

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
SEPTEMBER 8 2024 | TWENTY-
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With Pope Francis in Indonesia, some information about the Church there. According to official figures, Catholics made up **3.12 percent of the population in 2018 = more than 8.3 million.** (By comparison, Australia has 5,1 million in 2021 census). The 2018 Indonesian census: 86.7% Muslims, 10.72% Christians (7.6% Protestants, 3.12% Roman Catholic), 1.74% Hindus, 0.77% Buddhists.

Christian History: Nestorian Christians (an heretical sect) are said to have lived in Northern Sumatra in the seventh century, and centuries later Christians of the Syro-Chaldean rite (from India) are said to have arrived.

First Catholic Mission 1318 - 1330 led by Italian Franciscan Mattiussi. He visited Sumatra, Java, and Borneo. He came via land routes and returned to Italy by land through Vietnam, China, and the silk road to Europe in 1330.

However, it took nearly 200 years before the Portuguese sailed east to Asia and captured Malacca in 1511. They came for Spices. Catholic missionaries came soon after, notably Francis Xavier in 1546, the famous Jesuit.

With the expulsion of Portugal in 1574 many Catholics in the northern Moluccas were killed or converted to Islam. The island of Ambon was conquered and occupied by the fiercely Protestant Dutch East India Company in 1605.

Subsequently, the Catholics were forced to convert to Protestantism. Catholic priests were replaced with Protestant clergy from the Netherlands. Many Christians at the time converted to Protestantism. For some time, Catholic priests were threatened with capital punishment if found to be residing in Dutch East Indies Territory. In 1624, Father Egidius d'Abreu SJ was executed in Batavia (present day Jakarta) for celebrating Mass in prison. Father Alexander de Rhodes, a French Jesuit who invented the Vietnamese westernized alphabet system, was persecuted and expelled in 1646.

In the early 1800s politics changed in the Netherlands mainly because of the accession in France of Louis Bonaparte, a fervent Catholic.

In 1808 Catholics were permitted **freedom of worship** in the Dutch Indies, though this measure was mainly intended for **resident European Catholics.** On 4 April 1808, two Dutch priests arrived in Batavia (present day Jakarta) with others following in the ensuing decades.

From 1835 the Catholic clergy received a salary from the colonial government which in turn **had the right to reject church appointments.** In 1846, **clashes over the policy led the Dutch authorities to expel all but one of the Catholic priests in the colony.** By 1848 there were Catholic churches in only four centres in Indonesia. Active mission work resumed in the second half of the 19th century and was concentrated in the island of Flores. In other regions, Catholic mission work was banned. Independence was declared on 17 August 1945 in Jakarta in the aftermath of the Japanese occupation. The declaration marked the start of the diplomatic and armed resistance of the Indonesian National Revolution, fighting against the forces of the Netherlands and pro-Dutch civilians, until the latter officially acknowledged Indonesia's independence in 1949. The document was signed by Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta, who were appointed president and vice-president respectively the following day. **Catholicism grew quite steadily thereafter.**

In 1965, after the overthrow of Sukarno, a **purge was carried out against Indonesian communists and alleged communists, especially in Java and Bali.** Hundreds of thousands of civilians were killed (maybe over a million some sources claim) in the ensuing turmoil by the army and vigilantes. **Communism was associated with atheism and since that time every Indonesian citizen has been expected to adopt one of the then five official state-endorsed religions.** Catholicism subsequently experienced enormous growth especially in areas inhabited by large numbers of **Chinese Indonesians and ethnic Javanese.** In 2000 in Jakarta alone there were 301,084 Catholics, while in 1960 there were only 26,955.

The dramatic increase of the number of Catholics in particular, and Christians in general, has led to enmity and unfounded allegations of "Christianisation". The second half of the 1990s and beginning of the 2000s were also marked by violence against Catholics in particular and Christians in general. **As recently as 2010, there were incidents where Catholics and other Christians were banned.** Pope Francis during his visit hopes to further peaceful relations between religious groups and to counter extremism. Peter Hearn MSC (various sources)



Cathedral of Our Lady's Assumption. Jakarta



THIS WEEK



They were astounded beyond measure, saying "He has done everything well; He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Mark 7: 37

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

5:00pm - 5.30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm MASS - NOTE: NEW TIME DURING WINTERTIME

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

9:30am **First Holy Communion Mass + KidsChurch**

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER – ST PETER CLAVER

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER – HOLY NAME OF MARY

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER – ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

5:00pm – 5.30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm MASS - NOTE: NEW TIME DURING WINTERTIME

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

9:30am **First Holy Communion Mass + KidsChurch**

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

We acknowledge the traditional owners the Gadigal Clans of the Eora Nation, who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have maintained these Spiritual connections and traditions.

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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

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord,
and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord
with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

James 2: 1-5

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good
News of the kingdom and
healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7: 31-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for
running streams, so my soul is
yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God,
the living God.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Frank Mifsud, Sr Joan Pender, Selina Fung,
Faalele Jane Reekers, Wong Chung Hua, Rinda
Wijaja Suparto, Fr Terry Bowman, Eleonora
Mezzatesta, Anna Vigilante, 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, William Van Burke,
Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle,
Olga Nasser, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Jill Rees,
Sayde Harb, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne
Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Gwen Smith, Laurence Charles O'Neil,
Lorna Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Jack Papallo,
Maria Sidoti, Carlo & Alfredo Pengue,
Cristina Gonzalez

ROSTERS

7/8 SEPT	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen	Handojo Widjaja
Readers	Cathy Shiner Sr Diana Hayes	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola POF Parish Children	Isabel Reyes Natalia Kuirintinus
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco	Maria Esguerra Roy Rigotti	Michael Reyes
KidsChurch	Herlina & Lia		
Counters	Johanna Jahja, Inge Sutanto		
Comm to Sick	Maria Esguerra		
14/15 SEPT	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Yosep Rizal	Briant Koh
Readers	Simona Wong Sr Helen Hearne	Kayla Thumwanich Jeff Kildea	Patricia Reyes Geraldine Marcellino
E. Ministers	Shilla Azalea	Robyn Kildea Andreas Johan	Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Sherly & Mary Ellen		
Counters	Helen Liew, Jan Nicholas		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		

PPC MEETING #1, 29 AUGUST 2024

Present: Stephen Chiew, Marieann Duncan, Fr Peter Hearn, Claude Khoury, Diyana Mansour, Lily Murcutt

Welcome to new members, and opening **Prayer**. As this was our first full meeting for this year, the focus was mainly on **Safeguarding** and updating us all on this. The Last full meeting was in 2021. No meetings during the Covid period. Business of this meeting:

Safeguarding: Information led by **Lily Murcutt our Safeguarding Officer**. The last audit for OLR was in 2023 with issues from that audit assessed as “mainly developed and embedded” – a good outcome.

Members were given the Document: **Integrity in Our Common Mission** for the Australia-wide Church. Each PPC meeting is to begin with a safeguarding item.

There are **10 Safeguarding Standards the Archdiocese has to meet (and OLR)**

which come from the National Enquiry: We looked at the following:

Standards 1 & 9 are about focused leadership, governance and culture involving monitoring Child Activity Registers and continuous improvement Plans.

Standards 6,8 &10: Effectiveness of organisational risk policies and risk management.

PRIORITY # 1: ICT and online safety to ensure high-level cyber-security systems and use of CCTV is now in the **forefront of Archdiocesan improvements.**

Safeguarding for OLR: we need to ensure that parishioners, where needed, update and maintain the **Risk Assessment and WWCC checks**. It is essential that these be up to date, otherwise fines apply for the individual and for the parish.

CCTV: (i.e. closed-circuit TV cameras) **Like so many other parishes now, we need to put CCTV in both sacristies, and for security around the exterior of the Church. It needs to be advertised when this is in place.**

General Discussion: Major Concern: how to keep **youth/young adults** engaged with their faith. Fr Peter pointed out that there are groups operating within the Parish which involve **both OLR Parishioners and Catholic Indonesian Community (CIC) members – with some CIC groups in English.** East Fest is a Deanery-wide gathering, held, it seems, normally at Randwick. It is promoted here. **Edo a CIC member provides a monthly youth meeting in our hall.** It was noted that the Anglicans have a vacation program: **Lego for Christ.** Bishop Umbers holds the **Fishermen's Group for young working Catholics.**

Parish Life: Fr Peter: It occurs to me that we hear the most about our parishioners and their lives at their **FUNERAL**. Another parish I was in had a **Parish Magazine**, printed four times a year, **which was often based on interviews with different people in the Parish: long time parishioners; new comers; elderly; youth; migrants, New Catholics, and ...** Being creatures of habit, we tend to stick to the one Mass time and so never really come to meet others at other Masses. I think we are missing out on an enormous source of enrichment and information. **We need someone/s with the time and skills to conduct these interviews – storytelling, I suppose, and someone to put it together in a format like our Bulletin – three or four times a year. I do have someone in mind and will approach that person soon.**

Update on RCIA, liturgy and proposed OLR Feast Day ideas for mention.

Maintenance Update tabled: Parish office upgrade, paths, leaks, upgrade of remaining AV, tree safety, an extra outside light for the church path.

Meeting closed 8.45pm. **Next Meeting: 7.00pm Tuesday 5th October.** More members to be added – including from existing Committees within the Parish. PHMSC

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 9th September 6pm-7pm** (*call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour*) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. Reconciliation is available.

MORNING TEA

As we will have **First Communions on Sunday 8th, 15th and 22nd September, we will not have morning tea on these Sundays.**

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.**

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. 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 31 AUG/1 SEPT

First Collection	\$937
Second Collection	\$524
Envelope Collection	\$405

Priests' Retirement Foundation \$270

HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY PRESENTS

Understanding
5 LOVE LANGUAGES

Saturday, 14th September 2024 | 2PM - 5PM
(Refreshment Provided)

OLSH Parish - 193 Avoca Street, Randwick NSW 2031

Charbel Raish
Founding Partner of Parousia Media

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PNG INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

MONASTERY OVAL

14TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ALL WELCOME

CELEBRATIONS, MUSIC, DANCING, BBQ, STALLS, GAMES...

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.

OLR SCHOOL NEWS – YEAR 1B

Year 1B has just completed a unit which focused on God the creator who is present in all of creation. The first creation story was presented. The focus for this story was: **God the creator**, the goodness of creation and creation as a reflection of God’s love and goodness. Emphasis then turned to the **Sabbath**, rest time. The unit also introduced psalms of praise as a way of expressing our praise and thanks to God. The students wondered ... how do we thank God for his gift of creation. They felt the best way to thank God was to look after his creation ... to be stewards!

CALLED AND GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS: NOW IN-PERSON

If you're wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for others. Commences Saturday 14 September. Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE EVENT

Catholic Earthcare is hosting a three-day Season of Creation Convocation from 12-14 September, 2024. The first two days are online and the third day is face-to-face in local diocesan hubs. The local site for the Archdiocese of Sydney is St Francis Xavier’s Lavender Bay. Participants may attend one, two or all three days (\$25-\$100). Details and registration at <https://www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation>.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK

The Australian Catholic Historical Society's next event will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill, at 2:00 PM on Sunday, September 15. Dr Anne Thoeming, an independent scholar, will give a talk entitled “Catholic-mindedness in the Catholic doctor: the Sydney Catholic Medical Guild of St Luke, 1933-1935.” Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome, and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history, can be found at <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/> Enquiries may be directed to secretaryachs@gmail.com.

kensington youth ministry.

SUNDAY TEEN MEET UP

PRaise AND WORSHIP - GAMES - BIBLE STUDY

15TH SEP 2024
11.30AM - 1.30PM

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