

Autumn Greetings (well, almost Autumn)

Some thoughts from the recent Synod on Youth – preparatory document. “For many young people, faith has become private rather than communal, and the negative experiences that some young people have had with the Church have contributed to this. There are many young people who relate to God solely on a personal level, who are “spiritual but not religious”, or focused only on a relationship with Jesus Christ. *For some young people, the Church has developed a culture which focuses heavily on members engaging with the institutional aspect of herself, not the person of Christ. Other young people view religious leaders as disconnected and more focused on administration than community-building, and still others see the Church as irrelevant. It can seem that the Church forgets that the people are the Church, not the building.* For other young people, they experience the Church as very close to them, in places such as Africa, Asia, and Latin America, as well as in different global movements; even some young people who do not live the Gospel feel connected to the Church. ***This sense of belonging and family sustains these young people on their journey. Without this anchor of community support and belonging, young people can feel isolated in the face of challenges.*** There are many young people who do not feel the need to be part of the Church community and who find meaning to their life outside of the Church.

Unfortunately, there is a phenomenon in some areas of the world where young people are leaving the Church in large quantities. Understanding why is crucial in moving forward. Young people who are disconnected from or who leave the Church do so after experiencing indifference, judgment and rejection. *One could attend, participate in, and leave Mass without experiencing a sense of community or family as the Body of Christ. Christians profess a living God, but some attend Masses or belong to communities which seem dead. Young people are attracted to the joy which should be a hallmark of our faith.* Young people express a desire to see a Church that is a living testimony to what it teaches and witnesses to authenticity on the path to holiness, which includes acknowledging mistakes and asking for forgiveness. Young people expect leaders of the Church – ordained, religious, and lay – to be the strongest example of this. Knowing that models of faith are authentic and vulnerable allows young people to freely be authentic and vulnerable...

On many occasions, young people have difficulty finding a space in the Church where they can actively participate and lead. Young people interpret their experience of the Church as one where they are considered too young and inexperienced to lead or make decisions as they would only make mistakes. *There is a need for trust in young people to lead and to be protagonists of their own spiritual journey. This is not just to imitate their elders, but to really take ownership of their mission and responsibility, lived out well...*

Another common perception that many young people have is *an unclear role of women in the Church. If it is difficult for young people to feel a sense of belonging and leadership in the Church, it is much more so for young women.* To that end, it would be helpful for young people if the Church not only clearly stated the role of women, but also helped young people to explore and understand it more clearly.”

Go to the Vatican website for the full document. I will give some more extracts in the coming weeks. The actual Synod on Youth will be in October when Bishops gather to discuss together with 300 young people in Rome. The pre-synodal meeting from which the extract above is taken was in Mid-march this year. **Peter Hearn MSC**



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4th Sunday of Easter, Year B 21/22nd April, 2018

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

ANZAC DAY WEDNESDAY 25TH : No 6.30am Mass.

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12 2nd Reading: John 3:1-2 Gospel: John 10:11-18

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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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: Sr. Aileen Crowe, OLSH, Elizabeth Hallohan, Ellen Taylor, Brian McCleer, Emidio Del Vecchio, Phyllis Mills, Romeo Morelos.

Anniversaries/Remembrances/Deceased:

Rudolf Sossinka, Ellen Taylor, Christopher McGrath, Edith Follows, Mary Walsh, Esther Connell, Raymond Leon, Helen Losito, Deborah Caporello, Antonio Dos Santos, Robyn Deacon

Special Intentions: Paul Beer,
Two special intentions, Sister Maria Josepha Husu

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. Fr. Peter

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. **PLEASE NOTE NO 6.30AM MASS.**

Annals of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart: (MSC publication) on sale in foyer: \$5. Excellent articles on keeping the faith in a time of indifference and sometimes antagonism towards religion. Articles: *Science, Religion and the Secular State; MSC Martyrs of Spanish Civil War; article on Down babies and threat to their existence...*

Ventnor Gentle Exercise and Meditation recommences Wed 2nd May.

Coming Up

- ⇒ Mon 23 April:
St. George
- ⇒ Wed 25 April: No 6.30am MASS
ANZAC MASS Midday Public Holiday
- ⇒ Thurs 26 April:
St. Mark
- ⇒ Sat 28 April:
St Peter Chanel (Martyr Oceania)
- ⇒ Tues May 1:
St. Joseph the Worker
- ⇒ Sat/Sun 5/6 May:
CWF Collection-tax deductible.
- ⇒ Sun May 27 - Sacrament of
Confirmation St. Mary's Cathedral
3.30pm

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: *"Since we are Missionaries of the Sacred Heart we should love to practice his gentleness, his humility, his charity, his obedience and his spirit of poverty." Rules MSC, 1857*

Confirmation Pledges Masses: The next time we can catch up with children on holidays for their pledges will be the First Sunday following the return of schools: i.e. the weekend of Mothers' Day: 5 - 6 May. Fr. Peter

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.

EMHCs NOT ON EMAIL:

The next roster is 19/20th May to 4/5th August. If you are unavailable during any of that time, please let Maureen know by this Monday, 23rd April.

A rosary around Australia

In recent months countries including Poland and Ireland have held nationwide rosaries across their countries. In Australia, there are plans for rosaries to be held at Coogee Beach at 7am on Sunday 13 May at the Dolphins Memorial. Contact Jane 0476535595

Catholic Bushwalking Club

www.cbcnsw.org.au

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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: Contact youtholsh@gmail.com

On Friday April 27 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

Communion from the Chalice:

As the cold/flu season is on us with some parishioners already suffering, if you have symptoms of cold or flu, please do not proceed to receive communion from the Chalice. I will take advice, as per last year, from Drs as to when we will discontinue reception from the Chalices. Fr. Peter