

Summer Greetings: We begin a New Liturgical Year B – the Year of Mark's Gospel.

Unlike Matthew and Luke, (and John) Mark does not have a section on the infancy of Jesus. He jumps straight into Jesus' Galilean ministry. This is followed by the journey to Jerusalem, his death and resurrection. He is more concerned with Jesus' actions than with his discourses. He is quite frank in pointing out the weaknesses of the apostles, more so than Luke and Matthew.

Authorship: eg: Papias, writing around 130AD quotes an "elder" as saying that Mark was the interpreter (secretary) of St Peter. Clement of Alexandria (died 150) relying on the authority of the "elder presbyters from the beginning" (i.e. not simply one source) states that as Peter had preached in Rome, many who heard him requested that Mark, who had been a follower of Peter for a long time, write an account of Peter's preaching for the Christians of Rome. Hence it has Apostolic authority.

Mark's gospel records many things about Jesus' ministry in **detail** strongly **suggesting that the source was that of an eye witness:** some examples - that Jesus gave the nick-name *Boanerges* (sons of thunder) to the sons of Zebedee is reported only in Mark; how the blind man at Jericho was the son of Timaeus; that it was Simon from Cyrene who was the father of Alexander and Rufus who was forced to assist Jesus on the way to Calvary...

Language: Mark writes in everyday Greek, which was spoken by traders and slaves throughout the Empire. Greek was also spoken by the upper class. **It is quite certain that the Gospel was written at Rome, with most ancient authors stating it was written prior to Peter's death in 64 AD – certainly it is before 70AD as there is no allusion to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem which was predicted in Mk 13:2. It was written for Roman Christians who did not know the Old Testament, the customs of the Jews nor the country of Israel, and hence needed some help. Purpose:** simplest to say that it was written to put into permanent form the discourses of Peter for the Church of Rome; that "Jesus IS the Almighty Son of God".

Year of Youth: and reaching the "nones" (young people who state "No religion" on census forms)

In October 2018, Pope Francis will convene a Synod of Bishops around the needs of young people. In preparation the Vatican launched an interactive online survey "to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16-to 29-year-olds around the world." Results not published yet.

Notre Dame Uni in USA is developing apps [*Grotto Network*] for outreach to the huge % of young people "... raised outside of religious institutions [who are] much less likely to participate in religious activities whether it's inside or outside of the home...and their formative religious experiences are much less robust so that when they reach adulthood they don't have as strong of a connection to religion or religious institutions." "We often talk about it as coming back or regaining their trust, **but a lot of them were never that involved or committed in the first place,**" a researcher added. [I would add that many who have had 13 years of Catholic education could be described in the same manner?] American research has shown that it's "not necessarily personal experiences within churches that are driving young people away, **but belief in general.**" "It's not that they don't necessarily like the services they're attending or that they're boring". The *Grotto Network*, project will be "a heavy lift." "We just hope that as we aim to bring stories of beauty and inspiration that we'll be journeying and accompanying them into a closer encounter to our Lord"
Peter Hearn, MSC



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2/3 December, 2017

First Sunday of Advent- Year B

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty and our earth shall yield its increase.

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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:, Margaret Mulcahy, Giovanni Masala , Geraldine O'Sullivan, Joana Finchley, Ray Donnellan, Kate Saad.

Anniversaries , Birthday Remembrances and Deceased: Len Jarman, Margaret Leitch, Sime Pedisic and Family, Tchong Kou Tsing, Frank and Dolores Corry, Russell and Prudence Cox , Brother Frank Fields, Mary Jabour, Marie Junior(Birthday Rem)(RIP) Ronaldo Morelos, Paul Joseph, Leo and Moira Ryan.

Special Intentions: Ann Kelly(Birthday) Monica Locke , Special intentions for Birthday , Josie McEvony, Catherine Meister, Harry Smith, Thanksgiving to St. Jude and St. Joseph for answered prayers.

We welcome into our Catholic family:



Dillan and Sonny Patel, Connor Edmondson, Alexander Brillantes, Ryan French, Audrey Moylan.

THANKS to the volunteers, especially the Office Staff who organized and delivered the Volunteers High tea over the weekend. Peter Hearn MSC

Oish Youth Group: Contact youthoish@gmail.com Meet third Saturday of the month, 4.00pm. This is a beautiful occasion for young people (Year 4- upwards – Year 10 or so). They have an opportunity to participate more meaningfully in the life of the parish, together with a time of simple fun together. Peter Hearn MSC

Young Adults

Change of night for meetings to Tuesdays: The group meets first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Cloister Room . Contact Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Coming Up

- **Sun Dec 3:** FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Brigidine students at 6pm Mass inaugurate Year of Youth 2018
- **Wed Dec 6:**
Randwick Public School Christmas Liturgy St. Judes, 2pm
- **Thurs Dec 7:** St. Ambrose
- **Thurs -Sat 7-9th Dec:** CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: OLYMPIC PARK: Concludes with Mass in Domain Saturday evening
- **Fri 8 Dec:** Immaculate Conception of Mary
- **Sat 9 Dec:** St Juan Diego(Mexico)
- **Sat/Sun 9/10 Dec:** ST VINCENT DE PAUL -Christmas Appeal

MSC Lay Association: Our last meeting will be held for the year at 1.15pm , Sunday 4 December. The National Director, Fr. Jim Littleton, MSC will celebrate Mass for us. Please bring food and drink for a festive lunch. Visitors Welcome.

THE BIG CLEAN: Thanks to the 25 or so who came for the clean-up. A big job, thoroughly done. PHMSC

ADVENT: 1) Extra Sacrament of Reconciliation

From the 2nd Sunday of advent (10 Dec), 20 minutes before each Mass, Sundays and weekdays, except the 6:30 a.m. Masses.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival VOLUNTEERS WANTED:
www.acyf.org.au Individual Registrations are still open: Call Janice: 0414 188 682 easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com

Australian Catholics Magazine in Foyer: \$1: This magazine of short readable article is aimed particularly at youth and young adults. Articles on: modern slavery; YEAR OF YOUTH 2018 what young people think/feel about the church in a lead up to the Youth Synod in Rome next year-eg "One of the biggest deterrents to young people's full engagement in the Church is the perception that the Church is 'closed' to people who are different or hold views that do not align with Church teaching... cannot engage in open, honest discussion about the issues that matter to them... Young people score the Church's listening ability to 6 out of 10." Visit youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth/synod; Freedom of religion and SSM

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection - Tax Deductible: St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: In the last financial year, the Randwick Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to give, through the generosity of parishioners assistance to persons in need on 565 occasions. The amount given out totalled \$28,981 This money was raised through our two fund raisers, the Christmas Appeal and the Winter Appeal This year the Christmas Appeal will be held next weekend 9/10 December at all Parish Masses. We hope that you will be able to continue with your generosity and support our appeal to help others in need.

VIGIL MASSES at OLSH-SMM: Parishes around the Archdiocese will not be celebrating Vigil Masses on Saturday 9 December on account of the Archbishop desiring that all should attend the end of the Youth Festival Mass at the Domain. We have been given an exemption because we are chaplains at the hospital and need to be in residence for emergencies, and for shift workers to be able to attend a Vigil Mass. PHMSC

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

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

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "Despite my unworthiness, God has used me to found the little Society MSC. I have received an abundance of the most precious graces but I have not profited from them as I should have." *Spiritual Testament, 1904*

Piety Shop: St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Magellan Christmas cards now on sale at the shop . Also we have in stock Fr. Mac's Christmas Puddings Shop opens office hours during the week and 9.00am to 1.00pm on Sundays.

2) Blessing of the Baby Jesus from your own cribs: apparently a lot of churches around the world have this tradition of blessing the infant Jesus of their home nativity scenes. So, you might like to bring the figurine of the infant Jesus to the Masses on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (17 Dec) and we will bless them for you at the end of the Mass. PHmsc for the Liturgy Group.

2018 Proclaimed by Pope Francis as the YEAR OF YOUTH: One finding from the survey of this year: "One of the biggest deterrents to young people's full engagement in the Church is the perception that the Church is 'closed' to people who are different or hold views that do not align with Church teaching...cannot engage in open, honest discussion about the issues that matter to them...Young people score the Church's listening ability to 6 out of 10."

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