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*I have set my bow in the clouds,
and it shall be a sign of the covenant
between me and the earth. (Genesis 9:13)*

This Old Testament text is surely one of the most beautiful images evoking God's everlasting love. For the ancient Hebrews the rainbow that appears in the sky after the storm is more than a phenomenon of nature, it is a powerful and enduring symbol of the covenant. The covenant is a two-way relationship – God's pledge of love and our response in love.

The story of the flood depicted in Genesis is extremely old and shares with other ancient Near Eastern mythologies a depiction of a primordial flood. The cosmology of these ancient civilizations saw the flood as symbolic of chaos.

Chaos looms large in our own day: the ever present chaos of war and terrorism, pestilence and disease, debilitating sickness and depression, domestic violence and family breakdown.

But the message of the Bible, told over and over again, is that God is mightier than this chaos. Moreover, the love of God cradles the universe – nurturing, sustaining and holding it in being.

As we enter these 40 days of Lent I suggest that the struggle is not so much about us trying to overcome our human weaknesses as it is a struggle to believe in the overwhelming love that God has for us.

Fr. Bill Brady MSC is now on leave and will return to ministry at Randwick parish once his health issues are resolved. We wish Fr. Bill a speedy recovery. Fr. Peter will also be away next week attending a gathering of young MSC priests at our retreat house at Douglas Park. Over this time will we need to call upon visiting MSC priests to cover some of our Masses. This Sunday we welcome Fr. Chris McPhee, MSC Provincial, who will celebrate the midday Mass.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Gerard



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1st Sunday of Lent

21st February, 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

2nd Reading: Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Parish Office

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Hospital Chaplaincy

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Monday: Midday Mass

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Wednesday: Midday Mass

Thursday: 11:30am (Novena), Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass.

Friday: Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass, (Anointing Masses 2nd Friday),

Saturday: Midday Mass, 6pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm.

St. Margaret Mary's

Saturday: 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9:30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH @ 1.00pm on Sundays. Please see website for more information. Contact the Parish Office to book.

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OLSH Accessible Seats
Rows 5,6,7 and cross
aisles. Hearing Aid
Users front 6 seats
either side of centre



Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased:

Dean Archbold, John Sheppard, John Stirrat, Lily Brady.

Anniversaries and Deceased:

Antoin Hanna, Adrian Gillian, Nora Jennings, Marion Wong,

Special Intentions:

Mary Fischer, Sally Hanna, Holy Souls in

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Cohen Michael Woods.

Lenten Program

Books are now available from the Parish Office published by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong . The theme this year is "Comfort". The daily reflections walk alongside the major themes of our Lenten Sunday Gospels. Cost \$10.00.

Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obliga-

READERS AND EMHCS:

If you have changed your email address please let Maureen know by email immediately. Thank you.

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."

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS EASED

An unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2m² is observed. For OLSH and ST. MM this means....

- ◆ **Churches can now be open for private prayer.** People are encouraged to use the Sanitizer and QR sign at the entrance of the church.
- ◆ **Mask wearing:** Parishioners are encouraged to wear masks where social distancing is not possible, but this is no longer mandatory.
- ◆ **Choirs:** Indoor choirs are limited to **five people**. The small choir should face forwards and not towards each other, with physical distancing of 1.5 metres between each chorister, and 5 metres from all other people including members of the congregation, where practical.
- ◆ **Congregational singing:** Congregational singing is still **not permitted** for indoor Masses.

Movie in Cloister room for Seniors every Wednesday at 2pm. All are welcome and come along and enjoy watching a movie and having a cuppa.

KNITTERS:

The knitting group will resume this Monday 22nd Feb in Ventnor. New knitters very welcome. Starts at 10am.

Gentle Exercise and Meditation:

Every Wednesday in Ventnor at 11am.

SENIORS:

Do you know seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence.

DAYS OF PENANCE:

Abstinence from meat, and fasting must be observed ON Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On all other Fridays of the year the law of common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- Prayer
- Self-Denial
- Helping Others.

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

Name: _____ Contact No: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Please be aware that we have a Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mary Croke. Mary has experience in Community Services for Children and Families. Any concerns or worries you have within the Parish, staff or volunteers, can be confidentially discussed with her: 0400 620 335.

TAP and GO Terminals:

For the past year parishioners have been getting use to using their credit or debit cards a lot more. We have two tap and go terminals located in the Church . One is at side entrance to the Shrine area and the other is in the foyer as you enter the Church from Avoca Street. The amount per transaction is \$10. This money goes for the running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of our beautiful Church. and 10% of the contributions go to the MSC's.

We thank you for your ongoing support and your generosity to our Parish.

LENT LASTS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY(17TH FEB) TO THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER(1ST APRIL). ON GOOD FRIDAY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ALSO ON HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.