

Mid-summer greetings.

Welcome back to our students from Brigidine and Marcellin who attended World Youth Day in Panama City. I recall seeing only one item about it on TV news – when the pope arrived for his part of the celebration. I hope our participants will give us some thoughts on their experience maybe for the Parish Magazine or the *Bulletin*.

Lisbon, Portugal will hold the next WYD in 2022. This is a very enticing venue, especially as Fatima is in the country, and the history and environment of Portugal is fascinating. Start saving, I think.

St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) February 8 - WORLD ANTI-SLAVERY DAY

Josephine was born in Sudan. However, because of the trauma of her childhood experiences, she did not know her original name but did recall that she came from a loving family.

At 7 or 8 years of age she was seized and kidnapped by slave-traders who roamed the area. Her elder sister had been kidnapped two years earlier.

She was asked her name but was too frightened to remember it – so one of her kidnappers gave her the name Bakhita – “lucky one”.

She was sold to an Arab chief and became a maid to his daughters.

The son beat her unconscious and she took a month to recover.

Then she was sold to a general in the Turkish Army as Sudan was under Turkish-Egyptian control. She was harshly treated by the family and forcibly tattooed with some 140 cuts on her body into which salt was rubbed to keep the wounds open. This was a traditional mark of ownership and it took her a month to recover.

As the general was returning to Turkey he let it be known that he had some slaves for sale: this was when she was purchased by the Italian Consul, freed and employed as his maid and treated kindly.

With the invasion and overtaking of Sudan by an Islamic revolutionary leader, the Consul was summoned back to Italy. She begged to go with him.

Bakhita was then given to the owner of a hotel in Genoa and became a nanny to his daughter. A lay man began to tell her about Jesus and Bakihta and his daughter were left in the care of the Canossian Sisters while the father returned to Sudan.

In time she received the sacraments and entered the Novitiate of the Canossian Sisters where she lived for 50 years.

She helped out when a hospital of the Canossians was requisitioned by the Army. Otherwise she did her ordinary work in various convents.

She dictated her life story which was published in newsletters and she died in Italy. Her beatification occurred in 1992 and she was canonized in 2000.

St Josephine Bakhita is a symbol for resistance to Islamic fundamentalist regimes and for women and oppressed people in general on a continent where children as young as she was are still being sold into slavery.

And here, in Sydney, the Church has a task force to help women and children trafficked, usually in sexual slavery, right here in Sydney. More of this next week. Peter Hearn MSC



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Accessible Seats -
Rows 5,6,7 and cross
aisles. Front 6 seats

2/3rd February, 2019

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Parish Office

Monday- Friday 9am-5pm (Closed 1pm-2pm)

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Monday: Midday Mass

Tuesday: 6:30am Mass, 11am (Holy Hour), Midday Mass.

Wednesday: 6:30am Mass, Midday Mass

Thursday: 11:30am (Novena), Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass.

Friday: Midday Mass (Anointing Mass 2nd Friday), 5:40pm Mass, (Anointing Mass) 6pm (Holy Hour)

Saturday: 11am (Reconciliation), Midday Mass, 5pm (Reconciliation), 6pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm. 10.30pm

St. Margaret Mary's

Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays.

Contact the Parish Office on 9399 6775.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased:

Sr. Elizabeth Hayes,(Brigidine) Gabriel Hehir, Charlotte McConnell, Barbara Moore, Betty Gardener.

Anniversaries and Deceased: Tommaso Culici, Len Jarman, Crisostomo Abbu, Paul Agostinho, Anthony Chong, Pavo Teklic, Michele Pizzata, Phyllis Mills, Forgotten Holy Souls, Mary Healy, Victoria Martins, Jean Kent.

Special Intentions: Terry Ledlin, Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)

We welcome into our Catholic family:



Reginald Erskine, Jack Wright, Ellora Hillier.

Schools: Brigidine had a beautiful opening Mass on Friday Morning – 880 girls plus many from last Year 12 who received awards for achievement in HSC and some parents were present. Around 1,000 plus in the Church. Also Kindies at SMM and OLSH started school with their oversize bags and uniforms making a delightful sight – more tears with mums than kids from what I could observe!

PHMSC

MSC Lay Associates - our first Meeting for 2019 will be held this Sunday, 3rd February at 1.15 pm. Please bring lunch to share. Visitors welcome.

OLSH YOUTH GROUP: Contact youtholsh@gmail.com First Meeting Sat 16 Feb 4.00pm Cloister Room.

ALL READERS: copies of the new readers' roster are now available from the Sacristy in the black basket. A number of emails have been undeliverable so please take a printed copy if you have not received the new roster electronically.

Coming Up:

- ◆ **Sun 3 Feb:** Catechists' Sunday
- ◆ **Tues 5 Feb:** Chinese New Year 7pm Young Adults Cloister Room
- ◆ **Thurs 7 Feb:** 1.30pm Funeral Barbara Moore
- ◆ **Fri 8 Feb:** 1.30pm Funeral for Marli
- ◆ **Mon 11 Feb:** 7.15pm Plenary Council Group Meet
- ◆ **Sat 16 Feb:** 4pm OLSH Youth Group
- ◆ **Mon 18 Feb:** Youth Fest Cookhouse- topic euthanasia

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "As Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, we must be marked as Jesus was with this two fold quality of gentleness and strength." *Le Sacré-Coeur*

OLSH ALTAR SERVERS: This ministry will be organised in early February. If you would like your child to be an Altar Server, please fill in this coupon: They must have received their First Holy Communion:

Name of Child:

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Parent:

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Contact: email:

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Signature of parent giving permission:

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OLSH Young Adults Group - Our first meeting will be at 7.00pm in the Cloister Room on Tuesday 5th February. We will develop a program for the year ahead eg. a Lenten Program concluding with a special meal before Holy Week; an annual retreat; possibility of outreach, parish involvement etc. Come along and bring your friends! The MSC community will provide the supper for this occasion. Fr Peter Antony MSC

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PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Meeting:

We are holding a final discussion to draft our parish's submission to the Plenary Council where we are all asked: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?".

At our last meeting in November we discussed various models of church. We considered that our present Australian church suffers from being 'overly institutional' rather than a 'community' based church. Parishioners spoke of the need for our national church to be a more invitational and welcoming one.

*Our next meeting will be on **Monday evening, February 11 at 7.15 pm** in the Cloister Room and we aim to bring our numerous discussions of 2018 together into a parish statement. Everyone is welcome to join in and discuss our shared future.*

The Plenary Council is accepting submissions up until Ash Wednesday this year and individual parishioners are welcome to make their own submission using the following link <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>. Over the past seven months, more than 30,000 people have generously shared their stories and experiences of life, faith and the Church with the Australian Plenary Council. Those stories will help shape this historic process by forming the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

Michael Blowes, on behalf of the OLSH Parish Plenary Council Discussion Group

Parish Senior Groups:

Please join us as the men's and women's senior groups resume in February .

Womens group will meet this Monday 4th February at 10am in Cloister Room.

Mens group on Tuesday 5th February at 10am.

New members very welcome.

Government School Catechists Commissioning of continuing Catechists of OLSH who teach and help in the public schools of Rainbow Street and Cowper Street Randwick at midday Mass this Sunday.

Requirements to become a Catechist.

1. Free Effective Catechist Training by CCD Professionals ..Archdiocese of Sydney
2. Step by step lessons that are flexible and fun
3. Accredited Certificate courses from Level 1 {which is compulsory prior to start teaching} to level 5.
4. Working with Children Certificate
5. Once a week of teaching a 30 minutes class using structured lessons from Special Religious Education Manuals.

Rainbow st. Public - Thursdays 9-10am.

Cowper Street Public– Wednesday 1.40pm- 2.50pm

Contact: Mary Bhalla 0423817548

Please check the website www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au : for the Basic Accreditation Courses being held in Sydney.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Please be aware that we have a Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mary Croke. Mary has experience in Community Services for Children and Families. Any concerns or worries you have can be confidentially discussed with her: 0400 620 335 I am very grateful to Mary for taking on this role for us. Peter Hearn MSC