

**Archbishop Fisher** has sent out his own letter re the coming postal vote on same-sex marriage, together with a talk given to ABC RN Breakfast on 18 Oct last year by our current Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull -on the (unintended?, intended?) consequences of changing our understanding and definition of marriage.

The Archbishop predicted in a paper he gave 13 years earlier that the way the culture was heading that **“all that would be left to call marriage”** would be **the desire of one person to commit publicly to another in a wedding ceremony.**” The Archbishop pointed out some of the different outcomes of changing the definition of marriage: in France in 2002 **a woman married her dead boyfriend a former police man. With the permission of the French President “she was married and widowed in one act. After all, it was explained, marriage is about love, and she had enough for both of them”.** He notes several other weddings have since been solemnized between a living and a dead person in France.

“Now, if someone can marry a non-living person, how about a living non-person? In the last few years there have been reports of people marrying their pets (cats and dogs), their farm animals (a cow, a goat), or more exotic varieties (a dolphin a snake).”

And, “How about marrying a non-living non-person? Well, several people have taken the Eiffel Tower, the Berlin Wall, various buildings, bridges, rollercoasters and a ferris wheel not as wedding venues but as their lawful or unlawful wedded spouse. More manageably, some have purported to marry motor vehicles, dolls, a body pillow, a hi-fi system, a cardboard cut-out and even virtual characters in video games.” Further, “Several, unable to find anyone or anything good enough, have purported to marry themselves. There are also several reports of marriages of ‘throuples’ (three people). **‘Love is love, after all’ one threesome explained. Many advocates of ‘marriage equality’ now argue that people of marriageable age should in future be free to marry without restrictions regarding sex or gender, number of partners, blood relationship or the like.**”

The Archbishop acknowledges that **“the range of so-called marriages in the past decade is not to imply that all are equal or that there is a necessary ‘slippery slope’ to all such things once any redefinition is admitted. But it does demonstrate that there is a range of views today about what marriage is, and that we do still need some sort of shared social understanding of marriage if the term is not to become meaningless.”**

Contributing to this de-focusing of the value of marriage are reality TV shows: Married At First Sight... reaching a depth in the SBS series, ‘Undressed’, together with *Desperate Housewives* which tend to normalise the ‘different’.

The Archbishop goes on to state how not only in politics is pressure applied, but also in business with some **executives of large corporations being forced to resign because they do not support a redefinition of marriage.** We shall return to the Archbishop’s Article next week.

For now, some headlines from our present **Prime Minister Turnbull**

**Freedom of Speech:** “Anti-discrimination laws have been used to restrict speech on issues relating to marriage.” eg Archbishop Porteous of Tasmania; the “Deputy Chief Psychiatrist of Victoria who in 2012 was forced to resign his position on that state’s Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. His crime: he had told a Senate enquiry that people do better on average with a Mum and Dad rather than being in a single sex or same-sex parent family.” **Freedom of belief:** “The Senate Select Committee was told that the largest-ever survey of LCBTI Australians showed that 59% of respondents didn’t want exemption even for ministers of religion let alone ordinary believers... In June 2017, Swedish Prime Minister Tefan Lofven said his party was working towards compelling priests to perform same-sex weddings. Lay people in most countries that have legalised same-sex marriage are being bullied and harrassed into assisting: eg through supplying services to weddings and events in favour of same-sex marriage. Space does not permit further presentation here. We will continue next week.

**NOTE: in the Foyer these two articles are available to take home. Peter Hearn MSC**



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**19/20th August, 2017**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7**

**2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

**Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

**Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.**

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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:** .Monica North, Donal Young, Jim O'Farrell, John Fleming, Dorline Lee, Maureen Desmond,

**Anniversaries and Deceased:** Cid Simao, Marie McKenzie, Patricia Dever, Raymond Leon, Nilda Coyco, Anthony Manesh, Prudence and Russell Cox, Ferdinando Andrade, Joaquim Morais, Arturo Romano, Bill and Noline Egan,

**Special Intentions:**  
Fr. John Shalvey, MSC, Pat Thorogood,

We welcome into our Catholic Family:

David Wayne Leonard.

**Migrants and Refugees Week:**

21-27 August.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - ST. MARGARET MARY'S.**

First Holy Communion:- Sunday 27th August. - 9.30am

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - OLSH RANDWICK.**

**First Holy Communion:** Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm, Sunday 17th September 10am, 12.00noon.

**EMHC'S NOT ON EMAIL:** The next roster is from 9/10 September-25/26November. If you are unavailable during any of that time, please let Maureen know by this Wednesday 23rd August.

**Confirmation:** Sunday Night 27th August at 6.00pm: During this Mass at which Brigidine students will provide the music, two students and one adult will be confirmed.

**Coming Up**

- **Sat: 19 Aug -St John Eudes 5.30pm Mass St. Margaret Mary's** 1st Communion Presentation, followed by a gathering to celebrate Fr. Doug's Jubilee
- **Sat/Sun 18,19:** Finance Report OLSH Parish
- **Mon 21 :** St. Pius X
- **Tues 22 Aug:** Queenship of Mary
- **Wed 23 Aug:** St Rose of Lima
- **Thurs 24 Aug:** St Bartholomew Apostle
- **Sat 26 Aug:** Our Lady
- **W/end of 9/10 Sept:** Catholic Missions Appeal
- **W/end 16/17 Sept:** OLSH 1st Holy Communion Masses

**OLSH YOUTH GROUP:** Contact [youtholsh@gmail.com](mailto:youtholsh@gmail.com) Next meeting third Saturday of the month – followed by Mass at 6.00pm where the youth sing. This is a beautiful occasion for young people (First Holy Communion – Year 4- upwards – Year 10 or so). They have an opportunity to participate more meaningfully in the life of the parish, together with simple fun time together. Peter Hearn MSC

**Catholic Weekly:** \$2 Articles focus on issues of religious freedom within same sex marriage plebiscite; John Johnson obituary; articles on churches around the world; South Korean family given permanent residency after appeals over 10 years; article on German Nun who devoted her life to eradication of leprosy in Pakistan given State Honours; new work on bioethics...

**MENS' GROUP** – over 65s meets every First Tuesday (next meeting September) 10.00am Cloister Room – all welcome.

**WOMENS' GROUP** – over 65 meets every First Monday (next meeting September) 10.00am Cloister Room – all welcome.

**Australian Youth Festival December 7 – 9 at Olympic Park. Eastern Deanery**

There are little over 130 days until Sydney welcomes the young people of Australia to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Today our Parish launches our call to invite young people of the area to join our **Eastern Deanery Group**. If you or your children or grandchildren are aged between Year 9 (High School) and 30 years of age, please consider calling Janice on 0414 188 682 or contact [easterndeanearysydney@gmail.com](mailto:easterndeanearysydney@gmail.com) to find out all the details and how to become part of our group. **Earlybird registration** closes on 18 August so we are hoping to have our group registered by then. We want to make sure all our young people have the opportunity to attend and participate in this Festival. COSTS: Early Bird: \$250; Full \$280. We do not know yet what a one day or sessional costs will be, given that many can't get time off work to go. PHMSC

**Bible Studies** at OLSH Randwick: St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Begins: **Tuesdays:**  
8 sessions 5 September to 24 October  
7:30pm to 8:45pm OR

**Fridays:** 8 sessions 8 September to 26 October 10:00am to 11:30 am

Venue: Ventnor heritage house OLSH

No registration just turn up at the first session. Cost \$20 for the book.

Funeral for the late Mrs. Monica North will be held this Monday at 9.30am at OLSH.

Funeral for the late Mr. Jim O'Farrell will be held on Thursday, 24th at 10am at OLSH.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**YOUNG ADULTS:** The group meets first and third Thursdays of the month in Ventnor. Most recent meeting was DVD by Bishop Bannon on the New Evangelisation. We return to *Sycamore Program* next meeting. Contact Fr Tru: [truducnguyen@gmail.com](mailto:truducnguyen@gmail.com)

**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**

**OLSH PLANNED GIVING APPEAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2016-17**

Following brief homilies a member of the Parish Finance Committee will give the report for the year and appeal for our Planned Giving to help us better manage future needs, especially the continuing exterior renovation of the Church. A (pink) page with the figures will be available in the foyer. Peter Hearn MSC

**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, 聆听主

耶穌 指導的人生旅程和真諦, 認識新朋友. 欢迎大家

參加每月第二周星期日下午2:30pm 的聚會, 每三个

月一次下午1:30pm的聚餐。

**Knitting Group:** Please join us in knitting rugs for people in need to keep them warm on cold nights., Meet at Ventnor on the 2nd and 4th Mondays 10--11.30am. All welcome.