

Autumn Greetings. Some further words from the preparatory document for the upcoming **Synod on Youth** in Rome.

“A sense of belonging is a significant factor to the shaping of one’s identity. Social exclusion is a contributing factor to the loss of self-worth and identity experienced by many. In the Middle East, many young people feel obliged to convert to other religions in order to be accepted by their peers and the surrounding dominant culture. This is also acutely felt by immigrant communities in Europe, who also feel the pressures of social exclusion and the pressure to shed their cultural identity and assimilate to the dominant culture. **This is an area where the Church needs to model, and provide space for, healing for our families, responding to these issues by showing that there is room for everyone.**”

It is worth noting that the young person’s identity is also shaped by our external interaction and membership within specific groups, associations and movements which are also active outside of the Church. **Sometimes, parishes are no longer places of connection. We also recognize the role of educators and friends, such as leaders of youth groups who can become good examples. We need to find attractive, coherent and authentic models. We need rational and critical explanations to complex issues – simplistic answers do not suffice.**

For some, religion is now considered a private matter. Sometimes, we feel that the sacred appears to be something separated from our daily lives. **The Church oftentimes appears as too severe and is often associated with excessive moralism. Sometimes, in the Church, it is hard to overcome the logic of “it has always been done this way”. We need a Church that is welcoming and merciful, which appreciates its roots and patrimony and which loves everyone, even those who are not following the perceived standards.** Many of those who look for a peaceful life end up dedicating themselves to alternative philosophies or experiences.

Other key places of belonging are groups such as, social networks, friends and classmates as well as our social and natural environments. These are places where many of us spend most of our time. Often, our schools do not teach us to develop our critical thinking.

Crucial moments for the development of our identity include: deciding our course of study, choosing our profession, deciding our beliefs, discovering our sexuality and making life-changing commitments.

Other things that can both shape and affect the formation of our identities and personalities is our experiences with the Church. Young people are deeply vested in and concerned about topics such as sexuality, addiction, failed marriages, broken families as well as larger-scale social issues such as organized crime, human trafficking, violence, corruption, exploitation, femicide, all forms of persecution and the degradation of our natural environment. These are of grave concern in vulnerable communities around the world. We are afraid because in many of our countries there is social, political and economic instability.

As we grapple with these challenges, we need inclusion, welcome, mercy and tenderness from the Church – both as an institution and as a community of faith.”

There is so much food for thought in this document for us at the Parish level – for the church, while it is communion of “Local Churches” i.e. Dioceses, a Diocese is obviously a communion of parishes with their various ministries such as schools, hospitals etc. **Peter Hearn MSC**



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5th Sunday of Easter - Year B
28/29th April, 2018

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

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1John 3:18-24

Gospel: 1John 15:1-8

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in them, bears fruit in plenty, 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: Sergio Ovelar, Joey Fitzgerald, Kieran McLoughlin. Kitty McSweeney, Daniel O'Riordan.

Anniversaries/Remembrances/Deceased:

Joan McNamara, Romeo Morelos, Phyllis Mills, Michael Delaney(Birthday Remembrance) Rosemary Castiglia, William Crothers, Len Jarman, Clare Ellen Marskell, Gerard Rogers, Jerrold Cripps, Raymond Leon, Ricky Kott, Joseph Bailey.

Special Intentions: Fr. Frank Perry, Fr. John Rate, Gilsy Joseph.

We welcome into our Catholic family:
Conor Salvatico.

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

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...*

Dear Timor Sea Supporters,

Many, many thanks for your support of the Timor Sea Petition. As you would know by this, the Maritime Boundaries Treaty has now been signed, ensuring a much fairer deal for the people of Timor-Leste than previously had been the case.

Without your help this would not have happened. Blessings on you and yours, Sr. Susan Connelly.

Coming Up

- ⇒ **Tues May 1:**
St. Joseph the Worker.
6pm SMM Confirmation Enrolment
- ⇒ **Wed 2 May:**
St. Athanasius
- ⇒ **Thurs 3 May:**
Sts Philip and James
- ⇒ **W/end 5/6 May:**
Charitable Works Fund Collection
- ⇒ **Sun 13 May:**
ASCENSION DAY - Mothers' Day.
- ⇒ **W/e 19-20May:**
PENTECOST SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: for other than OLSH School children – these are on Tuesday 1 May and Tuesday 8 May at 4.30 – 5.30pm in the Cloister Room with Sarah Beer, an OLSH parishioner and teacher at Paddington Catholic School. Peter Hearn MSC

ANZAC DAY MASS: Our heartfelt thanks for the structural engineers, poppy makers and placers, the choir, readers, Claudette for getting the caps, the sacristans, and all involved in the ANZAC Day Mass. As always it was a moving commemoration. Numbers attending are steadily growing year by year. PHMSC

Spirituality in the Pub-Paddington, 2018.

Next meeting 6th June. Topic "Running Charities". Speakers: Sophie Cotton Smith, Marathon runner, founder of "Running for Premature Babies" Charity; and Brad Anderson, Sydney Service Manager for Orange Sky Laundries, a charity which offers a free mobile laundry service for the homeless.

MSC Associates next Meeting will be held on Sunday, 6th May at 1.15 pm. Bring lunch. Visitors welcome.

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

CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTON:

5-6 May We are invoiced \$17,000, three times a year for these Archdiocesan Charities. They are tax deductible – so make sure your donation is marked in the envelopes in the appropriate way. Thanks in anticipation. Peter Hearn MSC

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: *"To think that St Joseph could forget us is to do him a serious wrong. So let us go to him with confidence and ask him for all the help we need. He will give it to us." Meditations*

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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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 Chalice. Peter Hearn MSC

THANKS to Juan for, among so many other services he does for us, for the cementing of the garden border around the Crepe Myrtle tree in front of Ventnor. May it thrive. **PHMSC**