THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH DECEMBER 1 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | YEAR C

Fr Terry Bowman MSC: In Memory of a joyful, loving priest and friend to many. A brief outline of his life and ministry:

Born 2nd **December 1953 in Warrnambool, South Western Victoria**. His home town, **Koroit**, is a village built along the rim of a volcano named **Tower Hill**, about 6 miles from Warrnambool.

Baptised: 13 December 1953 in Infant Jesus Church, Koroit.

Father: Pat; **Mother**, Gladys (both deceased) Terry was the youngest of five boys and two girls.

Education: Primary: St Columba's, Illowa (a small village three miles from Koroit; Good Samaritan Sisters). **Secondary:** Years 7 – 10; St Patrick's, Koroit (Good Samaritan Sisters); Years 11-12, St Patrick's Christian Brothers College, Ballarat, Vic.

Post - School: Factory worker, manager of a restaurant in Koroit (He'd love that!). He then worked as a **Lay Missionary with the MSC at their Parish in Alice Springs.** He was a great cook and a jovial presence in that community.

As a Missionary of the Sacred Heart:

1981: **entered** at Croydon Monastery in the Pre-Novitiate.

1983: began his **Novitiate** with Fr John Savage as Director of Novices.

First Profession of Vows - 14 January 1984

1984-1988: St Paul's Seminary Kensington.

1987: Final Profession: 25 March, OLSH Randwick.

1988: Ordination to the Priesthood: Infant Jesus Church, Koroit, 13 September.

Appointments with the MSC:

1988-April 1989: Henley Beach Assistant.

1989: April-September; Assistant priest at Bathurst Island Aboriginal Parish, NT.

Oct 1989-Dec 1990: Priest in charge, Daly River Aboriginal Parish, NT.

1991-1998: St Therese's Parish Moonah (suburban Hobart) Tas.

August 1998-Jul 1999: Parish Supply, Tas and Darwin.

July 1999-Dec 2005: Henley Beach, SA. Parish Priest.

2006-2014: St Brigid's Coogee. Parish Priest. (His greatest love!!!)

2015-2020: St John's Blackburn, Parish Priest.

2021-2024: OLR, Kensington. Parish Priest.

He wrote that from childhood he wanted to be a priest. After School, "I worked at home for three years and I decided to work as a Lay Missionary in Alice Springs. It was there that I first met the MSC's. Working closely with them, I was most impressed by their hospitality, their humanness, and their obvious love for the people of God. In 1979, the MSC Provincial who was on visitation to Alice Springs asked me: 'Have you ever considered joining the MSCs?' That personal invitation led me to much prayer, reflection and discernment, and in 1991 I made a giant leap of faith and joined the MSCs."

Terry died on the steps in front of the Monastery around 2.00pm, Sunday November 24. He was going out for a walk.

Sharing of Memories: Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel from 6.30pm Tuesday 10th **December,** with a viewing. Followed by light supper. Parking on the Monastery Oval, enter from Tunstall Ave..

Funeral: Wednesday December 11th, 10.00am at OLR (Note we will not have a 9.00am Mass that morning). The funeral will be live-streamed: Link: https://caktusproductions.com.au/frterrybowmanmsc Parking Monastery Oval. Funeral will be followed by a luncheon at the Monastery Dining Room. Burial, Douglas Park, St Mary's Towers, 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park 2.30pm. RIP. (More next week PHMSC)





Fr Terry Bowman msc

THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass RCIA Welcome

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER – NEW KINDERS & YEAR 4

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea 11:00am Baptisms

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER ST FRANCIS XAVIER

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER – ST JOHN OF DAMASCUS

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

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

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER - ST NICHOLAS

9:00am Mass

11:00am Funeral – Robert Joseph Baker

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER - ST AMBROSE

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

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 6:00pm (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 5:30-6.00pm Sunday 5:30-6.00pm Thursday 5:00pm-6pm

ROSARY

First Saturday before 6.00pm Mass

BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS | SACRAMENTS | RCIA

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

MAINTENANCE:

Contract to fix roof for \$25,000 to be done before Christmas. Contract for \$4,500 to paint various doors, windows, etc. Hope to settle contract for 5 stained glass windows this week.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Bernard Fonti, Alice Gatt, Bob Brenac,
Katerina Gazzance, Tony Khoshendro, Peter
Haylen, Selina Fung, Faalele Jane Reekers,
Wong Chung Hua, Rinda Wijaja Suparto,
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

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

BELOVED DECEASED

Fr Terry Bowman msc, Fr Paul Guy msc, Bill Symonds, Br Calixtus Cusack fsc

ANNIVERSARIES

Carlo and Alfredo Pengue, Frank Crisafi, Mary Beswick, Ruby Cust, Fr Frank Fletcher msc, Tom Simpson, Katherine & Jack Lloyd, George Beswick, Coralie Butler, Pasquale Iovannella, Joachim Yap, Dudley Nicol, Jack Papallo

ROSTERS

30 NOV/1 DEC	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM	
Acolyte	Danny Tjahjadi	Arthur Handjojo	Briant Koh	
Readers	Bernadine Lavender	Ana Corpus	Patricia Reyes	
	Sr Diana Hayes	Ross Martin	Geraldine Marcellino	
E. Ministers	Sr Pauline Richards	Trish Veness	Michael Reyes	
		Andreas Johan		
KidsChurch	Herlina & Sherly			
Counters	Robyn Kildea, Bob Brenac			
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness			
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7/8 DEC	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Yosep Rizal	Gunawan Gunawan
Readers	Simona Wong	Nani Widarto	Alice Beavis
	Br Rory Higgins	Billy Siauwidjaja	Erin Beavis
E. Ministers	Shilla Azalea	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti	Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Lily & Eka		
Counters	Inge Sutanto, Johanna Jahja		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Some Thoughts.

Pope Francis: "Confession is the passage from misery to mercy." Making an examination of conscience was a way of "rereading my day, opening the heart, bringing to him [Jesus] people, choices, fears, falls, hopes, and all of the things that took place; to learn gradually to look at things with different eyes, with his eyes and not only our own." Remember, Jesus does not look on us with eyes of condemnation but of mercy when we approach this Sacrament. The following are taken from various sources, including from Francis, and it applies to me as a Priest: practicing what I preach can be a pitfall. I know it is a bit long — and we are used to quick reads - but this is important.

Honouring God: Do I pray and give thanks to God, simply because God is God, source and nourisher of all creation? Clearly, we see in Jesus, the human heart and face of God, that God is passionate about being with and for us – hence Jesus becoming man bridges any "gap" between God and us. The Mass is the foundational "bridge" where Jesus comes to be our companion, saviour and source of life and hope, lifting us up to be at home in us, sharing his very self with us spiritually. [St Paul: I no longer live, Christ lives in me."] We may feel lonely at times, but, upon reflection, we are in fact never alone because of Jesus' closeness within us spiritually. Do we reflect upon what is offered here in the Eucharist, the Mass, in a sullied world, the truly "pure offering"? Where does the Mass and prayer, described by St John of the Cross as "an intimate conversation between two friends" (nothing scary about that?), rank in my activities? Let's not make them merely our "default" position – but essential to our life – daily for prayer, and weekly at least, for Mass. Can we recover these central activities of our Catholic culture?

Family life: For children: Do I listen respectfully to parents, learn to take my part cheerfully in the family chores and activities, getting beyond my self-centered ways, giving of my best at school? For older children: Do I ever thank my parents, forgive them for any perceived wrongs? Have I assisted parents in their emotional and material needs, especially in their old age?

For parents: Have I taken care of my children's Christian education and the formation of their character and values? Do I strive to give good example regarding our faith and Catholic practice? Do I spend quality time with them, supervising what they watch and engage with through media.

For spouses/partners: Have I loved and honoured my spouse/partner, truly listened to each other and spent time together, sharing the upbringing of children and care of the home together? Do I/we pray, sharing from the heart and soul? Am I able to say sorry, and to forgive? How do I process hurts when relationships may fall apart? [I recently met a couple where he spends four hours a day travelling to and from work, and she five hours two days a week just to put bread on the table, pay the mortgage and secure a future for their family life. Yet families are the foundation stones of our society but our social order places so many obstacles in their path to set up.]

In general: Am I aware of the mission God has been entrusted to me? Does God sees best what I am suited for as my vocation in life? Do I practice justice by being honest at work in all things? Am I guilty of pilfering, stealing, not fulfilling my hours at work honestly? Have I given fair pay to all those who work for me in any capacity? Have I been faithful to contracts and promises, to paying taxes? Greed seems to be the first cousin to corruption in business practice. Do I seek the common good? Have I practiced truthfulness? It is better to look "bad" in the eyes of others, but to do the right and truthful thing in God's eyes and suffer for it. Have I harmed others with lies, slander, reckless judgments, broken confidentiality?

Have I procured an abortion or counselled a woman to abort? What was I trying to "save": by doing this? While driving, have I put my life or that of others at risk, for example when under the influence of drugs or alcohol? Do I numb myself with alcohol, drugs, gambling, sex, pornography, technology, shopping?

Have I harboured hatred and desire for revenge in my heart? Have I imposed my will on others, violating their freedom and disregarding their rights, for example using financial control of a spouse? Have I developed patterns of condemning or blaming others, being negative?

Am I actively aware of **my responsibility for Planet Earth**, the environment and practice sustainability in my purchases, recycling? Do I support public policies which encourage and enforce sustainable stewardship of natural resources?

FUNERAL FR TERRY BOWMAN MSC

Wednesday 11th December at 10am Our Lady of the Rosary (No 9.00am Mass that morning)

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration Monday 2nd December 6pm-7pm (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. Reconciliation is available.

WEEKDAY MASSES

First Friday Masses with anointing of the Sick at 9am., also at the Thursday evening Mass the day before the First Friday. 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.**

CATHOLIC JOURNEY

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Our parish offers RCIA for adults. Please contact us on 9663 1070 or at olrkensoevangelise@gmail.com for more information. All parishioners welcomed to attend any or all of the sessions.

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS 23/24 NOV

First Collection \$1,060 Second Collection \$571 Envelope Collection \$640

THANK YOU

2024 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve, Tues 24 Dec

5:30pm - Carols 6:00pm - Family Mass NO LATE NIGHT MASS

Christmas Day, Wed 25 Dec

9:30am - Family Mass 6:00pm - Mass

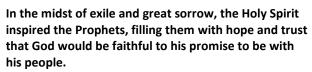


A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: We light the First Candle which is in honour of the Prophets. (The candle is lit as the following is said.)





Today let us be thankful for the light of faith we have received through Christ, the fulfilment of these promises.

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you are with us in our worries and sorrows. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you reconcile us to the Father and to one another. Lord, have mercy.

IN MEMORIAM FR TERRY

I have been told that **there is a custom**, especially among the Indonesian Catholics, to take up a collection to help with the costs of a **funeral for their priests.**

This is a very beautiful proposal. However, **we Australian MSC** have very minimal costs for funerals and burials, as we have **our own cemetery**, and our Funeral Directors offer us **special rates**. We do not look for anything other than a **simple casket** and so we are quite able to meet those costs.

What I would like to suggest is, that instead of a collection for the funeral costs, that you place your donations in an MSC Mission Office Envelope (to be found in the Church) and we will gather them and give the donations to Fr Roger at the MSC Mission Office for a Clean Water Project (tanks and bore) in memory of Fr Terry. Who knows, this may end up in Africa, Vietnam, Indonesia, Fiji... Also, last year, I think, you took up a collection for Terry's birthday to fly him to Japan to see Fr Kenji. Well, the cash portion of that was in our safe in an envelope. I have asked the Superior of the Monastery, now Fr Tim Brennan, if he is OK with us putting that amount (\$2,500) also to a Clean Water Project in Terry's memory. He is delighted with that prospect, as is Fr Roger too. SO, that is my proposal. PHMSC



