

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
SEPTEMBER 22 2024 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Continuing the pilgrimage of Pope Francis in S.E. Asia: to Singapore.

Catholicism in Singapore possibly had some connection to the Portuguese period in S.E. Asia: 1511-1641. However, **1821 saw the first record of a Catholic Priest's presence – missionary, Fr Lambert** who discovered some Catholics living on an island. **In 1828 Fr Jean-Marie Beurel arrived**, a Paris Foreign Mission Priest, two years after Stamford Raffle's landing, marking the permanent beginning of the Church.

I found a **delightful YouTube titled, *Our Catholic Light***, presenting the history of the building up of the Church in Singapore, with many reminiscences from French priests, now elderly, and members of the different religious orders of Sisters, Brothers and priests who contributed hugely to **the building up of the Church** there, but also gave a **vital contribution to the modern city which developed as we see it today**.

From the outset, in keeping with traditions of the evangelisation by the Church, Fr Beurel established **education**, “specifically for the poor”. There were some Protestant Schools and some Catholic children who could afford to were attending them. **In 1882, Fr Beurel journeyed to Rome to visit the De La Salle Brothers and Holy Infant Jesus Sisters (IJ) HQs. A determined man, he returned with six Brothers and four Infant Jesus Sisters**, taking six months by ship for the return journey. One of the Sisters died a fortnight before the ship arrived. They described their motivation as including the building up of the Church and “to make society better by providing education.” **The Brothers now conduct eight schools, and the IJ Sisters have 11 Convent Schools. Br Paul, an Australia DLS, was until quite recently a principal of St Joseph's DLS College.**

The early missionaries lived very poorly, caring for children from every background. In the 1880s the Government pushed **the IJ Sisters to take on the management of the General Hospital**. The Sisters also operated the “Gate of Hope” orphanage for 120 children, some of whom were abandoned as babies. Some **parishes also had to set up orphanages** for abandoned children, as poverty, opium addiction and social distress affected families.

The Chinese faced great difficulties in converting to Catholicism. In 1846, Chinese labourers were sent to work there. Land was procured for them in the interior of the Island and they were attacked by local villagers. **500 Christians were murdered.** In time, some became wealthy plantation owners with workers who faced harassment from fellow Chinese and working-class gangs. Again, in **the 1920s, Singapore saw a huge influx of Chinese people fleeing religious persecution.** A priest asked the government for some land to help resettlement, and they were given land with **St Anthony's Church** becoming the centre of the community. They also developed the Church of **the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Singapore, from this time was very multicultural, multi ethnic.

To be effective at evangelisation, the French missionaries had to learn the five main languages spoken among the people who tended to live in quite discreet areas of the Island. Each group **built their own Church** in which their language was preached. Of course, the main liturgies were held in Latin. The majority of Catholics in the early period were **Eurasian** converts and their Church was St Joseph's which was also a Portuguese mission church. The **Europeans** congregated at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd on land bought by Fr Beurel, while **Tamils** built Our Lady of Lourdes, and the **Chinese** Catholics developed Sts Peter and Paul and Sacred Heart. **Four of the seven churches were on the same street – Queen St!**



Good Shepherd
Cathedral Singapore



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER – ST MATTHEW APOSTLE

5:00pm - 5.30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm MASS - NOTE: NEW TIME DURING WINTERTIME

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

9:30am **First Holy Communion Mass + KidsChurch**

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER – ST PADRE PIO

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER – STS COSMAS AND DAMIAN

10:30am Funeral – Mr Graham McNeice

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER – ST VINCENT DE PAUL

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – ST LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS (PHILIPPINE MARTYR)

5:00pm – 5.30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm MASS - NOTE: NEW TIME DURING WINTERTIME

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea

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 5:30pm (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 5:00-5.30pm

Sunday 5.30-6.00pm

Thursday 5:00pm-6pm

ROSARY

First Saturday of each month

BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS |

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

James 3: 16-4:3

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9: 30-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

MARIA'S KITCHENETTE in the Parish Office is now completed.

Our Thanks to Eka for the plans and to John Reis for the execution.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Frank Mifsud, Selina Fung, Faalele Jane Reekers, Wong Chung Hua, Rinda Wijaja Suparto, Fr Terry Bowman, Eleonora Mezzatesta, Anna Vigliante, John Stuart Park, Kim Michelle Pastor, Nyauw Kim Tjin, Cendrati Kurniawan (*mother of Henny Wong*), Shona Kaiwai, Grace Provino, Hima, Margaret McShane, Evelyn Marquez, Maria & Ivan Zic, Grace Veronica, Amina Chahrouk, Salvatore Messina, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, A.L., Xavier Stratton, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, Gavin Robertson, Chris (*Cindy's husband*), Manuel Mouco, Eva (*Nicole's mum*), Paul Galea, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Margaret Stocker, Terrence Hertford, Brian Beaver, Rose Kelter, Sebastiano Gentile, Robert Preece, Gai Tyne, Gina Vizacos, John Dorahy, William Van Burke, Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Olga Nasser, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Jill Rees, Sayde Harb, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne Radzaminski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Graham McNeice, Gwen Smith, Laurence Charles O'Neil, Lorna Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Jack Papallo, Maria Sidoti, Carlo & Alfredo Pengue, Cristina Gonzalez, Terry Gormley

ROSTERS

21/22 SEPT	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Danny Tjahjadi	Arthur Handjojo	John Allen
Readers	Shilla Azalea Br Rory Higgins	Abbey Yang Billy Siauwidjaja	Elsa Lim Ethan Lim
E. Ministers	John Ryan	Amelia Iovanella Ana Corpuz	Geraldine Marcellino
KidsChurch	Lily & Arty		
Counters	Selvi Ung & Chris Kurniadi		
Comm to Sick	Josue Castro		
28/29 SEPT	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Sal Barone	Gus Alimhamzah	Gunawan Gunawan
Readers	Simona Wong Sr Helen Hearne	Nani Widarto Michelle Alimhamzah	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi	Dewi Suryani Thomas Chia	Patricia Reyes
KidsChurch	Caroline & Henny Wong		
Counters	Inge Sutanto, Johanna Jahja		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia		

Social Welfare was enhanced with the arrival of the **Good Shepherd Sisters** who had a particular apostolate for women facing unsupported pregnancies and some facing gaol.

World War II saw the surrender of the British Forces and the Colony to the Japanese. Church basements became bomb shelters. Different groups of Catholics, with **the help of a Japanese Officer, Mamoru Shinozake, recognised as the Japanese Schindler, and the approval of the Bishop**, moved 3,000 Catholics out of Singapore to seek a better source of food and refuge from harassment by the Japanese Secret Police. The people had to set up camps in **Endau and Bahau**, to the north in Malaya. Around **500 died of Malaria and poor diet in the latter place**. Two European **Gabrielite Brothers** who were interned in Changi made a vow that if they survived they would build a home and school for children orphaned by the war. **They survived and built both the school and accommodation, a school with both academic and trade departments called "Boys Town"**. The **IJ Sisters** catered for girls in their existing orphanages.

During World War II, **estimates of the numbers massacred varied: Japanese acknowledged about 6,000, whereas Lee Kuan Yew, PM, estimated about 70,000 to 100,000**. Many Church structures were taken over by the occupying forces. Surprisingly, for me, the religious in their reminiscences in the YouTube **from which most of these notes are taken**, were quite muted about the effects of WWII on Singapore.

The 1950s saw some religious who were expelled from China with the Communist Revolution arriving in Singapore. The Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Motherhood, founded in Ladywell, London, went on to open a private Hospital, Mt Alvernia, which still flourishes. Initially it had to be staffed totally by Sisters as they did not have the funds to employ or train nurses. Following the War, there were still many impoverished people, with **TB and leprosy present among them**. The Franciscan Sisters were **asked by the Government to begin nurse training programs specifically for them, with the patients remaining under the care of the Sisters**.

The **Little Sisters of the Poor** (since closed) and the **nursing order, the Brothers of Mercy** also opened facilities in Singapore post-war. In the 1950s some poorer people kept their children home from school to help with the fishing and farming. The **Canossian Sisters, also expelled from China**, opened facilities for poorer families and some who had a parent or parents in prison.

Following a big fire, the **Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, also expelled from China**, began the Nazareth Centre and conducted a prison ministry. The Singapore Government **still executes 33 categories of offenders. A Sister said she attends the condemned prisoners and accompanies them to the scaffold. "I tell them that I will close your eyes in your death, and put the Rosary in your hands." She sings their favourite hymn as they wait for the trap door to open.**

The **St Vincent de Paul lay Society** flourishes and the various institutions operating under the auspices of the religious orders are coordinated under the **Caritas Singapore Organisation**.

The Catholic Church became the largest provider of education, health and welfare services, built originally on the efforts and love of missionaries who recruited local vocations to carry on their works. **Formerly Singapore was administered from Goa, then Macau, and finally in 1981, it became an Archdiocese in its own right. (PHMSC various sources)**

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 23 September 6pm-7pm** (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. Reconciliation is available.

WEEKDAY MASSES

First Friday Masses with anointing of the Sick at 9am. PHMSC

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. **5.00pm Rosary with confessions available | 5.30pm Mass.**

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

DONATIONS/PAYMENTS

For those wishing to donate electronically, or make payments for sacramental programs etc, please use our BPOINT facility at:



www.bpoint.com.au/pay/kensingtonparish

PARISH COLLECTIONS 14/15 SEPT

First Collection	\$1,283
Second Collection	\$762
Envelope Collection	\$385

FUNERAL OF MR GRAHAM MCNEICE

Graham is described as an icon of the Australian sports broadcasting and documentary producer. He was 76 when he died after a short illness.

FUNERAL: OLR THURSDAY 26 September, 10.30am. Celebrant Fr Tom Stevens, with Fr Terry Bowman. Parking: Monastery Oval enter Tunstall Ave.

Francine & Byron Pirola – see article in this week's Cath Weekly: "Natural Fertility Affirms the 'Ecology of the Body'". P.23.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO 7 SIGNIFICANT CHURCH SITES IN SYDNEY

The Emmanuel Community invites families, parish groups, and individuals to the 7 Churches Pilgrimage on **Saturday, October 12, 2024**. Walking from Mary MacKillop Chapel, North Sydney, to the Eileen O'Connor Centre, Coogee, the pilgrimage is a time of prayer and fraternity. For more information, updates and to register interest go to:

<https://forms.gle/QqF7Dsoi6LV5HQDL9>
or email: ecsydneycomms@gmail.com

Walk With Mary

Please join our walking Rosary pilgrimage visiting Mary's statues including the Convent grounds (lift available), to celebrate our Parish feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary



20 October 2024
11 am (after 9.30 am Mass)
Meet INSIDE OLR Church.



The walk is approximately 1 KM roundtrip and concludes on OLR School playground for a sausage sizzle



To RSVP, scan the QR code on the left or click the link below
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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 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 obligation to report crimes to the police.

Our Lady of the Rosary Kensington

All Night Vigil

Hourly Rosary Prayer Sessions
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Start : 6 Oct 2024 9pm

Concludes: 7 Oct 2024 with 9am Mass

Entrance via church side door
(please knock to be let in)

We're praying for the intentions of our parishioners, families and friends

Join us for the whole night or stay for one or more hours

OLR SCHOOL NEWS – YEAR 2 M

Year Two is currently completing the Religious Education unit titled **Reflecting God's Goodness**. This unit explores the concept of living as a follower of Jesus. It introduces Jesus' commandment to love others as Jesus loved us. It draws on the children's knowledge of stories about Jesus and of their experience of people who reflect God's love. The unit introduces saints as ordinary people who reflected God's goodness to the world and brought God's love to others. Next Term, Year Two will begin to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Yours in Faith, Mrs Bryant, Mrs James and the students of 2M