

Spring-time Greetings. We welcome Fr Adrian Meaney MSC and Fr Robati MSC Kiriabti. This weekend we have the MSC MISSION OFFICE APPEAL: for me this is the most important of our appeals, as the Office can only make appeals in MSC parishes (many of which are in remote places in the Northern Territory) and the four MSC Schools located in Bowral, Canberra, Toowoomba and Hamilton (Vic). Hence, the importance of our parish.

The Mission Office was established in a small office in the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington in 1999 with Fr Adrian Meaney MSC as the director. He soon gathered a small band of volunteers around him, and quite rapidly built up a distribution for the newsletter, MSC Mission Outreach. This is a most informative bulletin, giving an account of the vibrant work and amazing outreach of the Office.

The *Newsletter* has good, up-to-date info on the Church's mission, the care of the Earth, and the plight of so many often powerless, overlooked peoples – such as Kiribati and other small, Pacific Island nations, remote areas of Vietnam, India, a host of countries in Africa and South America...the list goes on and on.

And so do the letters expressing such gratitude with accompanying photos (and reports back to the Office of how money was spent) of the recipients.

Of course, the fundamental requirement for human flourishing is clean water – and you may have noticed that once a month following the Thursday Midday Mass a group of volunteers hold a clean water luncheon – largely for retired people, of course at that time of day – the results are quite amazing: a get together and fundraiser by donation at the same time: around \$5,000 just from that gathering which is a great help. The OLSH School has one of the cake stalls dedicated to Sr Christine OLSH in Africa – this year \$1,500 sent. Last year the parish raised around \$20,000 for the Mission Office with a further donation of \$10,000 from one donor. Many parishioners are regular donors.

Yes, my accent is on moneys raised – but at the same time our consciousness is raised to the plight of the poor, of rising tides threatening land surfaces in Kiribati, of famine and civil war in Dar Fur, and so on...and on as immediate news cycles bombard us.

I so often feel a sense of powerlessness about the enormity of it all, and frustration at how little our own governments spend on foreign aid. Yet, we must do what we can do...I especially call on younger people to think about how much they actually give to charities such as this, by comparison with how much they spend on entertainment, clothes for example. As Catholics we have and need a culture of giving – for the health of our own spiritual life. I have to examine my own conscience in this regard too. We are all in it together.

We are reminded that Christ has no hands, no heart, no voice, no ears etc but ours to spread his blessing to any and all, regardless of their faith or nationality. And what a return we receive – there is something inherently blessed in giving, as Jesus reminds us.

As always I rely on your generosity. Peter Hearn MSC



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聖母聖心堂欢迎您光临

18/19th November, 2017
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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, 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 Parish Office on 9399 6775.



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

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: Lyn McDonagh, Liek Hartono, Mark Burt.

Anniversaries , Birthday Remembrances and Deceased: Barrett Joseph Morgan Ford, Nickola Newton, Emmanuel Cruz(Birthday Ann) Robert Flahive(Birthday Ann)Percy and Eileen Newcombe, Joseph Jabour, Raffael Golino, Michael Browne, Vincent Rozario, Frank and Dolores Corry, Anselm Anthony, Shane Chambers, Alan Carroll, Rudolfo Anzola, Mother Theresa Fox, Raymond Leon, Bernadino Cadeiras, Tomislav Bonic, Ronaldo and Romeo Morelos, Agostinho Ferreira, Josefa Abad, Jennifer Green, Mr and Mrs Liu, Neolita Sotto Dalaguit, All the Holy Souls.

Special Intentions: Francis Choudhroy, Lawler Family, John Dowd (Birthday)

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Charlotte Odd, James Twyman, Poppy Ellis-Godfrey, Aleksei Brunato.



Oish Youth Group: Contact youthoish@gmail.com Meet third Saturday of the month, 4.00pm. This is a beautiful occasion for young people (Year 4- upwards – Year 10 or so). They have an opportunity to participate more meaningfully in the life of the parish, together with a time of simple fun together. Peter Hearn MSC

St Margaret Mary's Family Mass

The next family Mass will be held this weekend on Sat 18th November, at 5.30pm.

Young Adults

Change of night for meetings to Tuesdays: The group meets first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Cloister Room . Contact Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Coming Up

- **Weekend 18/19 Nov:** MSC MISSION OFFICE APPEAL
- **Tues 21 Nov:** Presentation of Mary
- **Wed 22 Nov:** St. Cecilia
- **Thurs 23 Nov:** **FIRST RECONCILIATION OLSH Church-7pm.** St Clement Pope, Martyr
- **Fri 24 Nov:** St Andrew Dung-Lac
- **Sat 25 Nov:** Mass of Our Lady
- **Sun 26 Nov:** Volunteers' High Tea-1-3pm Cloister
- **Thurs 30 Nov:** **FIRST RECONCILIATION SMM-6PM**
- **Sat 2 Dec:** BIG CLEAN OF THE CHURCH

MSC Lay Association: Our last meeting will be held for the year at 1.15pm , Sunday 34d December. The National Director, Fr. Jim Littleton, MSC will celebrate Mass for us. Please bring food and drink for a festive lunch. Visitors Welcome.

Christmas Midnight Mass Choir

Practice this Wednesday night at 7.00pm, We need, especially, a few more tenors and bassos...Just turn up on Wednesday night. Peter Hearn MSC

Australian Catholic Youth Festival VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

www.acyf.org.au Individual Registrations are still open: Call Janice: 0414 188 682 easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com

St Joseph's Nursing Home Kensington Craft Stall: The Sisters are delighted with the \$2,200 raised and thank you all. PHMSC

Urban Theology, Sydney's favourite networking event for young Catholic professionals is back for November with author Sam Clear, media professional Monica Doumit and barrister Gray Connolly. Over drinks and canapes, a panel of Sydney's sharpest Catholic minds tackle the latest news and current affairs and how to apply our faith in everyday life. 6:30PM 28 November at the St James Hotel, 114 Castlereagh Street Sydney. \$15 online via Eventbrite.com/\$20 at the door includes two drinks and hot food. Search "Urban Theology" on Facebook/Eventbrite for details.

Congratulations: to the SMM School for their beautiful performance of Charles Dicken's Christmas Story – presented at the Southern Cross Catholic Vocational High School (formerly CBC), Burwood. Every student had a part to play and the costumes and audio visual effects were exceptional. Lead roles were so well presented. No doubt a memorable and educative experience for the students.

Thanks to all who conducted and participated in the Bereavement Gatherings held last week. I am always deeply moved by these experiences, the sharing, the coming together in a spirit of openness to the Lord's presence and compassion when we gather in faith. Peter Hearn MSC

Knitting Group: The knitters have just one more working day on the 27th November and then we break for Christmas. May we be blessed to continue to bring warmth to others in 2018.

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

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

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "Let us have the same mind as in Christ Jesus and we shall be able to exclaim: It is no longer we who live, but the heart of Jesus lives in us." Jules Chevalier, Nov 5, 1880

Piety Shop: St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Magellan Christmas cards now on sale at the shop . Also we have in stock Fr. Mac's Christmas Puddings (Large) and single serve . Gluten free option available also. Shop opens office hours during the week and 9.00am to 1.00pm on Sundays.

Catholic Care: Supporting the people of Sydney for 75 years. Our Family Support Services help families in the Sydney Archdiocese who may be struggling with managing daily life. To find out more call **13 18 19**, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

Annals MSC Magazine – on sale in Foyer: \$5.00 please place in box near pamphlet rack. If you find history fascinating, then a good article on Pope Pius XII and the Nazis regime. PHMSC

OLSH Chinese Community: 聖母聖心堂華語組: 我們每月一次在本堂相聚, 分享友情及信仰, 聆聽主耶穌 指導的人生旅程和真諦, 認識新朋友。歡迎大家參加每月第二周 **星期日**下午**2:30pm** 的聚會, 每三個月一次下午**1:30pm**的聚餐。