

Greetings as the days shorten and the cold approaches.

I must say the joy and beauty of the Holy Week Triduum (three Holy Days) lingers for me. Thanks again to the so many who were involved in all kinds of ways to make the three days truly Holy-days.

Usually after celebrating the risen Christ, I (and many others apparently) take to the bed with a severe cold not long afterwards! However, this year, the ongoing warmth, indicative of a terrible drought raging in most of NSW, has kept colds away. Let us remember to pray for the country people who are shooting starving cattle and sheep in the far west of NSW. This is a terrible trauma for farmers.

We move now to a very special period for the RCIA community. It is called the *Mystagogia* – the period of *Enlightenment* from Easter to Pentecost. It is really an opportunity to deepen and reflect upon the journey which has brought them into full communion with us at Easter Vigil.

For me it is often the Act of Reception of people formerly Baptised into another denomination and who are then received by the Act into the Catholic Church, which is somehow one of the most memorable moments in the Easter Vigil.

They stand before us and make this statement: “I believe and affirm all that the Holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and affirms as revealed by God.”

In the past, many of those received here at Easter Vigil came from other parishes and so they dispersed following the formation period. This year both Coogee and OLR Kensington MSC parishes organised their own RCIA – hence our numbers were down by comparison with past year. It is important to remember that people come into the Church through personal invitations. Perhaps your spouse, or a friend, is not a Catholic and, if not involved in a Church, you might ask them if they had ever thought of becoming a Catholic. It is only an invitation – no pressure. Some of the stories of how people became Catholics here are amazing, often with some humour in it: like the young man from China who happened to be standing near the AV desk at the 10.00am Mass when an operator was struggling to make the thing work – a priest happened to come along and asked him could he help-presuming he was a parishioner, perhaps a new one. Later it transpired that he had been in Australia only three days, and had no religious background. He was baptised at the Vigil this year. Importantly, he was invited to come to the Mass by a flat mate.

Liturgically we are half way through the Ash Wednesday – Easter – Pentecost cycle. The symbols tell the story – we move from ashes to the water of the Baptismal Covenant Renewal at the Easter Masses and the on to the symbol of Fire for Pentecost and the age of the Holy Spirit. The Liturgical year instructs and nourishes us. The Mass is central to our lives as Catholics and I am reminding new parents in our schools that when they say they want Catholic values, it is more than a philosophy or ethic we are on about: it is a living relationship with the Risen Christ, and involvement in a living community of faith which is his presence in this part of the planet, requiring involvement and support. Nor are we an NGO (non-government organisation geared for development, aid to the poor etc), even though we excel world-wide, precisely in this. **We are “to be on earth the Heart of Jesus”- now how sublime is this, how beautiful as a mission statement in a nutshell.**

In haste. Fr Peter Hearn MSC



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3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B 14th/15th April, 2018

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

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15:17-19 **2nd Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps4:2 - Lord, let your face shine on us

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

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Monday- Friday 9am-5pm (Closed 1pm-2pm)

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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.

Sunday: 9:30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays.

Contact the Parish Office on 9399 6775.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: Brother Kenneth Clancy, MSC, Fr. Brian Cunneen, MSC, Mary Uechtritz, Christine Markovic.

Anniversaries/Remembrances/Deceased:

Len Jarman, Doug Paton, Alan Miller, Eileen Newcombe, Daniel Ryan, Owen Kerr, Len Jarman, Robin Deacon, Anthon Chong, Ted Newnham, Edith Follows, Noel Scott, Daniel Ryan, Esther Connell, Romeo Morelos, Howard Kenneth Leng, Clifford and Joan Leng, Adam Samman, Norman Lee.

Special Intentions: Madge Kolbaba, Catherine Meister, Teresa Rigley.

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Sebastian Symonds, Isla Bevan, Angelique Hatono Grace Hurley.

OLSH CHURCH REPAIRS

to the external façade, North walls from the Shrine to a few sections near the front door.

This will begin on Monday 30 April with the site being prepared. It will take around 65 days to complete. There will be scaffolding along the Northern transept. Contractors are HBS Group who did the Southern Transept last year. Cost, \$197,000. We do not need a loan to cover this. Peter Hearn MSC

ANZAC DAY MASS: This is, of course, a special day for us. The Mass is at MIDDAY with our Choir in attendance, and preceded by a 15 minute AV presentation on various aspects of the wars of the 20th Century. The AV will have some special features on the war in the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and PNG. The Sanctuary is always particularly beautiful with the thousand or more handmade Poppies, traditional symbol of ANZAC Day, on display. Peter Hearn MSC.

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Coming Up

- ⇒ **W/end 14/15 April**
Confirmation Pledges: Vigil, 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm
- ⇒ **Wed: 25 April:**
ANZAC MASS Midday Public Holiday
- ⇒ **Tuesday 1st May**
6pm Confirmation Parent Information Night St Margaret Mary's.
- ⇒ **Sat/Sun 5/6 May**
CWF Appeal at all Masses.
- ⇒ **Sun: 27th May:**
CONFIRMATION for OLSH and SMM in St. Mary's Cathedral at 3.30pm

Confirmation Pledges Masses: I know many will already be away for holidays, so for those who are not here this weekend, we will ask you to come to the First Sunday following the return of schools: i.e. the weekend of Mothers' Day: 5 - 6 May. Peter Hearn MSC

Brigidine Ex Students Annual Reunion

Sunday 6th May 1.30pm @ Brigidine Randwick Cost: \$40:00

RSVP 20 April 2018
Brigidine Randwick Ex-Students Association
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Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "We MSC are nothing, and we shall be nothing in the future if we are not entirely devoted to the love of the heart of Jesus!"
Circular 1899

Ventnor Gentle Exercise and Meditation recommences Wed 2nd May.

Sacramental Programme

OLSH- Sacrament of Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation-Sun May 27th at the Cathedral. 3.30pm

ST. MM - Sacrament of Confirmation

Information Night- Tues 1st May at 6pm

Sacrament of Confirmation- Sun May 27th at the Cathedral- 3.30pm.

KNITTING GROUP:

Knitters cover many facts of need. The knitted poppies are on route to the Kokoda memorial at Concord on Anzac Day. The last delivery of rugs are a joy on Mothers Day from family members serving time in prison to their loved ones. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 10am - Ventnor House in Church carpark. New members very welcome.

Are you struggling with anxiety, depression or simply trying to improve the way you cope with the challenges of modern living?

GROW is a caring supportive community organisation based on a self-help 12 step program. We welcome new members and meet on a Wednesday night at Ventnor House 6.30pm-830pm Membership is free and anonymous. Call Stephen 0451 509 232 or visit the website www.grow.org.au

The Petition "**Stand By Me Don't Silence Us**" proposed by Fiona, our Senior Server from SMM, gained 34,000 signatures and as a result they are continuing funding till 2020. Thanks to all who assisted.

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

Mass usually attended: _____

'TODDLER TALES' FOR

PARENTS WITH PRAMS -next meeting

every Friday AT 9.30am
Cloister Room

All Welcome!

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OLSH Youth Group: No meeting in April due to school holidays

OLSH YOUTH GROUP: Contact youtholsh@gmail.com Over the holiday period, Fr Tru and some members of the Young Adults Group will take the members of the OLSH Youth Group who participated in the Stations of the cross for a day's outing. Fr Tru will be in touch.
Fr Peter

YOUNG ADULTS: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.30. Cloister Room:

Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Bring a friend and enjoy the laughs, meals, laid back companionship, prayer and reflections. Fr Peter Hearn MSC