

Feast Day Greetings to all: Sacred Heart Devotion/Spirituality is one of the most humanising and beautiful aspects of our Catholic life. That the world is consecrated to the Sacred Heart and the devotion became so widespread had much to do with the Founder of the MSC – Jules Chevalier whose cause for beatification has been introduced in Bourges, France.

This Devotion was hugely popular in France and other parts of Europe long before Fr Chevalier came on the scene. However, he collected around 4,000,000 signatures and took them to Pope Pius IX to encourage him to make the Sacred Heart a feast day in the calendar of the Universal Church. Remember, this was before emails and phones! He was also very busy getting his new order founded in the rocky political climate of France which swung between tolerant governments and strongly anti-clerical parties which closed down Catholic schools and institutions and expelled the religious from their houses.

Fr Chevalier saw Sacred Heart devotion as an antidote to a strain of Catholicism which, while it had some pleasing aspects, especially with regard to its approach to liturgical life and the place of laity in the Church, resulted in a rather cold and formal religion that preached a hard God. Jansenism (named after a Bishop from which it took its direction) had infected Catholic life in France and Belgium and, through the clergy of Ireland trained there because of prohibitions on the Church in British-ruled Ireland, spread to that fair country and was ingested as far away as Australia via the Irish clergy and religious who came here. Fr Chevalier saw through this quite clearly. He wrote to his religious in 1880, at the very time his religious were being expelled from their Houses: “We must do all in our power to root out the spirit of severity and fear which is causing such havoc to souls.”

The compassion of Jesus symbolized in the pierced Heart was his answer to pretty well everything. In 1862 he wrote:

“The Heart of the Divine Master is the centre on which everything in the Old and New Testament converges, the pivot around which everything in Catholicism turns: the sun of the Church; the soul of our souls;

The source of our mysteries; the origin of our sacraments;

The pledge of our reconciliation; the salvation of our world;

The remedy of our ills.

That is how I understand devotion to the Sacred Heart: it embraces everything; it is the answer to everything.”

When we speak of the heart, of course, we are referring to the person in his/her entirety – not the physical organ which is the symbol of that. The piercing of the side of Christ as he hung on the cross, and the flow of blood and water from his side, is the high point of John’s Gospel. It tells us that God in Christ gave absolutely everything in his desire to be one with us in our humanity that we might live in love with Him. He actually desires to befriend us, to live intimately within us.

Think of St Paul’s statement: “It is no longer I who lives, but Chris who lives in me.” And so the spirituality of the Heart is simply a “yielding to love” as Michael Fallon MSC puts it, to Him “who has first loved us” as St John writes in his letter.

Blessings of this Feast Day and Thanks to you all for your care and inspiration. Randwick MSC



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24/25th June, 2017

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Jer 20:10-13 2nd Reading : Rom 5:12-15 Gospel : Matthew 10:26-33

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68 - Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



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

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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.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: Russell Cox, Bob Flahive, Erika Tawaf, Mary Hughes, Gerard Lohan, Richard Dunning, Denis Habermann.

Anniversaries and Deceased: Ken Johnston, Joan O' Sullivan and Marie Quilligan, Patrick Deegan, Moria Ryan, Maureen McGrath, Dolores and Frank Corry, Alice da Silva, Ian Linwood, Patricia Kerr, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Marie Dempsey, Felicidad Tabayoyong, Victoria and Jacob Smoljo, William Crothers, Hilda Elkington.

Special Intentions: Fr. Robert Irwin, msc, Fr. John Rate, Rita and Maggie.

We welcome into our Catholic family: Jamie Lyons, Madeline Mornington-West, Sophie Cheong.

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: *"Let us glory in the wonderful name Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and may we neglect nothing in order to preserve our integrity before God and before the world."* Constitutiones MSC

MENS' RETREAT: Douglas Park 7-9 July 2017. Must book: towersretreat@bigpond.com 4630

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL: 1/2 JULY

Fr Peter goes on annual retreat at Douglas Park, MSC Monastery beginning Friday 30 June till Thursday 6 July. Fr Doug will be PP in his absence.

OLSH YOUTH GROUP: Contact youtholsh@gmail.com
Congratulations to the Youth who sang at the monthly Saturday Night Mass – delightful to hear their sweet voices, and to hear the mirth and laughter coming out of the Cloister Room for their fun activities beforehand.

"Next meeting for the MSC Lay apostolate will be on Sunday, 2nd July at 1.15pm. Please bring a sandwich for lunch"

Coming up

- **Tues 27 June: Cyril of Alexandria, Egypt**
- **Wed 28 June: St. Irenaeus, Lyon, France**
- **Thurs 29 June: Sts Peter and Paul**
- **Fri 30 June: Proto Martyrs of Rome**
- **Sat 1 July: Mass of Our Lady**
- **Sat/Sun 1/2 July: CWF Appeal**

OLSH FINANCES: our envelope/credit card giving (Second Collection – not the First collection for the MSC) is down beginning January 2017 - on average about \$650 per week (while the second collection loose is up, but only a little). The decline is probably associated with the withdrawal of tax rebates from the 31 December, 2016, some parishioners dying and others leaving the parish. We rarely appeal for money for ourselves – it is usually for others, especially the desperately poor and afflicted overseas (as it should be and you are so generous). While we are not desperately poor nor too afflicted, it would be good if you could bring extra money (try heaps) on this, the last weekend of June, to bolster our overall Second Collection – loose and envelopes/credit cards. Blessings. Peter Hearn MSC

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the next financial year are available this weekend in the foyer of the Church. Tax receipts will be available the weekend 8/9th July.

Confirmations: It has been pointed out to me that I failed to thank via the Bulletin all those involved in the beautiful Confirmation Ceremony at SMM three weeks ago. 31 candidates were presented, and as I pointed out via the announcements at the end of most Masses, it was our first experience of our new Bishop, Richard Umbers, and he led the liturgy in a very engaging and friendly manner. Much preparation goes into these ceremonies and class room/home groups prior to it. Thanks to all concerned. PHMSC

PPC Meeting: Minutes of 23 May 2017.

Present: Joe Brophy, Sr Nancy, John Lee, Bob Sheens, Kenji, Liz Clark (chair), Fr Tru, Fr Peter. Apologies Suzanne North, Sulyni tan, Loretta Lam, Alex Ying, Andrew Romit. The committee were lead through our Parish Child Protection and Safeguarding presentation and audits required; Reports from various groups followed: Young Adults (Fr Tru) – recruitments to begin for next semester; held a day retreat at MSC Monastery at Douglas Park Monastery, new members include three Chinese students who are very involved. RCIA (Sr Nancy): Mass at the Cathedral for newly received throughout the Archdiocese with meal following; Parish volunteers are invited to speak to the Randwick group about activities they can join in the parish – it is noted that many come from outside the Parish and return to their own areas; Pentecost is the end of the journey at the Midday Mass; at that time of the meeting, two new ones had signed for 2017-18 program. Bible Study (Alex Ying) – possibly a mistake to redo Matthew-third time; interested people have a tendency to like Biblical Themes – grace, women in the bible etc. Youth (Fr Tru/Kenji): Once a month format of activities, fun followed by choir practice and singing at the Vigil Mass, Reading etc; well-supported by parents – up to 19 children, so far, attend. Finance Update: Meeting is due prior to end of financial year. Currently 509 in Planned giving; Estimates of an approximate decline at that time of \$6,000 in envelopes collection – decline through deaths, people leaving the parish, loss of tax rebate from January 1; Weekly fiancé figures sent to members of the finance committee. General business: transept not finalised- chipping to a new sill, sacristy windows not properly fitted; hope to have enough money at end of year to begin on the northern transept; WHS updates to be presented at next meeting re compliance; remote plans for MSC residence update and solar panels to be considered; Liturgy: Pentecost is a High Holy Day of our Faith and final Mass for RCIA Group – end of cycle from Ash Wednesday – hence anointing at end of Mass; carpet to be cleaned; ANZAC Mass beautiful with numbers increasing. Upcoming events: Fr Doug's Golden Jubilee of Ordination: Sunday 23 July Midday Mass. K Konda Secretary.

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____
Email: _____

National Youth Survey: Young people between the ages of 16-29 are invited to join an International Survey on their views about life, faith and their experience of Church through an online survey. "The Australian bishops see the potential of young people; they seek to listen to young people and they recognize that a sometimes young people struggle to find their sense of place and purpose. "Young people are encouraged to tell their friends about the survey or share the link with their networks. It will run for four weeks. **CLOSING DATE FOR RESPONSES IS MIDNIGHT SUNDAY JULY 2 2017.** Link: <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>

Research on Australian Church in 2030

Thomas More Society forum:
www.stthomasmore.org.au/index.php/forum

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL –

WHEN: 7 – 9 DECEMBER 2017.

WHERE: SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

WHAT IS NEEDED: Adults to be Welcomers; Way Finders, Marshals, Ushers, Help Desk, Program and Stage Management Support....
www.acf.org.au or acyf@sydneycatholic.org
So far there have been over 10,000 registrations. I imagine that most of these are from the local Catholic High Schools: eg. Marcellin will send their Year 9 for one day...

OLSH RANDWICK YOUNG ADULTS – this is a perfect opportunity for you to volunteer in the evenings if you are unable to get to the actual day programs owing to work commitments. Please let me or Fr Tru know when you volunteer. Fr Peter

First Communions-French Community:

Congratulations to the children involved and thanks to the parent group who prepared them and the choir for all their efforts grappling with the French language for the entrance hymn – all went very well. Peter Hearn MSC