

Reflection ...

NECESSITIES OF [ETERNAL] LIFE

Today's Gospel portrays the culmination of human history. Its focus is on the fate of every human being who ever lived. What is revealed in this passage is momentous, and astonishing for some Christians.

The eternal destiny of every human being – certainly of every human being of a certain maturity – is determined by the decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and hospitality for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners). Those who provide such assistance, even to one least significant person, do so to Christ! Those who provide the necessities of life, physical or social, will hear: 'Amen I tell you, whatever you did to one of these brothers and sisters of mine, [even] the least of them, you did it to me.'

A Christian can be fully conscious of the fact that this is what he or she is doing. It explains much of the tremendous works of relief of the poor and sick which has characterised Christianity from the start. In fact, Pope Francis emphasises that the test of authenticity for a Christian is the willingness to personally bend over and touch the wounds of Christ in those who need healing and comfort. But, for non Christians, it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

The fact is that the Indian villager or the Chinese factory worker who has never heard the Gospel but, prompted unawares by the Holy Spirit, decides to alleviate suffering, can hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

Conversely, those human beings who deliberately refuse to alleviate the suffering of the least are the ones who will find themselves continuing in a hellish self-absorbed existence for all eternity.

The Church forbids us to imagine any particular person as being in this never-ending self-centredness. But the Church does insist that such a hellish state of existence is possible. It is frighteningly possible for we who, as Christians, know this doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. And it is possible for those who come across Jesus Christ Incognito in those without the necessities of life.

But it is graciously also possible for a Hindu Indian villager or a Taoist Chinese factory worker to hear the words, 'Come you blessed of my Father'. This raises the question, what is the point in being a Christian?

The simple answer is that all human beings yearn to know the truth, in every field, about everything: personal relationships, a field of study or passionate interest, the political life of our community. It is inherent in our makeup. Christianity is the bearer of the ultimate truth about our being *loved* into existence, *why* we were loved into existence, and that *we can share* Christ's victory over death which threatens that existence. And Christianity gives us all the aid we need to prepare ourselves for that Last Judgment: the Gospels and the sacraments to show us the way and to nourish us on the journey.

But it should not stop us rejoicing that many others will, at the end of human history, hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 21 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 22 NOV

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 23 NOV

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 25 NOV

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 26 NOV

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 27 NOV

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 28 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 29 NOV

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj, Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara, John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Clare Georgey, Angela Sollazzo

ANNIVERSARIES

John McClusky, Swee Tan, Jack Papallo, Therese Margaret Gaskin, Marie Anne, Therese Hage, Michael David Moyle, Setyo Irfan Kanginan

ROSTER

| 21/22 Nov | Sat 6:00pm | Sun 9:30am | Sun 6:00pm |
|---------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acolyte | Dennis Fenech | Roel Castillo | Danny Tjahjadi |
| Readers | Sr Pauline Richards Br Rory Higgins | Mandalena Hermawan Ana Corpuz | Isabel Reyes Patricia Reyes |
| Comm to Sick | Cathy Castillo | Thomas Chia | |
| 28/29 Nov | Sat 6:00pm | Sun 9:30am | Sun 6:00pm |
| Acolyte | John Ryan | Gus Alimhamzah | John Allen |
| Readers | Francine Pirola Byron Pirola | Jeff Kildea Michelle Alimhamzah | Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn |
| Comm to Sick | Trish Veness | | |



WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code with your mobile phone. Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name.

COLLECTIONS - 14/15 NOV

1st Coll \$385
2nd Coll \$420
Env Coll \$425



HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday 23 Nov
6pm-7pm (*call in for a few minutes or
stay the whole hour*)

PARISH FAMILY GROUP NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25 Nov from 6pm at Raleigh Park
(on the lawn adjacent to the main entrance). BYO
nibbles, drink AND a chair. Our reopening meeting
since Covid-19, come celebrate the joy of Christmas.
Contact group leader: Martin O'Loughlin e: oloughlinm1@gmail.com. All parishioners welcomed.

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Direct debit via the online payment system BPoint on our website: <https://www.olrkensington.org.au/parishgiving>
- The "Tap" facility at the side door of the church
- Place your donation in the collection baskets at the side door
- Contact the parish office for bank account details for electronic funds transfer

MASS INVITATION

Mass after further relaxation of restrictions

With further restrictions easing off, Father Alo and OLR Parish would like to invite you to attend mass in person to celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus is present during the Eucharistic celebration in various ways: in the person of the priest, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the assembled people: For ***"where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."*** (Matthew 18:20) Above all, receiving communion means to receive Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine after the Consecration.

Furthermore, we are also pleased to announce that Morning Tea is now served straight after Sunday 9.30am mass, so join us, say hello and enjoy a cuppa.

Check-in for Mass

We now has a QR code available for Mass check-in. Instructions and the code are available on the notice boards at the side door. Those that are not able to access the app can still sign-in the usual way. Please remember physical distancing of 1.5m whilst standing in the queue to check-in.



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Reach out. Give life.

**APPEAL NEXT
WEEKEND
28/29
NOVEMBER**

Love one another. Just as I have loved you....

(John 13:34)

As the Pope's international mission agency, Catholic Mission plays a vital role in responding to the call to love God and our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus, sharing their faith in action and prayer.

Every October, during World Mission Month, Catholic Mission focus their appeal on one particular program. This year they are partnering with *The Arrupe Centre* in north-western Cambodia. Started in 2001 by the compassionate Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Centre supports young residents with disabilities due to landmine incidents or other illnesses. Offering children the potential to live a full life by providing education, healthcare and opportunities for many, including a young man called Chen, whose life (and that of his family) was impacted so suddenly by a landmine incident which took both of his legs at the age of 16.

Find out more about Chen and this year's appeal at catholic-mission.org.au/cambodia and discover how much these young people's lives have been turned around by the love and compassion of the Church, providing them with hope, joy, happiness and support they would otherwise not have access to, in order to help them live a fulfilling life.

If you are able to and wish to donate, you can do so by any of the following methods:

- Texting **GIVE** to **0488 854 436** (*please include your parish name in the notes*)
- Supporting online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia
- Completing and returning your **parish appeal envelope**, if you have received one
- Phoning **freecall: 1800 257 296** to talk to one of the friendly team about Catholic Mission projects, regular giving or making a donation over the phone

Catholic Mission thanks our Parish Community for its generosity and ongoing support: "God Bless you all and may he keep you safe."

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL NEWS - YEAR 2M

This term in Year 2M, students have been learning about the unit 'Caring for all Creation'. The main focus is on living in the right relationships with all of God's creation.

Students have listened to the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' and have reflected on the behaviour of the priest, Levite and Samaritan, the possible reasons for their decisions, and the generosity of the Samaritan. They also explored the meaning of 'neighbour' as expressed in the story and considered who their 'neighbours' are. Through this parable, students have also explored Jesus' teaching about caring for others and have reflected on their relationships with others.

In the second part of the unit, students have explored the beauty and diversity of creation and their responsibility towards it. They have also understood the interconnectedness of creation. Students have learnt that the world is made up of many ecosystems all dependent on each other, that one part of creation affects other parts.



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SHINE

Saturday
12 December 2020
11 am Sydney time

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven - Matt 5: 16

Guest Speaker
Dr. Scott Hahn



Tickets on Sale Now

Admission (per person) \$20
Not-for-profit event

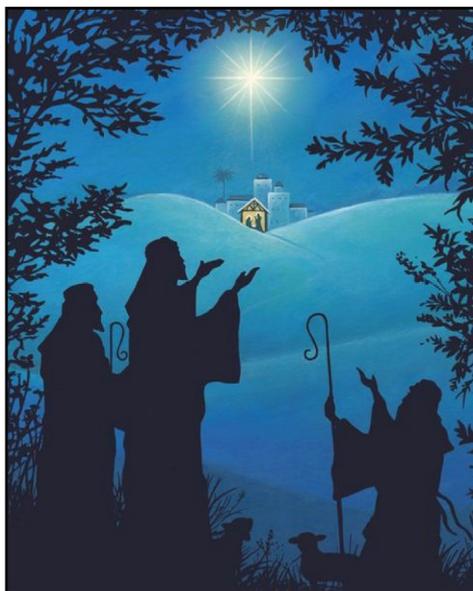
Early Bird \$15
Limited until 22 November or sold out prior
Registration closes 6 December

Contact person: Jeff
pdmkksydevent@gmail.com

TO REGISTER :
<https://pdmkksydneyshine.eventbrite.com.au>

ADVENT 2020 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY

Join people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected! Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent. Starting November 29th you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent> | Email: info@brucedownes.org.




ADVENT ONLINE RETREAT

WE LONG TO SEE Your face

28 NOV 2020
Saturday | Cost \$30

verbumdeisydney@gmail.com
(02) 9341 5848

Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities.

May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy.

Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Pray for us!

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gomakedisciples.org.au

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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 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.