

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – Celebrate 125 Years of Ministry at Randwick Sunday 16th OCTOBER – MIDDAY MASS OLSH CHURCH

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR 125 YEARS: On Nov 2 1886, the *Sydney Morning Herald* Shipping notices reported the arrival of 7 “Sisters of the Poor” from Marseilles after a two month sea voyage. Already some Sisters had set up a community in Melbourne. 4 Sisters were French, one English, one Irish and one from the USA.

The First Home of the LSOP was a former convict built home in a bad state of repair in Leichardt with the cellars having been a prison in convict times. Three days before they arrived, 300 window panes had been broken, and graffiti (even in those days) adorned the walls! When the Cardinal arrived for a civic reception on the first day he was “surprised” at the state of disrepair! Food was sent for, and that very evening a 74 years old lady asked with confidence to be received into their care – which the Sisters did- into their windowless home. She was a recipient of the first three beds which arrived that evening. However, soon the people in the neighbourhood became aware that they had virtually nothing at hand, and supplies of all sorts “arrived from all directions.”

Before accepting many more residents, they went to the big merchants around Sydney to beg for their needs so as not to be a burden on those who lived in their immediate vicinity. While the merchants gave readily, the Sisters had to transport the goods. “The need of having a horse and cart was urgent. We mentioned this to the Cardinal who told us to continue to pray to St Joseph who would hear us...”! (This is the same Cardinal who persuaded the Mother General that the needs of Sydney were greater than Auckland where they had intended to found a home!) Eventually the St V de P Society presented a horse and cart.

Soon the diarist reported that “A young girl from a good Colonial family has offered herself as a postulant.” However she was too young and entered a year later, making her novitiate in France. She never returned to Australia, living in Brooklyn then New Orleans, dying in Chicago at age 58. The Australian Novitiate was opened in 1901.

Within weeks one elderly, almost blind, man walked on crutches from Woollahra find solace with the Sisters, arriving alone. A 97 year old woman who ‘slept under the stars’ also arrived and lived for a few years and, on regaining her strength, helped with the washing. Early in March 1887, a mere five months after their arrival the first Little Sister died of typhoid fever. Another two sisters contracted typhoid and were sent to Randwick where they recuperated “after a month of sea air.” As Leichardt was considered to be a risky place with typhoid a problem, the Cardinal instructed the Sisters to look for a more salubrious location. Hence the move to Randwick. By then they had 11 postulants in Australia.

The move to Randwick began in July 1887 to the present site. The first newly built St Joseph’s Home, five stories of brick and sandstone, was opened before a crowd of 2,000 well-wishers on 20th August 1898. As was common for LSOP Homes of that era, they followed the design the Mother House used in La Tour, France. The present structure was built in 1993.

We wish the Sisters every blessing in their ministry among us as they celebrate 125 years in Sydney at the midday Mass at OLSH. **PHMSC**



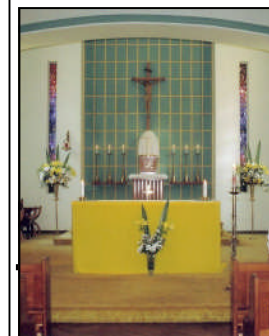
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SUNDAY - 16th October, 2011

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. - YEAR A.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-6

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Entrance Antiphon: I call upon you, God, for you will answer me ; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hid me in the shade of your wings.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 95: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Communion Antiphon: See how the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those who hope in his love; that he may rescue them from death and feed them in time of famine.

MASS TIMES:

OLSH - Sat: 12noon, Vigil 6pm.

Sun : 8am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm, & Last
Call Eucharist 10.30pm

Week days

**Mon-Sat 12noon, Tues & Wed 6.30am,
Thurs & Fri 5.40pm.**

Reconciliation: Sat 11am—12 noon & 5—6pm

Anointing Mass: 2nd Friday at 12noon

**Marian Novena & Rosary: following 6pm Vigil
Mass.**

ST. MARGARET MARY'S:

Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm. Sunday 9.30am

Weekdays - Tues, Wed. Fri, 8.15am

Thurs (School Term) 9.05am

Reconciliation: Sat. 5.15- 5.25pm.

Baptisms: 1:30pm on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays.

Preparation required—contact Parish Office.

POWH Chapel - Mass 3pm - 1st & 3rd & 5th

Shrine website: www.sacredheart.org.au/nationalshrineolsh

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Into your loving care, Lord,
we commend:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Seok Cheng Chew (Mrs. Er)

Monsignor Vincent Marly, Gavin Larkin, Iris Lyons, Elizabeth Brennan, Austin Woodbury, Dorothy Wells.

ANNIVERSARIES & INTENTIONS:

'baby triplets Henry, Jasper & Evan Smith'.

Dominic Pelligrini (Birthday Remembrance)

Bernadette Kennedy, Stefano Digori, Veronica

Jones, Florentino Tabayoyong, Victoria Domingo,

Vincent Ng Chok Hoo, Fr. Raphael Tresca, Marie

Parkinson, Leo Woodbury, Bonnie Power.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Leanne, Andrew and Jacob Patridge, Kristy Pasqual.



**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 730PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**

Everyone most welcome.

YOUTH LEADERS FORMATION COURSE:

21 November – 17 December 2011. St Joseph's Conference Centre, Bringelly (1 hr from CBD).

A fruit of WYD – live in with the Archdiocesan Team, priest chaplain. Topics: Called to holiness; Living in a sex-saturated world;

Sharing Your Faith without Losing Your Friends; Theology of the Body... See brochure at back of Church. Parish funds will be

available to assist any youth who may like to attend this. See brochures in foyer.

Coming Up:

16 Oct 12 noon Mass, 125 Years

Little Sisters of Poor in Randwick.

18 Oct 7.30pm Info Night 1st Reconciliation - OLSH Church

20 Oct. Thurs: 6.30 Orchestra, 7.30 Choir/Orchestra prac. For 125 years

Mass.

22/23 Oct Sat Sun: Parish Feast Day of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart All

Masses.

PARISH MAGAZINE is

available this weekend at all

Masses. Articles include stories about the

OLSH nuns, the Little Sisters of the Poor,

St Brigid's Coogee and the Outreach Pro-

gram. Please take home a copy to read.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CELEBRATING 125 YEARS—MASS AT 12.00MIDDAY—THIS SUNDAY.
- CONCLUDING OUR 125 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART - WEEKEND 22/23RD OCT.

Catalyst for Renewal: Friday 14 October:

Robert Fitzgerald AM – “Restoring Trust – the greatest single challenge for a church in search of a relevant future.” 2 course meal; \$45.

RSVP by 6th October. Villa Maria Parish Hall, cnr Mary St and Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill;

7.00pm for 7.30. catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au 99907003

THE NEW ROSTER FOR EMHCs who require a printed copy is now available . Many thanks to you all for your contribution to this important ministry.

FIRST RECONCILIATION OLSH.

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER is the

information night for all parents. 7.30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER –7.30pm

World Mission Sunday: Thank you for the response last week. We have not counted the huge pile of envelopes sent in. We will know by next week end what the total is. PHMSC

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill in and hand to a Priest at Mass.

NAME

Email

ADDRESS:

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PHONE NO.

Date Submitted:

Knitting Group (knitting squares to make rugs for charity) at Ventnor the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10am. All welcome.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP meets every Thursday at 7.30PM in the Parish Centre.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI TO OPEN
DOMUS AUSTRALIA - LIVE WEB-
CAST ON Xt3:**

The Archdiocese of Sydney's social networking site Xt3.com, will be webcasting the Official Opening of

Domus Australia from Rome on

Wednesday, 19 October 2011! Domus Australia, a pilgrim house for

Australians travelling to Rome will be opened by Pope Benedict XVI himself,

so don't miss out on witnessing this incredible moment in history. Visit

www.xt3.com/domus for more

Dear Parishioners,
As announced earlier, in honour of 125 year of OLSH Parish we are organising a Tennis day on 15th of November. The event is conducted solely with the intention of bringing the parishioners together. All those who are interested in a tennis tournament please drop in your particulars i.e., your name, contact number and email address in the box at the foyer of the church by 30th of October. Thanks. Fr.joshva

Young adults next meet on the 20th Oct. and the 3rd November at Ventnor.