

Lenten greetings,

Lent comes from an old English word for “lengthen”, meaning at that time in the Northern Hemisphere, Winter is on the way out and the first signs of Spring are on the way in with the days beginning to lengthen. All this is seen as the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus, the Light of the World, coming at Easter tide in the first days of Spring: all pointing to new life. Our personal and communal Journey to Easter is a journey into our own hearts to find what needs to be healed, forgiven, redeemed, made new.

The ashes of Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality, that our life will end, and the need, each day, each moment, to always strive to live worthy of our life in Christ. We bear his name, his very presence within us, called to be his hands, voice, ears, eyes and heart in our world. This is our outreach to the poor and suffering, the lonely and overlooked of this world, whom God never over-looks. Is there a more beautiful vocation?

In a world that so pushes consumerism, as if having more will somehow make us more happy, more fulfilled, the Liturgy of Lent calls us to focus on our being, who we are, the kind of person we have become and who we are called to be by Jesus. Our journey to Easter is a journey in company with Jesus as we follow day by day his personal journey through death to the resurrection. His journey is our journey, for he communicates his life to us and journeys with us .

Let us remember in prayer the 20 or so adults in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults who are coming to the climax of their program culminating in the Easter Vigil.

So we move from ashes, dead things, signs of our own mortality and need for renewal of life, to the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant with reception of the Eucharist at Easter, and then journey on to the fire of the New Life of the Spirit of the Risen Lord at Pentecost. A pilgrimage of 90 beautiful days. Integral to that journey is the Sacrament of Reconciliation – which will be available at the normal times on Saturdays – 11.00-11.55 am and 5.00 to 5.55pm; then from the Third Sunday of Lent on to Holy Week, for 20 minutes before each Mass, excluding the 6.30am Masses.

Here are some Lenten thoughts from Pope Francis courtesy of one of our parishioners:

Fast from hurting words -say kind words

Fast from sadness - be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger - be filled patience

Fast from pessimism – be filled with hope

Fast from worries - trust in God

Fast from Complaints - contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressures - be prayerful

Fast from bitterness - fill your heart with joy

Fast from selfishness - be compassionate

Fast from grudges - be reconciled

Fast from words - be silent so that you can hear them.

Fr Peter Hearn msc



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

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4/5 March, 2017

First Sunday of Lent , Year A

1st Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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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.

St. Margaret Mary's

Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass. 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays. Contact the Office.

Into your loving care we commend +

Recently Deceased :


Ted Taylor, Marie Walsh, Rose O'Neill

Anniversaries and Deceased:

Catriona O'Brien, Len Jarman, Julio Weller, Joan McGrath, Miko & Marica Vucetic, Patricia Ibbotson, Frank Corry, Prudence Cox, Peter Weirmsth, Elliot Miller, Luis & Jesus Salasar, Remedios Garrigos, Mr O'Riordan, Ramil Cruz, JJ Grugan, Siobhan McGread

Special Intentions:

Sandra Bronoon, Sr Helena Whelan, Yvette Bosco

We welcome into our Catholic family 

James Leo Bangel, Deondre Mungombe

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School- 2018 Enrolments

Enrolments - Open Day Wednesday 8th March 9am-11am.

Are you an active Parishioner? Do you have a child due to start Kindergarten in 2018? We are now taking Kindergarten enquiry application forms for 2018. Enquiry forms are available from the school office or on our website under enrolment www.olshrandwick.catholic.edu.au

Combined Choirs: Holy Week

Last opportunity to join this week 7.00pm-9.30pm Wednesday. Need especially Bassos. We now have 50+ members.

Young Adults

The group meets every Thursday during Lent for Lenten prayer and reflection program. New parishioners are most welcome.

Contact Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Coming Up

- **Sunday 5th March:**
1st Sunday of Lent
- **Tuesday 7th March**
St Perpetua & Felicity (Italy)
- **Wednesday 8th March**
St John of God (Spain)
- **Thursday 9th March**
St Frances of Rome
- **Friday 17th March**
St Patrick's Day

Parents/Carers Group

Cloister Room, Presbytery. Friday mornings from 9.15 - 10.30am. All welcome.

Extraordinary Ministers not on Email

The next roster is from 25/26 March - 10/11 June. If you are unavailable during any of that time, please let Maureen know by this Monday 6th March.

Readers not on Email

The next Readers' Roster will go from 8/9 April-17/18 June. If you are unavailable during any of that time including Easter Sunday, April 16, please let Maureen know by next Wednesday 8th March.

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:

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Spirituality of Jules Chevalier:

"Even if all others should abandon you remain in peace heart of Jesus will not deceive you nor abandon you." Le Sacré-

Attention Readers

If your email address is @me.com.au emails from Maureen are bouncing back as undeliverable. If you have an alternative address, please email it to her. If not, watch the Parish Bulletin for any notices. Copies of the current roster in Sacristy.

Project Compassion

Focuses on the poor of Fiji where over a quarter of people live in "informal settlements"; there is a local group People's Community Network through which Caritas Australia works: some of the initiatives of the group are savings groups for Fijian women with women in leadership roles...

Second Screening of Apparition Hill

Sunday 19th March 2pm at the Ritz Cinema. Contact and Cash Sales: 0412479680
Internet Order Link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/OQT1>
No door sales on the day.

Day of the Unborn Child:

26 March 10.30am Mass Cathedral

Lenten Black Books:

Available in Foyer: \$5 place it in the wall box beside the pamphlet rack.

Healing Weekend

With Sr Margaret Scully RSC: March 25, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gordon St, Rozelle 9.00am - 4.30pm: Inner Healing, Healing of the Family Tree, healing Power of Forgiveness. Registration essential: 9810 2499 mscully@ccrnsw.org.au

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

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

Parish 20-20:

Surveys are (still) being finalized - more information soon. You will remember Archbishop Fisher's talk about the need to rationalize parishes and services in the Deaneries of the Archdiocese - and to see in what ways parishes can assist one another to provide services. A survey will be available for all parishioners to fill in in the coming weeks. PH MSC

Catholic Weekly:

\$2 "Atheist scientist who believes in miracles" - used by Church to investigate miracles for causes of saints; Pope on marriage and couples co-habiting in irregular situations; Archbishop Fisher calls for prayer and fasting for healing of abuse survivors; article on the transgender debate with Germaine Greer and fellow feminist Sheila Jeffreys scathingly critical of the debate; article on Post Modernity by Matthew Tan; South Sudan's shocking famine...

Church Transept Refurbishment:

Re-mortaring works nearly finished with lead covering of gables, rain permitting, to be done next week. Sacristy windows to follow.

A Word of Thanks

Thank you for your generosity on Ash Wednesday - we are able to send \$6,000 to help the Syrian Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy settle Catholic refugees as they continue to arrive there. As you can imagine many need a wide variety of assistance including for stress and trauma from their sufferings. Peter Hearn MSC