

Message From Archbishop Anthony Fisher concerning the Child Abuse Investigatoin Findings.

I have personally felt shaken and humiliated by this information... The Church is sorry and I am sorry for past failures that left so many so damaged. I know that many of our priests, religious and lay faithful feel the same: as Catholics we hang our heads in shame.

We have already heard many distressing and shameful cases of sexual abuse told to the Royal Commission by courageous survivors...

To my shame and sadness it would seem that Australia-wide as many as 384 Catholic diocesan priests, 188 religious priests, 597 religious brothers and 96 religious sisters have had claims of child sexual abuse made against them since 1950. Claims have also been made against 543 lay church workers and another 72 whose religious status is unknown.

The Royal Commission will now focus on two main issues: what factors caused or contributed to historical child sex abuse cases in the Church and failures to respond adequately; and what the Church has done or plans to do to address this by way of changes to structures, policies and culture, the discernment of priestly and religious vocations, formation and supervision of those engaged in ministry, and so on.

The report refers to 'claims and alleged perpetrators'. The report does not distinguish claims that were proven at law from those that were untested; nor does the report distinguish claims that were substantiated by some internal Church investigation from those that were accepted by the Church without investigation.

Even though the statistics show that the overwhelming majority of incidents occurred in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, and that alleged abuse declined very considerably thereafter, we are not complacent when it comes to child safety and to ensuring a child safe environment in the Church...And we must face the fact that claims have been made against some 7 per cent of the priests ministering within the 3 dioceses of greater Sydney since 1950...

Confronting as it will be, I remain determined to do all we can to assist those who have been harmed by the Church and to work towards a culture of greater transparency, accountability and safety for all children.

As you may know, we have already done a great deal to ensure that allegations made to our Archdiocese are dealt with promptly, justly and compassionately; that counselling and redress are made available to survivors; that we have in place 'best practice' structures and policies to safeguard children; that we engage in rigorous processes of discerning and forming vocations; that we train our clergy, religious, teachers and lay church workers in contemporary standards in this area; and that we are doing all we can to make every part of the Church safe for all children and vulnerable people.

I am convinced that at the end of the humiliation and purgation through which we are presently passing, we will be a humbler, more aware and more compassionate Church in this area. But we are on a journey and there is still much to do: for this we are grateful for the patient study and professional guidance of the Royal Commission...

Many of you, so loyal to the Church, will feel upset or demoralised by the coverage: if so I ask you to talk the matter through with your parish priest or supervisor.

Counselling is available from Catholic Care on 13 18 19. Our Safeguarding Office can be contacted on 9390 5810.

And, importantly, I strongly encourage anyone alleging sexual abuse to contact the police: they are in the best position to investigate.



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11/12th February, 2016

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A



Accessible Seats - Rows
5,6,7 and cross aisles.
Front 6 seats either side
of centre aisle.

Switch to T.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:L17-27

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the laws of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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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, 6pm (Holy Hour)

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

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

St. Margaret Mary's

Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass. 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays. Contact the Office.

Into your loving care we commend +

Recently Deceased : Brian Butler, Sister Marie Langtry (CSB), Joan Thomas, John Cogill, Michele Pizzata, Michael Howard.

Anniversaries and Deceased:

Sister Finian Gaughan(CSB), Michael Kilbane, Maria Luz Paje, Kevin Kilbane, Carmel and Julie Cunningham, Carmen Reves De Delgado, Juventino Delgado, Virginia Acosta, Antonio Acosta, Esperanza Tiglao.

Special Intentions: Two Special Intentions, Margaret Roper, Pamela Mattos, Lucelle Rivera(Birthday)

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Charles Gordon, Charlie Anderson, Samuel Hair, Felicity Craib, Elsie Craib, Kristoff Lee, Evie McHugh, Gabriel McHugh.

CATECHISTS A SPECIAL MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH :

Last weekend we had the recruitment for catechists for our two Public Schools – Rainbow Street and Cowper Street. Together there will be in excess of 300 Catholic children in the two schools. We had a number of responses for which we are grateful, however, we could always have more involved. This could be a wonderful ministry for retired teachers, aspiring teachers at University, and many others.

TIMES FOR SCRIPTURE CLASSES:

Rainbow Street: 9 AM to 10 AM Thursdays

Cowper Street: 1:40 to 2:50 PM Wednesdays

FUNERAL: Wed 15 February: 10am Michele Pizzata(RIP) at OLSH Church.

Coming Up

- **Tues 14 Feb: Sts Cyril and Methodius (Slavs)**
- **Wed 15 Feb: 5.00 CEO Teachers Eastern Region Mass**
- **Thurs 16 Feb: 9.15 Opening Mass SMM School**
- **Fri 17 Feb: 9.30 Opening OLSH School Mass**

YOUNG ADULTS: The group meets every Thursday including prayer and reflection and socializing. A great place to make friends and to live the faith in a supportive environment. Contact Fr Alfin: afinbuarlelemsc@gmail.com Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Second Screening of Apparition Hill:

Andrew Poidivin, a parishioner has taken the initiative to have a second screening of the film on Medjugore and the report of apparitions of the Blessed Virgin there. Andrew writes - "Apparition Hill is deeply moving and ... I know of conversions that took place after that screening. I believe it is the young people who should go, as they live in a toxic culture and many struggle with a sense of the spiritual. Apparition Hill examines the important questions of life and what comes after, through the lens of seven people who go to Medjugore – a young Catholic mother with 4 children and Stage 4 Bowel Cancer, an active man who contracted Motor Neurone Disease, a struggling Addict, two Atheists, a lady who loves Jesus, but didn't know how Mary fitted in and a single Catholic father who raised his 9 children alone, after his wife had died of cancer 10 years earlier ..."

Sunday- 19th March at the Ritz Cinema . 2pm. Further information, please contact Andrew on **0412 479 680 .**

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2018 .

Enrolments - Open Day Wednesday 8th March 9am-11am.

Are you an active Parishioner? Do you have a child due to start Kindergarten in 2018? We are now taking Kindergarten enquiry application forms for 2018. Enquiry forms are available from the school office or on our website under enrolment www.olshrandwick.catholic.edu.au

MUMS AND DADS WITH PRAMS

Cloister Room, Presbytery. Friday mornings from 9.15 - 10.30am.

Welcome to come, toys to play with for the kids, cuppa and chat for parents. Meet new friends. Very relaxed environment. All welcome.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: \$2 Archbishops letter on the shame and shock of the findings into abuse within the Catholic Church; snippets of news from around the Catholic world; Pope Francis on the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation; Pope Francis on motherhood as a model for the Church;

OLSH Chinese Community: 聖母聖心堂華語組: 我們是一組會講華語的堂友, 我們每月一次在本堂相聚, 分享友情及信仰。如果您想了解天主教教義; 聆聽主耶穌指導的人生旅程和真諦; 認識新朋友, 歡迎參加我們每月第二周星期日下午 2:30pm 在 VENTNOR HOUSE 的聚會。或聯絡: olshchinesecommunity@gmail.com

New Parishioners (Hand to a Priest or Acolyte after Mass)

Name: _____ Contact No: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____ Date Submitted...../...../.....

PIETY STALL open every Sunday and weekdays during office hours.

Lots of gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Also many other gifts, cards, medals, etc.

ADULTS FOR CONFIRMATION: Any Catholic adult who wishes to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the the Easter Ceremony, please contact the Parish Office before the end of February.

CLEAN WATER LUNCH: A lunch will be held in Ventnor following the midday Mass on Thursday 16th February to assist the MSC's in helping the many in need of clean water. Your attendance and donations would be greatly appreciated.

NOTICE (Reminder): No longer are we able to give tax exemptions for the Envelope (2nd) Collection owing to a change in State Taxation Laws. Christmas Weekend was the LAST TIME we can do so. So, you can claim only for envelopes banked before December 30th. For those who seek tax rebates, it will be for the period July 1 – December 30th 2016. This is beyond our control – coming from State Legislation. Peter Hearn MSC

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

A gentle reminder for regular, occasional and possible new meditators that if you can't make it for meditation on any Monday night at 7pm in Ventnor, then perhaps you are welcome to attend meditation on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the parish centre at the eastern end of St. Margaret Mary's school on Clovelly Rd (corner of Avoca Street). **Fr Doug msc**