

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
MARCH 16 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT | YEAR C

SOME THOUGHTS ON LENT:

Lent comes from an old English word for “lengthen”, because at that time in the Northern Hemisphere, Winter is on the way out and the first signs of Spring are on the way in with the days beginning to *lengthen*.

All this is seen as the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus, the Light of the World, coming at Easter tide in the first days of Spring: all pointing to new life in nature as Spring rises.

Our personal and communal **Journey to Easter** is a journey into our own hearts to find what needs to be healed, forgiven, redeemed, enlightened, made new.

The ashes of Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality, that our life will end, and the need, each day, each moment, to always strive to live worthy of our life in Christ. We bear his name, his very presence within us: called, as a consequence, to be his hands, voice, ears, eyes and heart in our world. This moves the Church in our outreach to the poor and suffering, the lonely and overlooked of this world, **whom God never over-looks. Is there a more beautiful vocation?**

In a world that so pushes consumerism, as if having more will somehow make us more happy, more fulfilled, the Liturgy of Lent calls us to focus on our “being”, “who we are”, our heart and soul, the kind of person we have become and who we are called to be by Jesus. Our journey to Easter is a journey individually and together in company with Jesus as we follow day by day his personal journey through death to the resurrection. **His journey is our journey, for he communicates his life to us and journeys with us.**

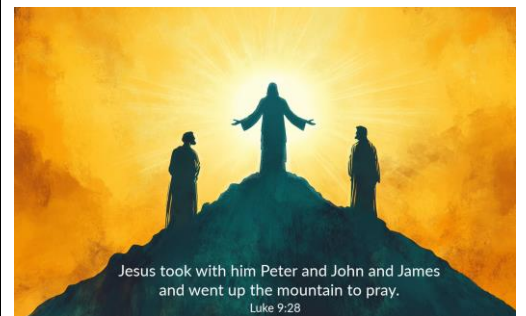
So, we move from **ashes**, dead things, signs of our own mortality and need for renewal of life, to **the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant and the reception of the Eucharist at Easter**; and then we journey on to the **fire** of the New Life of the Spirit of the Risen Lord at **Pentecost**.

This is a **liturgical pilgrimage of 90 beautiful days from ashes to fire of God’s love**. Integral to that journey is the Sacrament of Reconciliation – which will **be available for an hour before every Mass and each Adoration period, (and, if need be after each Mass) from now till Holy Week**. You will find an examen of life on the chair beside the Reconciliation door. May the mercy and peace of God reign in our hearts. Peter Hearn MSC

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 15 MARCH

5:00pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 16 MARCH

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:00pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 17 MARCH – ST PATRICK

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH – JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY

9:00am Mass

6:30pm CHARBEL RAISH – PARISH HALL

THURSDAY 20 MARCH

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 21 MARCH

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

5:00pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 23 MARCH

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea

10:30am ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

We acknowledge the traditional owners the Gadigal Clans of the Eora Nation, who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have maintained these Spiritual connections and traditions.

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MASS TIMES

Sat 6:00pm (Vigil), Sun 9:30am, 6pm
Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm
Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

9:00am Mass First Friday

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:30-6.00pm
Sunday 5.30-6.00pm
Thursday 5:00pm-6pm

ROSARY

First Saturday before 6.00pm Mass

BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS | SACRAMENTS | RCIA

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**PARISH YOUNG ADULTS:
PARISH YOUTH GROUP:
CONTACTS TO BE ADVISED..**

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken,
Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my
salvation.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1

ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the
Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9: 28-36

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Almarinda Cruz, Lily Rose Parks, Bernard Fonti,
Alice Gatt, Peter Haylen, Manuel Mouco

**PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL
CARE/HOMEBOUND**

Tom Carlton, Sr Joan Pender, Frank Mifsud,
Margaret Stocker, Jill Rees, John Dorahy,
Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle,
Olga Nasser, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne
Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Jeannie Chooi Hong Murcutt (*mother of Scott
Murcutt*), Elisa Da Silva, Ena Delaney,
Helena Adamek-Zychowicz (*mother of Anna
Jordan*), Br Reg Pritchard msc

ANNIVERSARIES

Brigid Siely, Marilyn Dorahy, Maria Taranto,
Carlo & Alfredo Pengue, Aurelio Coelho,
Gracinda Rodrigues, Jack Papallo,
Anthony Jahja

SACRAMENTAL DATES

Confirmation:

Sacrament Administered Wednesday
28 May 6.30pm

First Holy Communion:

Enrolment: 6 August, 6.30pm Church;
Masses 9.30am Sunday 14 and 21
September

First Reconciliation:

Enrolment: 17 September;
Sacrament conferred: 12 and 19
November 6.30pm

ROSTERS

| 15/16 MAR | SAT 6PM | SUN 9:30AM | SUN 6PM |
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| Acolyte | John Allen | Danny Tjahjadi | Gunawan Gunawan |
| Readers | Sam Schubert Sr Pauline Richards | Kayla Thumwanich Billy Siauwidjaja | Petra Haylen Paul Haylen |
| E. Ministers | Vien Suhadi | Ana Corpuz Andreas Johan | Michael Reyes |
| KidsChurch | Arty & Herlina | | |
| Counters | Selvi Ung, Jan Nicholas, Bob Brenac | | |
| Comm to Sick | Jan Nicholas | | |
| 22/23 MAR | SAT 6PM | SUN 9:30AM | SUN 6PM |
| Acolyte | John Ryan | Gus Alimhamzah | John Allen |
| Readers | Simona Wong Sr Diana Hayes | Francine Pirola Byron Pirola | Alice Beavin Erin Beavin |
| E. Ministers | Shilla Azalea | Dewi Suryani Robyn Kildea | Geraldine Marcellino |
| KidsChurch | Lia & Eka | | |
| Counters | Robyn Kildea, Arief Suhadi | | |
| Comm to Sick | Robyn Kildea | | |

Lenten Talks by Charbel Raish: so good to see such a crowd attend on Wednesday night – around 80 people with apologies from some unable to attend. **Thanks** to the “Event” organisers – catering superb.

Charbel is taking us on a journey through **Holy Week, stage by stage through the events of Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection**, encouraging reflection and prayer, as well as giving us good insights into the Scriptures.

Sometimes the fuller significance of Biblical images are lost on our culture: e.g. the statement in the Passion that in Gethsemane, **Jesus was “pressed to the ground in great stress”**. The name "Gethsemane" is derived from **the Aramaic "Gat Shmanim," meaning "oil press,"** indicating that the garden was an olive grove, probably with an olive press – a device for extracting the oil from the olive fruit.

Charbel reminded us that **three times** Jesus withdrew to pray, alone, his disciples sleeping through **his extreme physical, psychological and spiritual crisis** as he faced up to his impending Passion and death. **This struggle was of cosmic dimensions – the powers of darkness, of Satan, of sin, being overcome, atoned for, in the free laying-down of the life of the divine - human Jesus, Son of God, Son of Mary. Jesus opens for us a sure Passover from death and sin, to eternal life: the kindness of God.**

Interestingly, (probably, at least, for most of us born “Down Under”) to **extract oil from the olive it undergoes three “pressings”, each more intense than the preceding one, to yield three refinements of olive oil. The first is “pressed” by means of a huge rock crushing the olives; the weight is then added to for each of the subsequent pressings, with the three grades/refinements of olive oil being produced.**

We can see in this an image of the agony of Jesus, pressed to the earth in the Garden of Gethsemane. At the withdrawal of Jesus to pray the third time, his agony grew in intensity: “his sweat became as drops of blood” – reminiscent of the oil oozing from the third, hardest, crushing of the olive. As we reflect on this part of the Passion narrative, we touch the immense cost to Jesus of our salvation and his absolute commitment to fulfilling his mission to unite us to God: what we call ‘salvation’ through the forgiveness of sin and the communication of the divine life of the Trinity.

Also of interest: in the Garden beside **the Parish Office at OLSH Church Randwick there are three olive trees – the middle one was struck from a cutting of an olive tree in Gethsemane**, and planted by, of all people, the then Mayor Randwick in the 1960s. (BTW not an invitation to “garden” there.) How it passed import restrictions on plant matter is an unknown – perhaps in the 1960s things were not so strict? From memory all three produce olives - but none are refined, at least not by the busy clergy of Randwick, who even if they had the time would not know what to do 😊.



Gethsemane Olive Grove on the hill overlooking the Temple and city of Jerusalem.

Peter Hearn MSC

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 17th March 6pm-7pm** (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. **Reconciliation is available.**

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KENSINGTON

**JOIN ALTAR SERVER
MINISTRY**

Received first Holy Communion

**TRAINING ON : SUN 23 MARCH 2025
@10.30AM
(AFTER 9.30AM MASS)**

Contact us to register
Henny Osa 0422 771 433
Caroline Thung 0433 186 125

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Please join us at OLR Church on the **first Saturday of each month** for the “*5 first Saturdays Devotion*” associated with Our Lady of Fatima. **5.30pm Rosary with confessions available followed by 6pm Mass.**

WEEKDAY MASSES

First Friday Masses with anointing of the Sick at 9am, also at the Thursday evening Mass the day before the First Friday. PHMSC

CATHOLIC JOURNEY

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Our parish offers RCIA for adults. Please contact us on 9663 1070 or at olrkensoevangelise@gmail.com for more information. All parishioners welcomed to attend any or all of the sessions.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 8/9 MARCH

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| First Collection | \$1,158 |
| Second Collection | \$435 |
| Envelope Collection | \$710 |

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| Project Compassion | \$170 |
| Stained-Glass window repairs | \$200 |

EASTFEST
EASTERN DEANERY
PRESENTS
NO GREATER LOVE
A Lenten Journey

Hosted by
Our Lady of The Rosary
Kensington

In the Parish Jubilee Hall
1B Kensington Rd

WITH
CHARBEL RAISH
FROM PAROUSIA
MEDIA

FOR 5 WEDNESDAYS FROM
WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2025

EVENT STARTS 6.30PM WITH SUPPER
TALK AT 7PM SHARP



Follow us @easterdeanerysydney
Event is free but Registration essential
Donation for Parousia Media appreciated



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Sydney
Catholic
Schools
Week

School Tours

Monday 3 March
9.00–10.30am & 3.30–4.30pm
Tuesday 1 April
9.00–10.30am



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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL KENSINGTON



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. 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.

BRIGIDINE COLLEGE RANDWICK ANNUAL REUNION AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 4 May 2025 at 1.00pm

CULLEN HALL (Access via Wilson's Car Park, St Paul Street).

If you would like further information please contact:

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AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene.



Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program

Please donate today



You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

GLOBAL MISSION: NO AGE LIMIT!



Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities! Palms is celebrating Seniors Week with a special online session showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events
Thursday 27 March 2025 at 11 am – 12 pm
02 9560 5333 | palms@palms.org.au



PDKK Epiphany & Domus Cordis present

UNSHAKEABLE FAITH

FINDING YOUR FOUNDATION

25 - 27 April 2025
Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre
For Year 10 to Uni students, under 18 yo
(Venture TM, Kenzo Youth, and friends)
\$250 pp, inc. meals from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch
Drop off: Friday, 6pm
Pick up: Sunday, 12.30 (family mass at 1pm)

"Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" - Hebrews 11:1

YOUTH CAMP

Join Now
Registration closes on the 16th March 2025
Contact Lydia B. at 0428 875 979 for more info

THE AMAZING GIFT OF

GOD'S MERCY

by Paul Elarde

7PM START

FRIDAY, MAR 21ST
JUBILEE HALL, KENSINGTON NSW 2033

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