

Greetings as we enter our Holy Week celebrations: the High Holy Days of our Faith. The celebrations take us back to the very origin of our faith, to the events of that fateful Jewish Passover when Jesus was subjected to a mockery of a trial, scourged to the point of near death and then crucified. **It was a particularly 'Solemn Passover', solemn because the Sabbath in that year of the death of Jesus, beginning with the weekly Passover Meal on the Friday at sunset, actually coincided with the fixed annual date for the originating Passover – 14th Nisan.** (Nisan is the first month of the liturgical Jewish Calendar – end of March-April) Sometimes the 14th Nisan - commemorating the great Passover from slavery in Egypt 1,200 years earlier - would occur on a weekday which was not the Sabbath. The year Jesus was crucified it fell on a Saturday-the Sabbath.

The Passover meal centres around the symbolic acts concerning the selection and sacrificing of a lamb, recorded in the First Reading for the Holy Thursday Mass. **This ritual stretches back probably around 4,000 years to the very beginning of the nomadic Habiru (Hebrew) people. At the conclusion of winter, they prepared to move out with their sheep and goats to find spring pastures.** There were dangers associated with that. **On the eve of their move they ate, together with unleavened bread, one of the lambs from their flock and daubed some of its blood on the tent pegs to ward off evil. With the passage of time this little ceremony was repeated in Egypt where they were enslaved – and the door posts of their dwellings were daubed with the blood of the lamb on the eve of their great Passover from slavery to freedom under the leadership of Moses. The blood was to alert the 'avenging angel' which came to punish the Egyptian enslavers, that the Hebrews lived within and the angel of death 'passed over' those homes. Hence the origin of our word Passover (Exodus) – from slavery to freedom, from death to life, from homelessness to a homeland...**

Applied to our lives, Passover means: a personal movement from the slavery of the life-diminishment of sin, to a growth in authentic humanity through the unmerited gift of Christ's love. This love is mediated to us in the sacraments, prayer, our parish community of faith, and resulting in good works. Through his life within us, we enter into the pattern of Jesus' dying and rising, and are gifted with belief in eternal life in the community of heaven.

The sacrificial blood imagery from the ancient Hebrew rituals continues to this day – in the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord. The self-sacrificing life of Jesus, focused at Calvary, with its significance ultimately verified in the Rising of Jesus, is made present and effective for us in our day in the sacraments, especially the Mass. **Christ meets us here and effects our personal 'passing over' from sin and death, from becoming mired in despair about ourselves and existence in general to people of hope.** We become the people of the resurrection because of our unmerited union with the Resurrected One: "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you will not have life within you..." **Through the Eucharist, Jesus still does his best to gather us into a community of life in Him, keeping his memory fresh – not simply as something that happened 'back then', but which is made present and effective for us in Liturgical Time, here and now. The Mass extends in time the self-sacrificing loving presence of Jesus, His life laid down in humility and integrity to show us that no aspect of our human story is untouched or unreachable by the embrace of God.**

The Mass of the Lord's Supper ushers in the three High Holy Days of our Faith. Let us come in large numbers, at least someone from every household, to this beautiful candle-lit Mass of the Lord's Supper. Here we remember and enter into the ongoing gift of Himself in humility and love as our Bread of Life, our consolation and our peace. Let us "keep watch with him" in His Suffering, and on the Third Day to rejoice in His, and our, Rising. This is central to our mission of *Being on Earth the Heart of Christ.*

Peter Hearn MSC



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聖母聖心堂欢迎您光临

25th March, 2018

Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philipians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him in high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, it, your will be done.

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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: Clive Chan, Hinda Mellick, Maria Regom, Rowan Sales, Margaret Wallace, Nene Roach, Eddie Ford.

Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances

and Deceased: Pauline Di Gori, Mila Richardson, Rudolph Du Pratt, Robert and Gertrude Trutwein, Thelma Fox, Raymond Leon, Karen Haynes, Mila Richardson, Len Jarman, William Crothers, Edna Philomena Gunthorpe.

Special Intentions: Living and deceased members of Hsu Family, Monica Locke, Kelly Family.

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Isla Stuart, Neve Ferris, Emily Ferris, Sunshine Yates, Esme Adonis.



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

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 Fr. Tru

'TODDLER TALES' FOR

**PARENTS WITH PRAMS -next meeting
6th April.**

Held 9:30am every Friday
Cloister Room

Coming Up

- **24-25Mar: PALM SUNDAY**
- **28 Mar Wed: 2pm Randwick Public School Holy week Liturgy OLSH Church.**
- **30 March: Good Friday: stations of Cross -Youth enactment 10.30am; Liturgy of the Passion 3pm; 7.30 Mozart Requiem by candlelight CD**
- **1 April: Sat-Easter Vigil 7.30pm Candlelight Mass. Easter Masses: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm, 10.30pm preceded by half hour adoration.**
- **27 May Sunday: CONFIRMATION for OLSH and SMM in St. Mary's Cathedral 3.30pm**

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: *"It is at the foot of the Cross, from the pierced heart of Christ that the Church draws all graces. It is from here that all graces come." Le Sacré-Coeur*

Farewell for Fr Doug: Thanks to all who participated and prepared the farewell for Fr Doug. May his ministry there be blessed. Peter Hearn MSC

PALM CROSS MAKERS: Thanks to the 30 or so volunteers who did a superb work in making well over 2,000 crosses for our parishes here, the gaol and aged-care facilities, also for the RE classes in the Government Schools. A great effort. Peter Hearn MSC

KINDIE 2019 ENROLMENTS OPEN: ST MARGARET MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RANDWICK NORTH: See our web page for information or phone the school on : 9398 6093

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

HOLY WEEK – EASTER AT OLSH:

HOLY THURSDAY: Candlelight Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm
(Adoration at the Altar of Repose in the Shrine follows until 9.15pm)

GOOD FRIDAY: 10.30am Youth Presentation of Stations of the Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation follows.

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion:

Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation follows

**Mozart's Requiem CD 7.00pm
(By Candlelight)**

HOLY SATURDAY:

Reconciliation: 11-12midday

Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm by Candlelight

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 8am, 10am,
12noon, 6pm, 10.30pm
(with half an hour adoration beforehand)

**ST MARGARET MARY'S, RANDWICK
NORTH**

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross
10am

HOLY SATURDAY: Easter Vigil Mass
5.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY: Mass 9.30am

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-8.30pm Membership is free and anonymous. Call Stephen 0451 509 232 or visit the website www.grow.org.au

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. Upper Primary and Secondary School-age students take part in this. 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 (March 25) and Good Friday morning at 8.30am in the Church with breakfast provided. (Parents need to drop off and arrange pick-up: professional standards requirements)
Fr Peter

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.

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

Mass usually attended: _____