

Lenten and Autumn Equinox Greetings:

With a break in the clouds for a nano-second one evening, I noticed the full moon rising over Coogee beach – a truly beautiful sight. It is the equinox – day light and night are almost of equal value, time wise. The full moon reminded me that the next time we will see a full moon will be Easter – another four weeks away. This period in between is very important for all of us, but especially for the RCIA community as they prepare for the Easter sacraments – baptism for most, reception into the Catholic Church for those who have already been baptised in another Christian Denomination, and Confirmation for all, including some adults who did not receive the Sacrament in their school days. Some, too, will make their first Confession.

The Bishops of England some years back before a general election, presented a pastoral letter. What follows are some of their thoughts on a virtuous life. The principal or cardinal virtues, prudence, courage, justice and temperance are presented as inner motivations for behaviour, which means that “we act well not because of external constraint [we might get caught]...but that we do what is right for no other reason than that it is right, irrespective of reward and regardless of what we are legally obliged to do...It is doing good even when no one is looking.”

They go on to say that “In place of virtue we have seen an expansion of regulation. A society that is held together just by compliance with rules is inherently fragile, open to further abuses that will be met by a further expansion of regulation.

The virtues are not about what one is allowed to do, but who one is formed to be.”

Prudence or right reason in action “is the opposite of rashness and carelessness. It enables us to discern the good in any circumstances and the right way to achieve it. It is rational and intelligent, including emotional intelligence that knows how to weigh the meaning and importance of our feelings.”

Courage, “ensures the readiness to stand by what we believe in times of difficulties. It is the opposite of opportunism and of evasiveness. Courage is an important element in artistic creativity and it helps those who battles against sickness or injustice.”

Justice is the virtue by which “we strive to give what is due to others by respecting their rights and fulfilling our duties towards them...Justice towards God is the “virtue of religion” that frees us from the tyranny of false gods.”

Finally, Temperance “helps us to moderate our appetites and our use of the world’s created goods. It is the opposite of consumerism and the uninhibited pursuit of pleasure. Indeed, it is an essential part of a happy life.” The understanding of the virtues come to us from Aristotle via St Thomas Aquinas, and in my memories, it was a formidable aspect of the education Good Samaritan nuns endeavoured to impart to Western District kids in Victoria in the 50s and 60s the notion of the common good – and not to seek rewards simply for doing what is right, good, virtuous. Peter Hearn MSC



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Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 **2nd Reading:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 **Gospel:** John 4:5-42

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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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. 10.30pm

St. Margaret Mary’s

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

Baptisms

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



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

Switch to T.

Into your loving care we commend
+Recently Deceased : Joan Hume,
Rosemary Coleman, Denise McMaster,
Mel Simmons, Victor Eroshkin, Jennifer
Azizi.
Anniversaries and Deceased: Bishop E J
Cuskelly, MSC, John Rinaldy,
Denise McMaster, Maria Filomena Conte,
Vincenzo Del Vecchio, Jack Dwyer,
Holy Souls, Anthony Chong,
Barry Gerrard, Shaun Lawrence Gilden,
Agostinho Ferreira, Raymond Leon, Jose
Galego, Jabbour Azizi, Elizabeth & William
Connor.

Special Intentions: Sr. Ann Fitzpatrick
(CSB) Sr. Eugenie McGrath(CSB)
Rosa Severino(Birthday) Margaret Connor.

We welcome into our Catholic Family:

Alejo Manning, Amelia Hine,
Abby Gunning, James Gyenge.

Quote for the Week: "Taking a step back
can give you a closer view"

Australian Catholics Magazine:
available in foyer – free.

Catalyst for Renewal invites you to a Forum with
Fr Timothy Radcliffe op on Saturday, May 27th,
2017, at Santa Sabina College Strathfield – flyer
attached. Session 1: "What Hope can we offer the
Young? Lessons from the Frontline with ISIS".

Session 2: "Making Place for the Conscience of
the Laity today – the Challenge of
Amoris Laetitia".

Entry \$15 per head. Tickets available through
TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/266284>
or through Catalyst for Renewal, PO Box 265,
Swansea NSW 2281 or

Telephone Message Bank: 02 9990 7003 or by
email to catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

Coming Up

- **Sun 19 Mar: 3rd LENT A. Reconciliation before all Masses for 20 minutes.**
- **Mon 20 March: St Joseph, spouse of Mary**
- **Tues 21 March: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-7pm**
- **Sat 25 March: Annunciation of the Lord.**

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

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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

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

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

Reconciliation for Lent: This doorway sacrament of healing, mercy and peace, is available for 20 minutes before each Mass now until Good Friday (excluding the 6.30am Masses – not because people who attend the 6.30 am Mass are saints – but because it's just a bit too early for this priest, anyhow, to be alert and awake enough at that early hour...) Try not to leave it for the last minute dash on Good Friday – PHMSC

Church transept refurbishment: Re-grouting is complete – but rain has held up some of the other work – placement of new sandstone trim and sills... PHMSC

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

Justice Trends: articles on Aboriginal issues – cashless cards, work for dole; Australia's Government fails UN test on treatment of refugees...PHMSC

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

MORNING TEA: There will be morning tea to welcome new parishioners on Sunday 2nd April after the 10am Mass in the Cloister. It is an opportunity to meet the priests of the Parish and also other members of our OLSH community.

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "Let us not close our hearts to pity when along life's road we come across a person wounded by sorrow, bruised by ingratitude, defamation or sin." Meditations II

Catholic Weekly: \$2 Articles on men and entitlement; new book introducing Catholic theology and the streams of thought within it by Tracey Rowland; personal story of a woman who survives a lightning strike and the life-changing sequel for her faith; importance of developing the Catholic voice for media; resignation of woman on the Vatican commission for Protection of Minors; Pope to review translations of the liturgical texts; Pope Francis open to discussion on married priests; 80% of Syrian Christians have fled their country;

Parents/Carers Group

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

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**