

Lenten Greetings as we come close to Holy Week.

It is so easy, it seems to me from personal experience, to become “used” to habitual ways of thinking, relating, speaking, doing or not doing which are not that much in harmony with our Spirituality of the Sacred Heart: **‘to be on earth the Heart of Jesus’**. So, we need times to pull up and **reflect** upon our lives but always in the presence of Jesus: sit with him and feel his gaze upon us. This can be a profound form of prayer. In his commentary on the spirituality of the Carmelite mystic, St John of the cross, Fr Iain Matthew, a Carmelite friar wrote:

“Simon Peter in St Luke’s account provides an image of such prayer. He met the eyes of Jesus in Galilee and dropped to his knees: ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord’. Jesus’s gaze, confirming his words, changed him: ‘Do not be afraid’ [Lk 5:1-11].

“Their eyes met at the [Last] supper when the Master saw through his protestations of loyalty, but held out hope to him of ‘turning’ and becoming strong (22:32).

“At the time of failure too ‘the Lord turned and looked at Peter’ [at the trial before the Sanhedrin]; the gaze undid Peter from the inside, and he went out and ‘wept bitterly’ (22:62).

“Their eyes met once more. The report is rather cryptic (what must it have been like?): ‘The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!’ (24:34).

“‘Risen indeed’, and so alive in each person’s history, gazing into each one’s story, not just benignly, but effectively. As John of the Cross’s history had taught him, ‘For God, to gaze is to love and to work favours.’ His love acts. It makes us ‘worthy and capable of his love.’ His gaze is his love and his love does things. ‘God’s gaze works four blessings in the soul: it cleanses her, makes her beautiful, enriches and enlightens her.”

“This meeting of eyes, hidden and spiritual, is what is taking place when we pray in faith and love....When we pray, when we turn to God in friendship, believing and desiring, loving him, then, *for all its apparent bleakness*, [Italics added] something is happening. God is taking us into himself and making us like himself.

“Those unspectacular periods of dry prayer conceal a whirlwind of activity, a current of relationship which cannot but transform us in its flow...”. P. 140f. *The Impact of God*.

One place where we have this “meeting of eyes” with the healing presence of Jesus, is, of course, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and feel the lifting power of Christ’s forgiveness, the freeing of the spirit. (Try not to leave it to the last minute rush on Good Friday). Blessings, Fr Peter Hearn MSC



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聖母聖心堂欢迎您光临

18th March, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent - Year B

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-30

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless from the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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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: Norma Morris, Clive Chan, Mamerta Tigcao, Olive Desouza, Eric Fox.

Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances and Deceased: Lloyd Hyde, Antonio and Rosalina Miguel , Maria Filomena Conte, Barry Gerrard, Agostinho Ferreira, Raymond Leon, Jose Mealha Galego, Vincenzo del Vecchio, Claude Attencia, Lily Fareida Taufiq, Eric Fox.

Special Intentions: Masako Watson, Brenda Anthes, Maria Cessario, Guiseppe Vitorio, Gloria Dunn.

"TODDLER TALES" FOR PARENTS WITH PRAMS

Held 9:30am every Friday
Cloister Room

Come along for a Cuppa and a Chat.
Lots of toys for the kids.

All Welcome!

OLSH YOUTH GROUP: Contact youtholsh@gmail.com Meet third Saturday of the month, 4.00pm, and sing at 6.00pm Mass. This is a beautiful occasion for young people (Year 5 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

Attention: Cecilia Cantetti and Giuseppe Bonarrigo can you please contact Fr. Peter at the Parish Office or call 9399 6775

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Farewell for Fr Doug: Following the Middy Mass in the Cloisters. Finger food and drinks 1.00pm – 2.30pm. All welcome. Peter Hearn MSC

Coming Up

- **Sunday 18th March**
10.00am Family Mass
Farewell Fr Doug (after Middy Mass)
Commemoration: "Day of the Unborn Child"
- **Monday 19th March**
St Joseph Spouse of Mary
- **Wednesday 21st March**
Making Palm Crosses - Cloister Room
- **Weekend 24-25 March:**
PALM SUNDAY
- **Wednesday 28th March**
2.00pm Randwick Public School Liturgy
- **Sunday 27th May**
CONFIRMATION for OLSH and SMM in St Mary's Cathedral 3.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH ENACTMENT OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

This ceremony on Good Friday at 10.30am has grown in popularity over the past 9 years. It is especially moving. We are looking for Upper Primary and Secondary School age students to take part in this. Please inform one of the priests following Masses if you are able to come. Parents must sign a permission note. Those on the email list from last year have already been contacted... thanks to those who have responded. Practices: Palm Sunday afternoon at 3.30 and Good Friday morning at 8.30am in the Church. (Parents need to drop off and arrange pick-up professional standards requirements) Fr Peter

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

I apologise for missing last Monday. For the time being I suggest that whoever comes just meditate for 25 minutes with someone acting as timekeeper. I will arrange something for more permanent in due course.. Thank you.
Fr. Doug.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - 2018

OLSH- Sacrament of Confirmation

Information Night- Tues 10 April at 7pm in Church.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS:

We are still on our Lenten journey, and we would like to invite all young adults to join us on this journey in the cloister room on Tuesday night at 7pm.

At the end of our Lenten journey we will have Easter Retreat at Douglas Park: Friday 6th April 8pm until Sunday 8th April lunch

For more detail about the retreat contact: truducnguyen@gmail.com

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CLEANING CHURCH SEATS: At the big clean before Christmas, a number of women offered to clean seats on a regular basis. I would like to meet with them prior to Easter-time clean! Fr. Peter

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "Let us not close our hearts to pity when along life's road we come across a person wounded by sorrow, bruised by ingratitude, calumny or sin."

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___
 Mass usually attended: _____

PALM CROSS MAKERS: this merry band of willing artisans will meet Wednesday of this week to make around 2,000 palm crosses – we distribute to various aged care centres as well as our own parishes Masses. We begin with morning tea at 10.00am and work through till lunch which is provided in the Cloister Room, and if need be, afternoon tea. Please contact the Parish Office [9399 6775 for catering purposes.

New makers are most welcome – easy to learn the process. Peter Hearn MSC

SMM CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

A big thank you to those who have attended our CM group over the years. The weekly CM session is being moved from Tuesday evenings to Saturdays at 4.45pm (before 5.30pm Mass) in the Parish Centre beginning 17th March. ALL WELCOME, especially as an option for those attending the Monday evening one at Ventnor. Fr Doug

"Dear Parishioners of OLSH Parish

Randwick. I write to thank you most sincerely for your recent generous donation for our work among the most needy here in South Africa. As you know the OLSH Sisters have several projects that assist the multitude of orphans and vulnerable children. As well as conducting some residential care centres we also provide educational opportunities and uniforms, nutritional supplies, repairs to shelter and capacity building opportunities for those less fortunate who seek our help.

We pray daily for benefactors like yourselves asking that the Lord who is never outdone in generosity will lavish His blessings on you and on all those you love. With sincere thanks.....**Sr Helen Armstrong OLSH"**