

Nearly Spring Greetings!

We conclude with some further pointers from Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's talk on ABC Radio, 18 Oct 2016, Radio National Breakfast: "Changing the definition of marriage affects every Australian. It affects not just LGBTI Australians, it affects everybody."

Freedom of Association: Even in Australia, people have been made to resign from voluntary roles performed outside of work if deemed incompatible with 'equality.' Former PwC executive Mark Allaby was forced to step down from the board of the Australian Christian Lobby because it conflicted with 'the best interests of PwC.' He moved to IBM, and was there made to step down from the board of another group, the Lachlan Macquarie Institute, which was deemed to not have a pro-LGBT stance.'

Freedom of Conscience: in countries where marriage has been redefined, examples abound of wedding services providers who have been sued or fined for declining to participate in same-sex wedding ceremonies...

General:

De-gendering society: Transgender issues have closely followed marriage redefinition in other countries because removing gender from marriage is a big step towards making gender irrelevant. In July 2017, the UK Government Equalities Office called the ability to change gender legally by simply filing a form 'building on the progress' of marriage redefinition. In Canada, referring to a person [by] other than their preferred gender pronoun is punishable by law.

The removal of mothers and fathers. A natural consequence of de-gendering is a diminishment of the difference between, and importance of, mothers and fathers. In Ontario Canada, the *All Families Are Equal Act 2016* has replaced all reference to 'mother' or 'father' in the law to 'parent', and birth certificates now allow up to four 'parents' with equal rights to the child to be included.

Education: Changes to sex education: Once the law on marriage is changed, sex education changes to include all forms of sexual activity. In Canada, such lessons were optional before same-sex marriage was legalised (like the Safe Schools program) but have now become compulsory, even for faith-based schools. Homosexuality is introduced as an option in Year Three.

Increase in gender dysphoria: Programs like Safe Schools have been linked with an increase in gender dysphoria cases in children. In the year that Safe Schools was introduced in Victoria, the Royal Children's Hospital treated six children for gender dysphoria. Six years later, that number was 250.

The removal of parental rights: Canadian parent Steve Turloukis' request to remove his children from these lessons was refused by the school because LGBTI ideas were embedded throughout the curriculum, and school administrators considered traditional views of sexuality and marriage to be a form of bullying. The Ontario Supreme Court acknowledged his parental rights were being infringed upon, but sided with the school.

The closing of 'non-compliant schools. Faith-based schools which refuse to teach in favour of same-sex marriage and the current ideology on homosexuality and gender identity issues are being faced with closure. In the UK, Vishnitz Girls School, an orthodox Jewish School was failed two education authority inspections and faces closure refusing to teach girls the ages of 3 and 11 years about sexual orientation and gender re-assignment. In Canada, the Law Society of Upper Canada refuses to recognise law degrees of graduates from Trinity University because the students sign a personal agreement to reserve their own sexual activity for heterosexual marriage.



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26/27th August, 2017



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

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 **2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me: save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137: Lord your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church, the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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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: Sr. Leah Bolt(OLSH) Mark Fallon, Jim O'Farrell, Lourdes Bayot, Monica North, John Fleming, Patricia Gordon, Anne Logan, Olga Baretto

Anniversaries and Deceased: Sonny and Lea Silveira, Cio Simao, Marie McKenzie, Frank and Dolores Corry, William Crothers, James Fleming, Fernando Andrade, Tamoy Coyco, Joaquim Morais, Len Jarman, Romeo and Ronaldo Morelos, Rudolph Du Pratt, (Birthday Rem) Robert and Gertrude Trutuein, Clifford Thorogood.

Special Intentions: Pat Thorogood, Grace Coelho, Paolo Rivera, Luis Gomez, Paolo Rivera.

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 16th Sept - Vigil Mass 6pm, Sunday 17th September 10am, 12.00noon.

"Next meeting for the MSC Lay apostolate will be on Sunday 3rd September at 1.15pm Please bring a sandwich for lunch"

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

Funeral Mass for the late Mrs, Maria Lourdes Bayot(RIP) will be held at OLSH this Monday at 10am.

Coming Up

- **Sun 27 Aug: Migrants and refugees week.**
- **Mon 28 Aug: St Augustine**
- **Tues 29 aug: Martyrdom of John Baptist**
- **Fri 1 Sept: Spring ember Day**
- **W/e2/3 Sept: Mass for Care of Creation**
- **Mon 4 Sept: Senior Women's Group-10am Cloister Room**
- **Tues 5 Sept: Senior Mens Group-10am Cloister Room**
- **Fri 8 Sept: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Sept 9/10 W/end: Catholic Missions Appeal**
- **W/e 16-17Sept: OLSH 1st Holy Communion Masses.**

OLSH YOUTH GROUP: Contact 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 article on how to censure a pope for "teaching error"; Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB of Perth on right to freedom of conscience and expression in context of marriage legislation; various article on the church around the world;

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 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.

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier Founder MSC and OLSH:

"If temptations assail me then I seek refuge in the depths of the loving mercy of my God. It is from there that I draw the remedy for all my ills." Le Sacré-Coeur.

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

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

Our thanks to Liz Clark for presenting our Financial Report and appeal. Thanks too, to parishioners for your support of our parish, especially the extra collections for charities here and abroad. We find ourselves powerless, largely, to meet the cries of the suffering in so many places in any way other than to help those who are on the ground there – often enough religious women and men. We will update our Board in the foyer, perhaps with some pictures too, about those places where we share what we have: "As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to Me" says Jesus.

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**

READERS NOT ON EMAIL: The new roster will be available in the Sacristy from this Tuesday, 29 August.

Family and Faith celebration commencing at 6.30pm in Parish Church on this Wednesday. All parishioners welcome. Composer John Burland will be leading us in proclamation of our faith in song and scripture. Combined choirs of six neighbouring schools including OLSH primary.