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No pain, no gain. There is a ring of truth to this expression. If we want to succeed in anything, effort and sacrifice are necessary. This maxim is often applied to sport and the necessary discipline and long hours of training that are often involved. But it can equally be applied to spirituality. If our faith is important, then effort and discipline are necessary.

In today's gospel Jesus declares: "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains a single gain" (John 12.24).

Jesus gave his life for us. And it came at a great price. His impending death weighed heavily upon his heart. "Now my soul is heavy", exclaims Jesus. But Jesus does not turn aside from his mission. The hour has come for him to be glorified and when he is lifted up upon the cross he becomes the life and salvation of all the world.

This passing over from death to life is painful. Yet all of us must make this passing many times during our lifetime. We die to the comfort and protection of the womb to emerge into the world. We die to innocence of childhood to enter into the sexual awakening of adolescence. We die to the flower of our youth in order to move into the generativity of mid-life. Finally, there is death itself, where we pass from this life into eternity. In each case our horizons are expanded. Through our many 'deaths' we do not diminish but paradoxically become more.



Next week we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Because we are coming to the end of Lent Fr Peter and myself will make ourselves available for confession one hour before each of the Sunday Masses; this is in addition to Saturday confessions. I would encourage you to make your confession before Holy Week. Lent is the appropriate penitential time, whereas Holy Week is a time when our focus is on the Lord as we journey with him in his passion, death and resurrection.

Fr. Gerard



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**5th Sunday of Lent—Year B**  
**21st March, 2021**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you; Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

### Parish Office

Monday- Friday 9am-4.30pm (Closed 1pm-2pm)

### Parish Staff

#### **Trish Myers**

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#### **Fr. Gerard McCormick, msc**

Parish Priest

#### **Fr. Peter Antony msc**

#### **Fr. Bill Brady msc**

Assistant Priest

#### **Parish Safeguarding Officer:**

Mary Croke: 0400 620 335

#### **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.

Reconciliation - Saturdays 11.00-11.45am and 5.15-5.45pm

### Baptisms

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

Phone No. 93996775



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



**Into your loving care we commend :**

**Recently Deceased:** Joey Scibberas.

**Anniversaries and Deceased:** Paul Dooley, Robert Weekes., Lorna Stewart, Helen Losito, Agostinho Ferreira, Raymond Leon, Jose Mealha Galego, Alabama Hayek, Gerd Gerrard, Walter and Mabel McMahon, Anthony O'Donnell

**Special Intentions:** For all the sick in our Parish.

We welcome into our Catholic Community:

Francis James Brennan, Billie Bishop, Lennon McCance.

**EMHCs AND READERS:** Copies of the new rosters are available from the pamphlet rack in the Church foyer.

**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](mailto: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 obligation to report crimes to the police.

**MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK:  
OPEN DAY.**

Monday 22nd March, 2021

3.00pm-6.00pm.

Bookings Essential via:  
[www.trybooking.com/BPCHU](http://www.trybooking.com/BPCHU)

**Spirituality of Jules Chevalier:**

"Let us call on Mary with the greatest confidence in all our needs and the love of the Heart of Jesus will shower many blessings upon us."

**COVID-19 Update**

Please continue to register for all masses prior to attending and sign in on arrival.

**We can now have up to 300 people at Mass CONGREGATIONAL SINGING NOT PERMITTED -ONLY THE CHOIR.**

A distance of 1.5m between congregants is still recommended. Please leave a space when choosing a seat. All pews may now be used.

**Families may continue to sit together.**

*Thank you for your ongoing cooperation*

**Palm Making:** Palm Sunday is on Sunday 28th March. **On Wednesday 24th March starting at 10am** we will be making palms in the Parish office. If you would like to help out we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested.

**Gentle Exercise and Meditation:**

Every Wednesday in Ventnor at 11am.

**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 next meet on 29th March in Ventnor. New members always welcome.

**HOLY WEEK EASTER AT OLSH:**

**HOLY THURSDAY:**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm  
(Adoration at the Altar of Repose in the Shrine follows until 10.00pm)

**GOOD FRIDAY:**

10.30AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS.  
(Sacrament of Reconciliation follows)

**HOLY SATURDAY:**

NO MIDDAY MASS

7:30PM—Easter Vigil Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:**

8AM, 10AM, 12NOON, 6PM

**VOLUNTEERS:**

Volunteers are needed for many ministries in the Parish. If you would like to enquire further, please contact us here at the Parish office on 93996775.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**OLSH School Open Day.**

Dates: Tuesday 23rd March

Session Times available - 9am, 9.30am, 10am, 10.30am

Bookings are essential

Please call the office on 9399 5555 to book a session time to attend our Open Day

**NOTE:** Masks are to be worn, please bring your own. You will also be required to use hand sanitiser, check in using the QR code and socially distancing rules apply.

**ST. MARGARET MARY'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL—OPEN DAY:**

**WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH 9.00 -  
11.00am**

To our current and prospective parents, we encourage you to experience what makes our school so unique and take the opportunity to participate in the range of activities.

**Alyssa from Blessed Calligraphy Designs** will speak at the Sunday Masses about her calligraphy work. She handwrites bible verses, prayers and quotes from our faith. Any sales from her works she will donate towards the parish's Good Friday Appeal. Your support and generosity to her work which will be at the back of the Church would be most appreciated.

(She is unavailable for Saturday Vigil.)