness, peace, and joy" (Romans 14:17). Jesus gives us a choice between living in him and having a fruitful life or abandoning him, which leads to a spiritual and moral death.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 2 MAY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 3 MAY

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea,
11:00am Baptisms
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 4 MAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 8 MAY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 9 MAY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 10 MAY

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!

Get the OLR eNews in your inbox each Friday afternoon. Visit www.olrkensington.org.au

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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Fr Aloysius Lamere msc

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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
 O sing a new song to the Lord,
 for he has worked wonders;
 in the sight of the nations
 he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING
 Acts 9: 26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 I will praise you, Lord,
 in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING
 John 3:18-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
 my branches bear much fruit.
 Alleluia.

GOSPEL
 John 15: 1-8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 I am the true vine and you are the branches,
 says the Lord. Whoever remains in me,
 and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Marie Burke, Kath Neale, Karen Lamb, Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan,
 Leo O’Sullivan, Min Keating,
 Tonia Pastorelli, Manuel Mouco,
 Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan,
 Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzysinski,
 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
 Andrew Chan, Myuran Sukumaran,
 Rosalia Marito

ANNIVERSARIES
 Cheung Wai Lan, Giovanni Macolino, Ciaglia & Macolino families,
 Antonio Rodrigues,
 Eileen Gregson, Ethel Longworth

ROSTERS

MAY 2/3	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Toni McGuinness Kelsey McGuinness	Jim Nguyen Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Vien Suhadi	Trish Veness Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox Amelia Iovanella Ana Corpuz Briant Koh	Francine Pirola Grace Pandiangan
KidsChurch	Aubrey & Holley Curley		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness, Sheila McAndrew		
MAY 9/10	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	George Bedirian	Dennis Fenech
Readers	Linda Irlhia John Dorahy	Stephen Chiew Sandy Mak	Tony King Wil Thorp
E. Ministers	Judith Lynch Jan Nicholas	Thomas Chia Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Amelia Iovanella Stephen Gatt Hartono Ong	Lyn King Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Erin & Harriet Beavis		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Grace Pandiangan, Thomas Chia		

DOWNPOUR - PENTECOST YOUTH RALLY – SAT, 23 MAY 15

Join with hundreds as we celebrate Pentecost 2015 and pray for Sydney! This awesome night will feature worship by Steve Angrisano (USA), Gary and Natasha Pinto (Melbourne) and Stephen Kirk (Canberra) with a dynamic preaching by Fr Chris Ryan MGL. A night not to be missed!! Tickets and information available online at downpoursydney.com.

Join our new Parish Youth Band

Calling All Musicians, Singers, Rappers...

For more information please contact
Snez 0434 620 346



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
4 Roma Ave, Kensington NSW Ph. (02) 9663 1070

MUSIC MINISTRY DAY

Catholic Youth Services invites together all young adults (18-35 years) involved in (or wanting to be involved in) parish music ministry to celebrate and build on their talents and gifts so as to channel them back into our parishes for the glory of God! Join us as Stephen Kirk (Catholic Song writer & producer), Stephen Smith (Australian Sacred Music Association) and many others, lead participants through the why, when, what and how of music used within a church setting. Registrations close May 18, 2015.

Date: **23 May 2015** | Time: **9:30am – 5pm** | Place: 108 The Crescent, Homebush West | Cost: \$10 (for meals) payable on the day. What to bring: Your passion for music, your instrument of choice for a jam session, but most importantly an open mind and a thirst for more.

Register: events@catholicyouthservices.org or call 9764 4357.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Donations to help the stricken nation recover from the massive quake can be made to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Fund at www.caritas.org.au.

Donations can also be made to the Nepalese Australia Association (NAA) via the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The BSB number for the Appeal is 062319 and the Account number for the Appeal is 10566271.

PARISH FAMILY GROUP

Next Meeting a Pizza night 6.30pm
Raleigh Park "Huntingdale"
Apartment 403 95 Brompton Rd Kensington
BYO drinks Bookings: Group Leader
Martin O'Loughlin 9662 8559
E: oloughlinm@iprimus.com.au
All Welcome

EVANGELISATION CORE GROUP MEETING

Next Meeting: **Thursday May 7, 7:30pm** (7pm for light meal). If you have any suggestions or would like to be part of the core group, please contact Francine on 043 451 433 or francine@marriagerc.org.

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

On 18 April 2015 the Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Office organised an event surrounding this tragic issue in our society. There have already been 30 women killed by domestic violence this year, in 2014 there were 52 deaths. Domestic abuse does not have to be physical, there are other kinds of abuse: financial, social, verbal and emotional. Children are especially vulnerable and distressed in these situations and families from all socioeconomic backgrounds are affected. If you or someone you know needs assistance the following organisations can help: National Domestic Violence Service 1800 RESPECT (24 hours a day) Parent Line (Catholic Care) 1300 130 052 NSW Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 656 463.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

BAPTISM | 3 MAY 2015

Mia Chikondi
 Darcy Eliot Burdon
 Brooke Karolina Burwood
 Thomas Gerard Francis Fanning

NOTICES



Charitable Works Fund

This weekend is the CWF appeal which continues to play an important role in providing social, pastoral, advocacy and training programs through its 6 agencies. The CWF is your Catholic charity and we encourage you to give it your generous support. Couples, families, refugees, migrants, our future priests, Catholic public school children, the deaf and hearing impaired are just some of the people you are helping by supporting the CWF. There is so much which can be done with your donations, so please give generously.

JOKE CORNER

Where have you been?

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged.

"You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest.

It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

ACOLYTES

Our Parish is blessed in having eight very dedicated Acolytes who assist the Priest and Parishioners at all weekend Masses, Healing Masses, Funerals, and other occasions as required.

In the words of our Acolytes this is how they see their Ministry:

- * It is a sacred and privileged position, like being Master of Ceremonies
- * A ministry in leadership, being of service to the Priest and Parish, being there for the community in welcome and friendship
- * It gives me a sense of fulfillment and responsibility towards our community, and to all my brothers and sisters in Christ
- * It is the opportunity and privilege of celebrating the Eucharist at the Altar where the Priest consecrates bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ
- * God is everywhere, but I feel closer to him when I am at the Altar assisting the Priest during the celebration of the Eucharist

A pre-requisite to being an Acolyte is that you be a Eucharistic Minister. While there is no particular age limitation, Acolytes would normally be 18 years or older.

If you would like further information about the role of Acolyte, please contact Fr Alo

TRAINING COURSE FOR ACOLYTES

To be eligible for the Ministry of Acolyte, men applying for this course must have completed the **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** course then at completing of these courses may request Institution into the Ministry of Acolyte by the Archbishop of Sydney.

Where: **St Jerome's, Punchbowl,**
 When: **Saturday 18th, 25th July & 1st August 2015, 9:30am-12:00pm**

TRAINING COURSE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The program is offered over 2 sessions. A certificate of attendance will be issued for those completing all sessions who may be commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in their parishes by their parish priests. Those enrolling in this course to become Communion Ministers must provide evidence of Baptism and a signed note of endorsement by their Parish Priest.

Sessions in 2015

Where: **St Thomas More, Brighton Le Sands**
 When: Saturday 23rd & 30th May 2015. Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Where: **All Saints, Liverpool**
 When: Saturday 27th June & 4th July 2015. Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm.

Where: **Holy Cross, Woollahra**
 When: Wednesday 15th & 22nd July 2015. Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Where: **Sacred Heart, Mosman**
 When: Wednesday 7th & 14th October 2015. Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm