

Media Release from the Director of Sydney Catholic Schools (previously known as Catholic Education Office): 5 May 2017

‘One size cannot fit all!’ – Federal Government fails to understand Catholic systemic schools
Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Executive Director, Dr Dan White...slammed the federal government for their complete failure to understand the nature and mission of low-fee systemic Catholic schools in Sydney. “Minister Birmingham’s simplest rhetoric that a ‘one size fits all’ funding formula is the fairest and most equitable solution for education funding is simply naïve and completely out of touch from the reality of how our low-fee Catholic systemic schools provide quality education to over 70,000 Sydney children,” Dr White said.

“The Minister’s determination to fund systemic Catholic schools in an individual manner similar to high cost, independent schools, is a grave mistake. “In the spirit of St Mary MacKillop, Catholic systemic schools have always endeavoured to support and ensure that the most marginalised and disadvantaged families have access to a Catholic education; regardless of their postcode in Sydney.”

Dr White expressed concern about the assumptions in the funding formula with respect to expectations that families in more affluent areas have a much greater capacity to pay for their child’s education. “Unlike high fee independent colleges, Catholic systemic schools have always kept fees to the bare minimum required to deliver an education – comparable with State schools in all areas of Sydney”, said Dr White.

“Our families are struggling to make ends meet, especially due to the mortgage stress of the Sydney housing market. Being expected to contribute financially to the level of elite schools is simply beyond their means. The government’s policy will not only result in significant fee increases but potentially will force some families to seek enrolment in the already overcrowded State education sector. “By refusing to consult with the Catholic sector, the Minister has failed to show any appreciation that the vast majority of Sydney Catholic schools have historically been committed to working as a collaborative system of schools to provide access to Catholic education across all sectors of community at the lowest possible cost to families.”

“**We totally support the concept of needs-based funding**, but simplistic assumptions that all non-government schools operate in a similar manner is erroneous. I call on the Minister to carefully rethink his policy and begin detailed consultation with Catholic School leaders.”

Dr Dan White, Executive Director, Sydney Catholic Schools.



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of centre aisle.

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**20th/21st May
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17 **2nd Reading :** 1 Peter 3:15-18 **Gospel :** John 14:15-21

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

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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.

Week of Christian Unity from the Ascension Sunday to Pentecost Sunday

Special prayers at all Masses

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased:

Noel Bransby, Suzanne Rowley, P.J. Kehoe, Fr. Mark McGuinness msc, Ilda Costa, Hughie Doyle, Ted Taylor, Edwarda Gajda, Michael Devcic, Colette Christopher, Ronny Lahood

Anniversaries and Deceased:

Rustum Gamu, Fr Peter Treand msc, Dulcie Joan McBeath, Anthony Chong, Dolores & Frank Corry, William Crothers, Ronald Roberts, Stephan Maraz, Morna Quinn, Ruth Therese Hume, Robin & Estelle McNair, Anne Fitzgerald, Marion Farrelly, John Molan, Kazimierz Dubiel, Jack Costa, Jan Melville, Maria Lima, Stanislaw Dubiel, Kazimierz Josef Dubiel, Betsy Brin, Vincenzo Ruggiero, Raymond Leon, William Moore, Ellen & Charles Byrne

Special Intentions/Birthday

Terese Rigley, Catherine Meister, Erica & Tony Panek, Madge Kalbaba, Karen Burden, Faustina Serra, Anne Singleton, Sebastian Valenz, Matthew Josh Umali

Catholic Weekly:

Available at the back of the Church after all Masses for \$2. Articles on Budget and Catholic Schools Funding; abortion reform laws; registrations open for Catholic Youth Festival; articles on Sth Sudan; article on clerical sexual abuse and need for ongoing change in selection and formation of future priests; 100 Years of Fatima – special article; marriages and the “internal forum”;

Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine

Followed by Novena and Mass for six secondary school teachers from the three OLSH colleges (SA, VIC, NSW). Next Thursday 25th May.

St Scholastica’s College

Glebe Point is holding its annual re-union at the College on Sunday, **28 May 2017** commencing with Mass in the Chapel at 12 noon followed by a light lunch. All ex-students are warmly invited to attend. For further information please contact Karen (02) 9460 4462 or 0419 999 084 or email karendebenham@optusnet.com.au.

Coming Up

- **Wednesday 24th May:**
Our Lady Help of Christians
- **Sunday 28th May**
Ascension
- **Thursday 1st June:**
Confirmation SMM 7pm
- **Sunday 4th June**
PENTECOST
- **Thursday 8th June:**
7pm Readers Inservice in Church
- **Saturday 10th June**
9:30am Readers Inservice in Church
- **Thursday 15th June:**
Confirmation OLSH 7pm

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier:

“Are your words full of faith, love of God, zeal and commitment to our neighbour? Do our words reveal the sacred fire that penetrates, touches and converts?” Meditations I.

May: Month of the Rosary

The Rosary can be a good prayer while walking, waiting for the bus...just a decade to start with, if you are not in the practice. This year is the Centenary of the Visions in Fatima, Portugal towards the end of the most destructive war yet experienced -First World War - and, more ominously, the **October 1917 Revolution** and the era of Communism in Russia and eventually many countries around the world.

EMHC’s Not on Email

The next roster is 17/18 June - 2/3 September. Please let Maureen know if you are unavailable during any of that time by this Tuesday, 23 May.

OLSH Youth Group

A youth group choir (Grade 4 upwards) is being developed and will sing at the 6.00pm Mass on the Third Saturday of the month. Contact youtholsh@gmail.com We need to incorporate our youth as readers, collectors, ushers and servers as well as musicians and singers, into this Mass.

Pentecost Sunday

Concludes the present RCIA program. **Invitation** is the life-line of the RCIA: perhaps your spouse, friend or neighbour may like an invitation to explore the Catholic Faith. The new program begins in June.

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。**
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PPC Meeting

Tuesday 23rd May, 7pm in the Presbytery.

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, If you are new to the Parish you will be welcomed – an easy-going group and a great place to make friends.
Contact Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Readers Needed

As people come and go from our ever-moving population our numbers of readers, in this instance, declines. SO, we need a few more Readers for the 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm Masses. This is a simple ministry to our Parish – there is a training session and individual help with learning our microphones which, as you may already noticed, often have a mind of their own...Do let the Office Know and we will invite you to our next induction in June – see notice below.): Parish Office: 9399 6775 or parishoffice@sacredheart.org.au

Readers Inservice

These are aimed particularly at “NEW READERS” - those who HAVE NOT ATTENDED AN INSERVICE IN THE PAST (which means three years or so back!) Maureen will email all readers.

WHEN: THURSDAY 8 June 7.00pm in the Church; OR SATURDAY 10 June, 9.30am. Please email Maureen to let her know which in-service you will attend. They are held in the church and lead by Fr Peter. They go for about 30 minutes. You are not expected to read at these meetings. We are blessed with a fine group of Readers. THANKS.
Peter Hearn MSC