

Lenten Greetings in this year, proclaimed by Pope Francis as the *Year of Gratitude*.

Fr Alfin MSC: On his return from holidays three weeks ago Fr Alfin has been transferred by the Provincial, Fr John Mulrooney, to the Monastery at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park. There he will enter into a time of pastoral review and on-going formation. We thank him for his time with us and especially his music ministry and assistance with Fr Tru with the Young Adults Group. Peter Hearn MSC

Lent: Reconciliation - Our Journey into a deeper freedom of spirit and joyfulness of life:

Half an Hour before all Masses at OLSH from 3rd Sunday of Lent (Begins Next Sunday, 19 March) till Saturday after Good Friday, a priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, (excluding the 6.30am Masses).

Often enough in our lives, we may have that one or other "thing" that gives us a troubled conscience, that we have felt too ashamed to speak about to anyone else, and it upsets our peace that Jesus so wants for us. This can be from years back that we have never told anyone about.

Well, Jesus does not want us burdened with these "things" ...but to come to peace and freedom – it is his MERCY that he extends graciously to us that we may get up and live.

For most of us there is the usual accretion of sins, some minor and some not so minor, some that have become habitual ways of responding and acting:

impatience, self-centredness, gossip and negativity about the faults of others;

petty or ingrained selfishness, failure to be thankful to God and to others for the blessings in our lives, failure to listen to others;

neglecting Mass and daily prayer; a consumer attitude to the Church and what it can offer and to other groups without really accepting the need to shoulder the load and accept responsibility for the life of the Church (applies to our families, work, school clubs etc...);

over-busyness that takes us away from time with our families, Christ, our own souls;

mindless spending of money on excessive gambling; use of pornography, drugs; over-indulging in alcohol;

acting out of selfish and pride filled motives;

lack of compassion; "keeping up with the Joneses"; being judgmental about appearances, religious beliefs, ethnicity, financial attainments...

Our Journey to Easter and the renewal of Baptism Vows on Easter Day, the "Day of the Lord's Rising", offers us a beautiful promise of always being able to begin again in our lives because of the loving mercy of Christ Jesus. It is his desire for us...

As Catholics the very last thing we should be burdened with is a bad conscience.

I, too, know how difficult it can be to actually go to confession and say the words, "I ask God's forgiveness for...". But I also know how liberating the experience is. Jesus has given this gift to us...let us not leave it unopened. Peter Hearn MSC



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of centre aisle.*

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11/12 March, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent , Year A

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 2nd Reading: 2Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 32 - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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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 : Rosemary Colman, Rolando Morelos, Marie Walsh.

Anniversaries and Deceased:

John Rinaldy, Prudence Cox, Joseph Mathew, Frank Corry, Rosaria Spina, Salvatore Spina, Anthony Chong, Mark Caperollo, Ellen Thompson, Marie, Elizabeth and William Connor, Greg Abad.

Special Intentions: Joanne Barratt, Joan Hume.

We welcome into our Catholic Family: Finley Molloy, Harris, Mila and Isla Patsiatzis, Mila Lalich, Liam Lulic.



Australian Catholics Magazine: available in foyer – free.

Eucharistic Ministers not on Email:

Copies of the new roster are now available in the Sacristy.

KNITTERS GROUP: A request from a **Refuge Centre** gives us great incentive to return to our Knitting Group which starts back again this Monday, 13th at Ventnor House. We will be making beautiful rugs for those less fortunate. Please join use for a very productive term.

Parish 20-20: surveys are (still) being finalized – more information soon. You will remember Archbishop Fisher's talk about the need to rationalize parishes and services in the Deaneries of the Archdiocese – and to see in what ways parishes can assist one another to provide services. A survey will be available for all parishioners to fill in in the coming weeks. PH MSC

Healing Weekend with Sr Margaret Scully RSC: March 25, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gordon St, Rozelle 9.00am – 4.30pm: Inner Healing, Healing of the Family Tree, healing Power of Forgiveness. Registration essential: 9810 2499 mscully@ccrnsw.org.au

Coming Up

- **Friday 17th March**
St Patrick's Day
- **Monday 20th March**
St. Joseph, spouse of Mary
- **Saturday 25th March**
Annunciation of the Lord

Parents/Carers Group

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

OLSH Chinese Community: 聖母聖心堂华语组: 我们每月一次在本堂相聚, 分享友情及信仰, 聆听主

耶蘇 指导的人生旅程和真谛, 认识新朋友。欢迎大家

参加每月第二周 [星期日 下午2:30pm](#) 的聚会, 每三个月

一次下午1:30pm的聚餐。

聚会地点: VENTNOR HOUSE

联系电话: 9399 6775

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: *"The Eucharist is an outpouring of the immense love which the heart of God has for us. It is here that we find the heart of our Saviour, real and living, awaiting our adoration and reparation."* Le Sacré-Coeur

Young Adults

The group meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm during Lent for Lenten prayer and reflection program. New parishioners are most welcome.

Contact Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Attention Readers

If your email address is @me.com.au emails from Maureen are bouncing back as undeliverable. If you have an alternative address, please email it to her. If not, watch the Parish Bulletin for any notices. Copies of the current roster in Sacristy.

THANKS: for your generosity on ASH WEDNESDAY – we are able to send \$9,000 from OLSH and \$3,000 from SMM to help the Syrian Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy settle Catholic refugees as they continue to arrive there. As you can imagine many need a wide variety of assistance including for stress and trauma from their sufferings. Peter Hearn MSC

Day of the Unborn Child:

26 March 10.30am Mass Cathedral

Project Compassion: focuses on the poor of Fiji where over a quarter of people live in "informal settlements"; there is a local group People's Community Network through which Caritas Australia works: some of the initiatives of the group are savings groups for Fijian women with women in leadership roles...Kindly remember to take either envelopes or the collection boxes in foyer of the Church. Thanks Peter Hearn MSC

OLSH PARISH YOUTH GROUP: Saturday 18th March, come join Fr. Tru, Ms. Loretta Lam(Yr.2 teacher,OLSH Primary) and other youth from the Parish on a fun day of music, singing, food, a trip to the Ritz to see "The Eagle Huntress"concluding with singing at the 6pm Mas. Free of charge for all Parish and local school families. RSVP to youtholsh@gmail.com

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

Catholic Weekly: \$2 New Benedictine Monastery to open in Tasmania; article by former NASA Researcher on Science and Religion – servants of one truth; Local Bishop on Medjugorje apparitions , resignation of a member of the Vatican Commission on Abuse; Pope on "banality" of much liturgical music;

A different perspective on Genesis: The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Surprise! Surprise! It was an Apple. But with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte. Then everything crashed. (Provided by a parishioner)

Life Marriage and Family Centre: for couples hoping to conceive. 18 March, Dooleys Silverwater Rd, Silverwater; 2.00-4.30pm 9307 8404 or LMevents@sydneycatholic.org

Church transept refurbishment: Lead coverings of the gables is completed, and most of the sandstone replacement is finished. The protective glass for the main window will be in place next week and work has begun on the new frames for the sacristy windows. PHMSC

A few quotes to get you through the week!

"Count your Blessings, not your problems" "When you're not feeling strong, let God carry the heavy end".

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