

Spring Greetings: 31 October marks an event which set in train hugely unforeseen consequences for the Church and, indeed, for the Western World. On that day in 1517 a monk of the Eremitical Friars of St Augustine, Martin Luther by name, posted 95 theses concerning abuses he saw in the Church of his day.

That date and the event is recognized as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Especially since the Second Vatican Council (162-65) which was called to heal the divisions among the Churches and renew the Catholic Church in the light of the changed circumstances of the world, especially following the devastation so soon revisited upon the world with the Second World War, impacting so profoundly on European consciousness and the Church with the impact of Atheistic Communism enveloping Eastern Europe, China and other countries, and the evils of NAZISM symbolised by the profound darkness of Auschwitz-Birkenau liquidation camps – together with other evolving issues of a rapidly globalising world, called for a taking stock of the Church's life and mission.

The thing is, that 500 years or so after the event of the big split, the two Churches actually came together and signed off on the major doctrinal difference which separated them! And the central theological difference was the question of how are we “justified”, that is, enter into a right relationship with God. 1999: Happily they agreed to lift the condemnation that both churches hurled at each other: “Lutherans and Roman Catholics together see justification as God's free and saving action in Christ whereby our sin is forgiven and we are both declared and made righteous. Together we confess that it is **solely by grace and through faith that we are justified and not through our own merits**. Together we say that justification cannot be separated from regeneration, sanctification, and the renewal of our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Together we affirm that justification, or salvation in Christ, is central and normative to our Christian faith.” The life of “good works”, of justice in practice is, no doubt, a consequence of this. Other statements of convergence and agreement have been on Baptism, Eucharist, the church, ministry, Scripture and Tradition the ministry of Bishops, and the role of the pope.

It goes on to say, “it will require fresh imagination about how to speak of God to a diverse society like Australia, characterized as it is by religious pluralism, by scepticism about God and by suspicion of the church.”

Two presentations in particular I would like to catch up on are those by **Dr Robert Andrews of the Catholic Institute of Sydney**. The synopsis states “Martin Luther's experience of Catholicism at the turn of the 16C is traditionally interpreted as being representative of a broader ecclesiastical corruption. While there is truth in this interpretation, it can be argued that Luther's struggle with sin and his deliverance through the doctrine of *Justification by Faith Alone*, was not symptomatic of a European religious atmosphere in which the grace of God was inhibited by Catholicism's soteriology (doctrine of salvation) and sacramental system.” In fact “one sees evidence not only of a healthy spirituality in late-medieval Catholicism, but the seeds of its own internal renewal. This renewal, now commonly referred to as the ‘Catholic Reformation’, rather than the ‘Counter Reformation’, **should be viewed both with reference to Luther's experience, but also independently of it.**”

The other presentation is by the **Chief Rabbi of the Great Synagogue of Sydney. Benjamin Elton**. From the Jewish perspective, of absolute importance to European and, especially, German, Jewish history, he surveys, Luther's early and relatively sympathetic attitude to the Jews, and his attitude to the conversion of Jews, following on to his disappointment in the failure of the Jews to convert. Then Luther moves to a more hostile attitude in the late 1530s, writing about the “Jews and the Lies and other anti-Semitic writings of the 1540s”. Immediately after Luther's death there are riots, expulsions and persecutions of Jews. Then he surveys the culture of German Protestantism anti-Semitism, and the longer term impact with the Nazis and the Lutheran Church 1933-45. He concludes with “recent efforts by Lutheran churches to repudiate Luther's anti-Semitism and his legacy.” **Peter Hearn MSC**



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4/5 November, 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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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: Fr. John Shallvey, MSC, Don Allen, Alfred Cauchi, Sr. Marilyn Knolder (OLSH) Sr. Marie Rose Drulers (RSJC)

Anniversaries , Birthday Remembrances and Deceased: Susan McBeath, Deceased Members of Sharpe and Benson Families, Lal Durrant, Haddock and Scarf Families, William Crothers, Len Jarman, Margaret Bray, Jose Virgilio Costa, Sammy Mizzi, Mario Zerafa, Blanche Olsen, Rosaria spina (Birthday Remembrance) Robert Joseph Weekes, Josip Pedisic, Nyuk Thai Ng, Swee Tan, Karl de Waal, Charbel Sarkis, Jack Costa, Ilda Costa, Helen Vincze, Caridad Delos Santos Guinto, Mary Knibbs.

Special Intentions: Francis Choudhury, Thanksgiving for successful operation.

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Alfie Dorrان, Alina Martino, Zoe Peralta. 

OLSH YOUTH GROUP: Meet 3rd Saturday of the month at 4pm in Cloister Room. Contact youtholsh@gmail.com followed by Mass at 6.00pm where the youth sing. 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

Catholic Weekly: \$2

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

RAFFLE: Thanks to the many who got the opportunity to buy a ticket. It will be drawn on November 15 and I will get the Sisters to send me the list of prize winners and place it in the foyer. Peter Hearn MSC

Coming Up

- **4/5: Sat/Sun** - Charitable works Fund Collection
- **Thurs 9 Nov:** Dedication of Lateran Basilica
- **Fri 10 Nov:** St Leo the Great
- **Sat 11 Nov:** St Martin of Tours. Remembrance Day
- **Tues 14 Nov:** Bereavement Gatherings 10am and 7pm in Cloister Room
- **Thurs 23 Nov:** **FIRST RECONCILIATION OLSH CHURCH - 7pm**
- **Sun 26 Nov:** Volunteers High Tea - 1-3pm Cloister.
- **Thurs 30 Nov:** **FIRST RECONCILIATION -SMM**

NOVEMBER MASSES: You will notice Envelopes for these memorial Mases are available at the Shrine Desk and the foyer pamphlet racks. As the number of Masses requested is very large, and we cannot cover all of them here in Randwick, we send Mass requests to our communities such as Kiribati where the priests do not receive Mass stipends and the income is helpful for their ministries. Names of the deceased will also be sent together with the stipends through our MSC Mission Office. These names are also transferred to the Memorial Book at the Shrine and together with all the names there are general Mass intentions offered here. Peter Hearn MSC

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS COMBINED

CHOIRS: Practice this Wednesday night at 7.00pm, We need, especially, a few more tenors and bassos...Just turn up on Wednesday night. Peter Hearn MSC

ST. MARGARET MARYS - next family Mass on 18th November, at 5.30pm.

"Life's truest happiness is found in the friendships we make along the way." This is a great piece of human wisdom. And, if we are married, our spouse is hopefully also our closest friend, someone we cherish and who cherishes us. One of the best ways to maintain and enhance this relationship is a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next one available locally is at the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Varroville from Friday evening 24th November to Sunday afternoon 26th November. For further information and booking contact Janet and Adrian on 0490 774 419 or online at wwme.org.au

DON'T SILENCE US: Fiona, a Parishioner from SMM who faithfully and cheerfully organizes the servers, sets up for Masses every Sunday morning, has sent me a pamphlet under this heading. It is a plea for us to stand with Fiona and people with intellectual disability as the NSW Government wants to shutdown disability advocacy services across NSW from July 2018. There is a website where you can add your voice to prevent this important service being disbanded: donsilence.org.au See notice boards for where to write to if you prefer. Peter Hearn MSC

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND: The other Good News about the CWF is that it is 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE. We have to pay the Archdiocese \$17,000 three times a year to help keep the main Charities supported: Our Charities – Catholic Care (see the wide range of services available, especially for home support and aged care, counselling etc.); Hospital and University Chaplains; Hearing impaired ministries; R E in Government Schools; Aboriginal Catholic Ministry; Seminarians...

Annals MSC Magazine – on sale in Foyer: \$5.00 please place in box near pamphlet rack. PHMSC

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

Bereavement/Loss Gathering For those who have lost a relative or friend through death during the year, or at any time in the past, or who have experienced grief from other situations. TUESDAY 14 November (Month of the Holy Souls), 10.00am Or 7.00pm At Presbytery (enter through the Cloister Room).

Who may like to come? The gathering is really open to anyone at all – but especially to those who have experienced loss through death or other experiences, (eg debilitating ill health, breakdown in relationships, financial loss...) over the past 12 months. This is an invitation to come into an environment of prayer and companionship (non-intrusive) and to come to the Heart of Jesus with our grief and experience there the comfort He offers to those who mourn. If this appeals to you or to someone you know, you may like to accompany them and be a support for them. Fr. Peter Hearn, MSC

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

www.acyf.org.au Individual Registrations are still open: Call Janice: 0414 188 682 easterndeansydney@gmail.com

SPIRITUALITY OF JULES CHEVALIER:

God is not pleased if we dare to put limits to his mercy and want to scrutinise the unknowable designs of the Lord" Le Sacré-Coeur.

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Cemetery Mass for the deceased will be

celebrated in the South Chapel Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens on Sat 11th Nov at 11am . (02) 9316 8303 for further information.