

Lenten Greetings:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR LENT: The DOORWAY, OF GOD'S MERCY. Half an Hour before all SUNDAY Masses and 20 Minutes before WEEKDAY Masses at OLSH from THIS SUNDAY, the 3rd Sunday of Lent (4 March) till Saturday after Good Friday: a priest will be available for Reconciliation, (excluding the 6.30am Masses).

Sometimes in our lives, we may have that one or other "thing" that gives us a troubled conscience, that we have felt too ashamed to speak about to anyone else, and it upsets our peace that Jesus so wants for us. This can be from years back that we have never told anyone about. Well, Jesus does not want us burdened with these "things"...but to come to peace and freedom – it is his MERCY that he extends graciously to us that we may get up and live...

Our Journey to Easter and the Renewal of our Baptismal Vows on Easter Day, the "Day of the Lord's Rising", offers us the beautiful promise of always being able to begin again in our lives because of the loving mercy of Jesus. It is his desire for us. It is what we truly mean when we say we are an "Easter People".

For most of us there is the usual accretion of sins, some minor, and some not so minor. Some become habitual ways of responding and acting: impatience, self-centredness, gossip and negativity about the faults of others while so often we can be unaware of our own faults; petty or ingrained selfishness; failure to be thankful to God and to others for blessings small and great in our lives; neglecting Mass and daily prayer; failing to provide an atmosphere for our families, especially children, to grow in a Catholic spirituality; an incapacity to truly listen to others (spouse, kids, friends, work place), to self, to God. Maybe we are unconscious of a "consumer attitude" to life by inaction and lack of commitment, leaving it to others to shoulder the burden to keep one's family, parish, school, work place, clubs etc alive and functioning well, while still wanting the benefits offered by them but contributing not much, if anything at all.

Over-busyness that takes us away from time with our families and friends; mindless spending of money on excessive gambling (how much do we spend on the poor?); use of pornography, drugs with their resultant unhappiness; lack of compassion; being judgmental about appearances, clothes, material goods or lack of them in others, their race, sexual preference, religious beliefs, ethnicity; envy about financial attainment - "keeping up with the Jones"... dishonesty in work matters; infidelities which lead to a "double life"...and disasters in relationships...

These are aspects of our human frailty and sinfulness – which Jesus entered into, without sin, to lead us beyond them. Some of us, possibly genetically, find it more difficult, if not seemingly impossible (or "why should I"), than others to acknowledge our faults and sins. This is not to be used as an excuse...we need this realism for a healthy soul and for the health of our relationships. Humility is a foundation stone of our relationship with God and others, of course. Further, Jesus understands the difficulties we encounter and encourages us through his grace. Maybe if we confessed in Lent and Advent, at least, we would need less counselling and therapies – further, when we confess it is Jesus the healer who acts, and it is free.

You may not be comfortable confessing to the priests you know – so at St Patrick's Church Hill near the Rocks, confessions are available for about 5 hours every day of the week for Lent. PHMSC



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4th March, 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent- Year B

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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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 :

Deceased: Maria Dubsky.

Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances and Deceased: Frank and Dolores Corry, Anthony Chong, Len Jarman, Ilda Costa, Leopoldo Martinez, Julius Weller, William Crothers.

Special Intentions: Marie Stapleton (Birthday)

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Nicolas Geremia-Rogers



"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!

THANKS: Sr Helen Armstrong OLSH Laundry, Ofcalaco, South Africa - \$5,000 was sent through the OLSH Sisters from our Ash Wednesday Collections. PHMSC

THANKS to all who organized the Morning Tea for New Parishioners on Sunday last – it was a most enjoyable occasion, coupled with the very successful Year 6 Family Mass and Cake Stall. Cake Stall for Project Compassion : \$1,077.00

Farewell for Fr Doug: **SUNDAY 18th March, 2018**

Following the Midday Mass in the Cloister. Finger food and drinks 1.00pm – 2.30pm.

MSC Lay Associates : Our next meeting will be held this Sunday 4th March at 1.15pm. Please bring lunch. Visitors welcome.

Coming Up

- ◆ **Fri 2 March:** Autumn Ember Day
- ◆ **Sun 4 March:**
3rd Sunday Lent - Confessions 20 mins before al Masses
- ◆ **Sat 17 Mar:** St. Patrick
- ◆ **Sun 18 Mar:** Fr. Doug's farewell
- ◆ **Mon 19 March:**
St. Joseph Spouse of Mary
- ◆ **Wed 21 Mar: MAKING PALM CROSSES** 10am Cloister Room
- ◆ **Sun 25 Mar:** Palm Sunday
- ◆ **Sun 27 May: CONFIRMATION** for OLSH and SMM in ST. Mary's Cathedral - 3.30pm

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
2019 Kindergarten Enrolments.

Open Day - Wednesday **7th March 2018 9am – 11am**

Are you an active Parishioner?

Do you have a child due to start Kindergarten in 2019?

Enrolment packs are available from the school office on 5/3/18.



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

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: “ *When anyone spoke ill of someone in Jules Chevalier's presence, he would say, 'We all have our defects. Let those who are without fault throw the first stone.'* ”
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Catholic Weekly: \$2

Annals: MSC Journal - \$5.00 in Foyer
Gerard Henderson on Royal Commission focus on Catholic Institutions; Reclaiming America's Christian Culture; Article on a Lay Missionary, New Caledonia...

St Vincent's College Potts Point

Open Day March 14th 3-6pm St Vincent's College 160 years Anniversary celebrations: beginning with an Alumni Dinner hosted by our Ex Students Association on the 23rd March at Doltone House. For more details, see the College **website**
www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au

An Afternoon for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 17 March Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Rd. Silverwater: 2-4.30pm LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org 9307 8404 to register for catering purposes.

Day of Healing-Sr Margaret Scully RSC
Saturday March 10th at the Charismatic Renewal Centre, Rozelle. 9am-4:30pm. Registration essential. Contact 98102499.

OLSH Youth Group returns on Saturday 17 March.

Friendship, Fun and Faith it starts at 4pm and finishes at the conclusion of 6pm mass.

If you are in Year 4 and above and would like to join the group, please contact us at youtholsh@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you!

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link:

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Spirituality in the Pub- Wed 7th March.

Our first conversation for this year 2018 on the theme "WISDOM SEEKERS" is with Monsignor Tony Doherty and Ailsa Piper (writer, teacher, actor). The conversation is at Paddington RSL Club from 7.30pm to 9pm.

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___