

National Reconciliation Week: 27 May -3 June: (Some background notes to the story of Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Australia..)

27 May is the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum with regards to Aboriginal and Torres Strait People: The sections of the (then existing) Constitution under scrutiny were:

51. The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to:-
...(xxvi) The people of any race, other than the aboriginal people in any State, for whom it is necessary to make special laws.

127. In reckoning the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth, or of a State or other part of the Commonwealth, aboriginal natives should not be counted.

The removal of the words '... other than the aboriginal people in any State...' in section 51(xxvi) and the whole of section 127 were considered by many to be representative of the prevailing movement for political change within Indigenous affairs. As a result of the political climate, **this referendum saw the highest YES vote ever recorded in a Federal referendum, with 90.77 per cent voting for change.**

The Constitution was changed...on 10 August 1967.

The 1967 referendum did not give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples the right to vote. This right had been legislated for Commonwealth elections in 1962, with the last State to provide Indigenous enfranchisement being Queensland in 1965.

Other events leading up to the Referendum of 1967: Gurindji tribal walk-off native land:

Wave Hill Station is located approximately 600 kilometres south of Darwin. Vestey's, a British pastoral company which (owned) the cattle station, employed local Aboriginal people.... **Working and living conditions for Aboriginal people were very poor. The wages of Aboriginal workers generally were controlled and not equal to those paid to non-Aboriginal employees.**

An attempt to introduce equal wages for Aboriginal workers was made in 1965, but in March 1966 the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission decided to delay until 1968 the payment of award wages to male Aboriginal workers in the cattle industry.

In August 1966, Vincent Lingiari, a Gurindji spokesman, led a walk-off of 200 Aboriginal stockmen, house servants, and their families from Wave Hill as a protest against the work and pay conditions...

The protesters...petitioned the Governor-General in 1967... In 1972, Prime Minister **Whitlam** announced that funds would be made available for the purchase of properties that were not on reserves, and Lord Vestey offered to surrender 90 square kilometres to the Gurindji people. Daguragu was acquired by the Aboriginal Land Fund Commission and, on 16 August 1975... **Prime Minister Whitlam transferred leasehold title to the Gurindji, symbolically handing soil to Vincent Lingiari.**

The Gurindji campaign was an important influence on the events leading to passing the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (Northern Territory) 1976.

The Central Land Council applied on behalf of the Gurindji under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976.*

The **Mabo High Court Ruling in 1992** (named after traditional owner of Murray Island, Eddie Mabo) recognised the traditional rights of the Meriam people to their islands in the **Eastern Torres Strait. The Court also held that native title existed for all Indigenous people in Australia prior to the establishment of the British Colony of New South Wales in 1788. This opened the way for Aboriginal people to reclaim freehold traditional lands.** (Cf National Archives of Australia)

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**27th/28th May
The Ascension of the Lord, Year A**



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

Switch to T.

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-2 **Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased:

Gerard Lohan, Suzanne Rowley, Colette Christopher, Alice Joan Maher, Michael Devic, Robert Flahive, Mick Ellis, Joe Motta

Anniversaries and Deceased:

Thomas and Joan Lawler, Kazimierz Josef Dubiel, Stanislaw Dubiel, Frank Corry, William Moore, Ruth Therese Hume, Jose Mealita Galego, Percy Newcombe, Mary Geraghty, Martin Geraghty, Brendan Geraghty, Ellen & Charles Byrne, Miko & Maria Vucetic, Richard Macky, William Crothers, Raymond Leon, Joe Masso, Laurel Howarth, Sonja Moore, Michael John Campbell

Special Intentions/Birthday

Michaela Burgess, Matthew Josh Umali,

MSC Lay Associates Next meeting for the will be on Sunday 4th June at 1pm. Please bring a sandwich for lunch.

Catholic Weekly: Available at the back of the Church after all Masses for \$2.

Palms Australia

If you are an experienced professional who is interested in a life changing volunteer opportunity this could be for you. Contact Christine on 9560 5333 for more information

Pentecost Sunday: This is one of the High Holy Days of our Faith - it concludes the 90 liturgical days from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. Masses will have special choirs: (6.00pm Saturday a special Males only choir) (!) You will be invited to come forward at the end of the Masses and receive the oil on your forehead - a reminder of your Confirmation when you received the seal of the Holy Spirit. Then you will be invited to light a taper as a reminder of the Light of Christ entrusted to you. Bring your friends. PHMSC

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

Coming up

- **Sunday 28th May**
Ascension
- **Thursday 1st June:**
Confirmation SMM 7pm
- **Sunday 4th June**
PENTECOST: Special MASSES
- **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:

"St Joseph was the friend and guardian of Jesus and Mary. Let us place all our houses, now and in the future, under the outstanding care of St. Joseph."

Constitutiones MSC, 1877 .

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.

Project Compassion

So far OLSH have sent in \$13,183 with a few more boxes yet to be counted. SMM \$3,000 +. As well, parishioners send money directly to Project Compassion – they will give us the full amount raised later. Thank you for your ongoing generosity, particularly as many households also support the local schools in their fund-raising. PHMSC

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

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 above); Parish Office: 9399 6775 or parishoffice@sacredheart.org.au

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The theme for 2017 has been 2 Cor 5 :14-20: "Reconciliation: The Love of Christ Compels Us" taken on account of its being the **500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Protestant Reformation.** We will have more information on the Reformation during the year. PHMSC

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

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

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. For further information please contact Karen (02) 9460 4462 or 0419 999 084 or email karendebenham@optusnet.com.au.

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。
或聯絡: olshchinesecommunity@gmail.com

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New Books from Fr Greg McEnally MSC:

"A Traveler in China" \$35; "China - Behind the Mask" \$20 - plus shipping. Available by contacting Fr Greg who lives at the Kensington Monastery. 0451 793 883

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend dates 2017:
18-20 August, and 24-26 November.
Venue: Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville,
For bookings and details contact: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au