THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH JULY 21 2024 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | YEAR B

EILEEN O'CONNOR "Australia's Saint in Waiting": Part A

I was asked recently, "Who is Eileen O'Connor?" Eileen O'Connor was born in 1892 in Richmond suburban Melbourne. Her father, Charles O'Connor, was a clerk, while her mother, Annie Kilgallin kept the home. It seems that Eileen may have had TB from birth which is why she was still in a pram in 1895, which she fell out of, suffering severe curvature of the spine. She was 115cm (3'9") tall, although for much of her life she could not stand or walk. This meant that she spent most of her life in a wheelchair. It is now known she suffered from transverse myelitis, an inflammation of the spinal cord.

A member of a devout Catholic family, Eileen irregularly attended the Richmond parish school. With few friends of her own age and little opportunity for the normal preoccupations of childhood, **she turned to her family and to her religion for consolation.**

In 1902 the family moved to Sydney. When in 1911 Charles O'Connor died, his widow faced great financial difficulty and sought help from a friend, a priest who introduced her to the parish priest of Coogee, Fr Edward McGrath, a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He found accommodation for the family and witnessed the courage with which Eileen met her disability. In Fr McGrath's opinion she came close to death when lapsing into unconsciousness during periods of particularly intense pain.

Deeply religious, Eileen claimed to have received a visitation from Mary, mother of Christ, who encouraged her to accept her suffering for the good of others. She told only Fr McGrath of this and he shared with her his hope of establishing a congregation of nurses to serve the poor. Eileen entered into his scheme with enthusiasm and on 15 April 1913 moved into a rented house in Dudley Street Coogee which, known as Our Lady's Home, would serve as a convent for the new congregation.

However, the first batch of nurse-recruits left the Coogee house. Gradually they were replaced and a small community of seven, called Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, elected Eileen as their first superior. Eileen remained a lay person but directed the nursing Sisters in their work and their spirituality suited to working with the very poorest of people. Sydney had its own share of slums and poverty-stricken people of all ages and religions, often places of violence, drugs, prostitution, illegal gambling dens and bootlegging presided over by the infamous "razor-gangs". The Sisters' motto was "for the poor and only the poor". The Sisters wore a brown habit and cloak, and became known, colloquially, as the "Brown Nurses". They were not only welcomed among the poor but were considered "protected persons" by gang leaders in the mayhem of some Sydney slums. Eileen supervised this work and directed the spiritual development of the congregation.

Eileen died on 10 January 1921 of chronic tuberculosis of the spine and exhaustion. She was buried in Randwick cemetery. (To be continued.)





THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 20 JULY

5:00pm - 5.30pm Reconciliation 5:30pm MASS - NOTE: NEW TIME DURING WINTERTIME

SUNDAY 21 JULY

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea 3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass 5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 22 JULY – ST MARY MAGDALENE

9:00am Mass 6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY – ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 25 JULY – ST JAMES, APOSTLE

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration 6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 26 JULY – STS JOACHIM AND ANNE

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 27 JULY

5:00pm – 5.30pm Reconciliation 5:30pm MASS - NOTE: NEW TIME DURING WINTERTIME

SUNDAY 28 JULY

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea 3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass 5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass

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MASS TIMES

Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun 9:30am, 6pm Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

9:00am Mass First Friday

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00-5.30pm

Sunday 5.30-6.00pm

Thursday 5:00pm-6pm

ROSARY

First Saturday of each month

BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS | SACRAMENTS | RCIA

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2: 13-18

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6: 30-34

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Fr Peter – away in Adelaide Tuesday 23 – Monday 29 July for a medical check-up. The Monastery will cover all Masses in my absence.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Wong Chung Hua, Rinda Wijaja Suparto, Fr Terry Bowman, Eleonora Mezzatesta, Anna Vigliante, John Stuart Park, Kim Michelle Pastor, Nyauw Kim Tjin, Cendrati Kurniawan (mother of Henny Wong), Shona Kaiwai, Grace Provino, Hima, Margaret McShane, Evelyn Marquez, Maria & Ivan Zic, Grace Veronica, Amina Chahrouk, Salvatore Messina, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, A.L., Xavier Stratton, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, Gavin Robertson, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Margaret Stocker, Terrence Hertford, Brian Beaver, Rose Kelter, Sebastiano Gentile, Robert Preece, Gai Tyne, Gina Vizacos, John Dorahy, Frank Mifsud, William Van Burke, Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Olga Nasser, Sayde Harb, Maria Pockaj, Jill Rees, Gwen Smith, Lucienne Radzyminski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Om Akwang, Maureen Hearne (Sr Helen's sister) Ho Chi Ying, Tini Sunjoto, Sr Joan Tierney olsh, Tom Manning

ANNIVERSARIES

Sr Philomene Tiernan rscj, Philip Newton, Doris White, Lyn King, Robert Rowley, Patricia Ann Caba, Neil Arundel, Fr Aubrey Collins msc, Mary Lanti (sister of Dennis Fenech), Salusalusiva Tofilau (Fiona's mother), Tamsir Widjaja (Sherly's father), Carlo Pengue, Alfredo Pengue, Jack Papallo

ROSTERS

Comm to Sick

Trish Veness

20/21 JULY	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Gus Alimhamzah	Handojo Widjaja
	Br Rory Higgins	Kayla Thumwanich	Natalia Kuirintinus
Readers	Shilla Azalea	Michelle Alimhamzah	Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi	Andreas Johan	Patricia Reyes
		Dewi Suryani	
KidsChurch	Arty & Henny Wong		
Counters	Helen Liew, Jan Nicholas		
Comm to Sick	Josue Castro		
Collin to Sick	JOSUC CUSTIO		
27/28 JULY	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
		SUN 9:30AM Arthur Handjojo	SUN 6PM Briant Koh
27/28 JULY	SAT 5.30PM		
27/28 JULY Acolyte	SAT 5.30PM John Allen	Arthur Handjojo	Briant Koh
27/28 JULY Acolyte	SAT 5.30PM John Allen Simona Wong	Arthur Handjojo Abbey Yang	Briant Koh Elsa Lim
27/28 JULY Acolyte Readers	SAT 5.30PM John Allen Simona Wong Sr Pauline Richards	Arthur Handjojo Abbey Yang Billy Siauwidjaja	Briant Koh Elsa Lim Ethan Lim
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MAKING CATHOLIC HEAD - LINES RECENTLY

"Sedevacantism" is a term derived from the Latin sede vacante, which normally refers to the chair of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, being vacant, following the death or resignation of the Pope of the time. Sedevacantism goes much further and claims that the popes since Pius XII (died October 1958 to be followed by John XIII) are invalid, and hence the chair of Peter has been vacant for all that time due to heresy promulgated in the documents of Vatican II, especially on ecumenism and the new liturgical reforms centring on the Mass in vernacular languages.

The issue has been in Catholic news for quite some time and reached a new high last month with the excommunication of Archbishop Vigano, an Italian who was the Papal Ambassador to the USA for many years. He has been charged by the Vatican with the sin of "schism" and deprived of his priestly functions. (Schism - literally an altar against, or in opposition to, an altar).

In 2018, Archbishop Viganò released a statement calling on Pope Francis to resign, accusing the pope of knowing about allegations of abuse of trainee priests carried out by the former cardinal of Washington, DC, Theodore McCarrick, and failing to act. A Vatican inquiry later challenged Viganò's account and cleared Pope Francis. The abuse happened during the pontificate of John Paul II.

At the end of June this year Vigano went further stating, "I repudiate, reject, and condemn the scandals, errors, and heresies of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who manifests an absolutely tyrannical management of power". He said Francis' election to the papacy should be considered "null and void". Among his errors according to the Archbishop has been Francis' support for what he called the "climate fraud" and has criticized him for backing Covid-19 vaccines and for promoting an "inclusive, immigrationist, eco-sustainable, and gay-friendly" church. Following Viganò's 2018 call for the pope to resign, several bishops in the US issued statements of support for the archbishop.

It is one sign of a tendency to polarisation within some communities in the Church and can be reflected in the political discourses of quite a few **nations.** Pope Francis' dream is for a **synodal Church** which enters into dialogue grounded in prolonged prayer, in order to be guided by the Holy Spirit to lead us so that this kind of fracturing is avoided.

The communiqué published by the Holy See specified that 83-year-old Archbishop Vigano was condemned for "schism" due to his "refusal to recognize and submit to the sovereign pontiff." Such a sanction – which is not an exclusion from the church but amounts to a deprivation of the right to receive or administer the sacraments – is exceptional in the Catholic Church, especially for a bishop.

Before Archbishop Viganò, the last case of an excommunicated bishop was nearly 20 years ago. In 2006, the Holy See excommunicated Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, the former Archbishop of Lusaka (Zambia), for the illicit episcopal ordination of four married priests in Washington, D.C. (United States). (To be continued) PHMSC

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration Monday 22nd July **6pm-7pm** (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) And Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

First Friday Masses with anointing of the Sick at 9am. PHMSC

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Please join us at OLR Church on the first Saturday of each month for the "5 first Saturdays Devotion" associated with Our Lady of Fatima. 5.00pm Rosary with confessions available | 5.30pm Mass.

URGENT HELP REQUIRED ①



We are still looking for some generous volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean up the Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass on a once a month basis. Please see Roy in the lobby or call 0400 467 809.

CATHOLIC JOURNEY

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Our parish offers RCIA for adults with the enquiry sessions commencing 13 August. Please contact us on 9663 1070 or at olrkensoevangelise@gmail.com for more information. Applications close 6 August.

DONATIONS/PAYMENTS

For those wishing to donate electronically, or make payments for sacramental programs etc, please use our BPOINT facility at: www.bpoint.com.au/pay/kensingtonparish

GIVING RECEIPTS

Receipts covering Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion are available for collection in the church foyer.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 13/14 JULY

First Collection \$975 Second Collection \$446 **Envelope Collection** \$905

Holy Father's Appeal \$555



AN ANONYMOUS MEN'S DREAM GROUP

There is a belief that when asleep, our unconscious uses our inability to control our thoughts to speak to us in dreams. John A. Sanford in his "Dreams: God's Forgotten Language" and Morton Kelsey in his "Dreams: A Way to Listen to God" present the idea that when we reflect on our dreams, we enter a portal to discovering our hidden selves, with its strengths and weaknesses. The revelation occurs, not when we have a dream but when we reflect and unpack the dream. A group is being formed for men to meet anonymously to analyse their dreams. The DREAM group meets the first Wednesday of each month in a parish room at 7:30pm. If interested, phone Br Rory, De La Salle, Kensington: 0487 204 016 to indicate your interest. The size of the group is restricted to six men. Br Rory has completed studies in Jungian Theory in Chicago.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 Or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Writing or updating a Will can be a complicated task. So, looking after your loved ones during this process is often challenging. This is why the Sydney Archdiocese is delighted to announce a FREE SEMINAR designed to make the world of Wills and Elder Law easier to comprehend and navigate. Please join us as we help you better understand important topics such as Estate planning, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney. A leading industry specialist with over 30 years' experience will present on the day, offer their expertise and answer your questions. Representatives from the Sydney Archdiocese will also explain how your parish community and Archdiocese can directly benefit from the offering of legacy gifts in wills. Wednesday 21 August 2024, 10:00am - 12:00pm at St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, 2a Charles St, Ryde. Note: light refreshments will be available on the day. All are welcome. Please register at www.trybooking.com/CTJOR or call Tony Maricic on 0422 099 576 or email tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org for more information.

POSITIONS VACANT – SACRED HEART MONASTERY

RN and EEN required at the Sacred Heart Monastery to work part time in a small friendly team. Contact Catherine on 0419 256 522 for application details.







