

## REFLECTION

Underpinning almost all communal human issues requiring cooperation in order for there to be a change for the better in the way we do things, in the way we behave, is the need for AWARENESS, that is, actually **paying attention** to what we are doing, and its impact on those around us and the world around us. It can be seemingly simple matters, such as paying attention to what others are saying when we are praying vocal set prayers together, as it helps in keeping together. Or it might be, when we are doing the readings at Mass, to listen to how we are coming across through the speakers, so that we avoid such things as the distracting explosion of the vowel "p" through the microphone. Our heightened awareness of the need for action to keep the pigeons out of the church is a good example of how our heightened awareness is making a difference. Again, would a visitor from Mars really know how to make the Sign of the Cross after observing how we blessed ourselves when we came into Church TODAY. On a bigger, far more important scale, lack of awareness, of paying attention to the way we drive, for example, is, tragically, a major cause of fatal, but so unnecessarily, road accidents.

**Less obvious, but no less real, and far more harmful in the long run, can be our lack of awareness of our negative impact on the environment around us.** Take the simple matter of LEAVING LIGHTS ON when not needed. There's a popular and accepted secular moral principle that if everybody's doing it, it must be okay. But what a difference it would make if the 15 million or more adults in Australia all cut one hour's use of one 50 watt light for one day. If my maths is correct, it would save 750 kw hours. Imagine what a difference it would make if we all observed one toast-free day a year! Such is the scale of our electricity usage. My father was an unwitting environmentalist: he lived "waste not, want not". In all this few if any could claim to be perfect. For example, in my "unredeemed days" (=unaware) in Coogee parish in the seventies I would drive down to the post office in Brook St to get the mail, a matter of a few hundred metres. To be fair, we are making progress on recycling and picking up our rubbish, but it's only the tip of the iceberg. In the second century, St Irenaeus made the famous statement : "the Glory of God is a human being fully alive". Being fully alive includes being fully aware. How richer will our family and other relationships be if we are fully alive, fully aware, fully listening.

Fr Doug msc

**READERS NOT ON EMAIL:** Copies of the new roster will be available in the Sacristy from next Tuesday lunch time.

**Recently Deceased:** Melinda Bisits, Mark Haldane. Joseph Hogan, Brendan Carey.

**Anniversaries and Remembrance:** Claude McBeath, Dec. members of Maher and Smith Families, Owen and Cynthia Pereira, Anthony Chong, Len Jarman, William Crothers, David Tan, Jack Franks, Freda Campbell, Lesley Rosbrook, Catherine Martin, Giovanni Gerini Michael John Gay, Mary Etherington.

**Intentions:** Irene and Patrick Burke, Marjorie and Michael Burke and family, Catherine Meister, Madge Kolbaba, Teresa Rigley, Karen Burden.



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**SUNDAY, 14th January, 2018**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B**

**1st Reading: Samuel 3:3-10, 19**

**2nd Reading: Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

**Gospel: John 1:35-42**

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to you name, O Most High!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 39:2 - Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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### **MASS TIMES**

#### **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**

**Sat:** 12noon, Vigil 6pm

**Sun:** 8am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm,

**Mon-Sat** 12noon,

**Thurs & Fri** 5.40pm.

**Novena** 11.30 -12.00noon Thursday

**Reconciliation:** Sat 11am (1hr) /5pm (1hr)

**Anointing Mass:** 2nd Friday 12noon/5.40pm.

#### **St. Margaret Mary's**

**Sat:** 5.30pm.

**Reconciliation- Sat:** 5.15- 5.25pm.

#### **Baptisms at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**

1.15pm 2nd, 3rd & 4th **Sundays (Contact Office)**

#### **POWH Chapel**

3pm (1st & 3rd & 5th **Sundays**) **Wed:** 12 noon

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