

## Fr Alo writes...

### Goodbye ----- God bless

Fr Anthony de Mello, a mystic says: *"Say goodbye to golden yesterdays: or your heart will never learn to love the present"*. This is a quote that speaks to me loudly at present as I prepare myself to depart from this parish to the new parish ministry in Victoria.

Reflecting back on my experience of the past seven years and ten months, I would say that I am blessed with the presence of the Golden People of Kensington. Not just those who still belong to the parish at the moment but also those who have moved out from the parish, as well as those who have been born to eternal life. You all in your own ways have touched my life with your golden hearts. It makes me feel trapped in this "Kensington comfort zone" which is hard to let go. And when I feel hard to let go, it is painful. For a few months I was battling to "let go" of these golden people of this parish. Then I read another quote: *"When you let go, you create space for better things to enter your life"*. *Is it true?* I doubted about it for sometime.

I started to explore my own experience of being your pastor. I came here with some doubts about my own ability to become a pastor, but I was having a good disposition of heart to take this ministry after freeing myself from all past attachments and pains. Was I confident enough to begin my ministry in this parish in the early 2013? I was not indeed for some reasons like entering into different culture, language ability and some theological differences. However, with your great hospitality and understanding which come from your golden hearts, you have shaped and formed me to be a person who is confident to move to the new mission with its excitement, hopes, dreams and challenges.

As you have shown your love in the beginning of my ministry in this parish, I am confident in your golden hearts ability to welcoming Fr Terry Bowman as your new pastor. You will also support and collaborate with him for God's reign. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be known and loved everywhere.



#### SATURDAY 30 JAN

6:00pm Mass

#### SUNDAY 31 JAN

9:30am Thanksgiving Mass +  
Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass  
6:00pm Mass

#### MONDAY 1 FEB

9:00am Mass  
6:00pm Adoration

#### WEDNESDAY 3 FEB

9:00am Mass

#### THURSDAY 4 FEB

6:00pm Mass

#### FRIDAY 5 FEB

9:00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 6 FEB

6:00pm Thanksgiving Mass +  
cheese & wine

#### SUNDAY 7 FEB

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

11:00am Baptisms

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Thanksgiving Mass +  
cheese & wine



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### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Aloysius Lamere msc**

### PARISH SECRETARY

Maria Caetano

(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

Marie Nilon - 9663 3346

### OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Brigid Taylor - 9662 4088

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334

John Hill - 9663 3222

Sr Pauline Richards - 0419 482 408

Nani Widarto - 0411 850 350

## RESPONSES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!  
and gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
And make it our glory to praise you.

### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice harden  
not your hearts.

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a  
great light; a radiant dawn shines  
on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mark 1: 21-28

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to  
shame, for I call on you.

## 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, Olga Nasser,  
Margaret Stocker, 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, Maria Pockaj,  
Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzysinski,  
Nicole Chiaradia

### BELOVED DECEASED

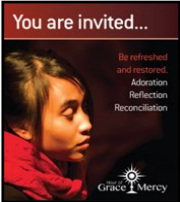
### ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Papallo, Henry Mossman, Elaine Love,  
Joseph Zammit, Alfredo Pengue

## PARISH ROSTER

30/31 Jan	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30am	Sun 6:00pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	Danny Tjahjadi
<b>Readers</b>	John Dorahy Sr Diana Hayes	Nani Widarto Scott Murcutt	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
<b>Comm to sick</b>	Trish Veness	Nubia Suarez	
6/7 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brian Koh	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen
<b>Readers</b>	Shilla Azalea Br Paul Rogers	Roy Rigotti Ana Corpuz	Isabel Reyes Patricia Reyes
<b>Comm to sick</b>	Robyn Kildea		
13/14 Feb	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
<b>Acolytes</b>	John Ryan	Roel Castillo	Danny Tjahjadi
<b>Readers</b>	Thelma Slunsky Br Rory Higgins	Jeff Kildea Lily Murcutt	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
<b>Comm to sick</b>	Cathy Castillo	Thomas Chia	

**You are invited...**



**HOLY HOUR**

Join us for Adoration this coming Monday,  
**1 Feb 6pm-7pm**  
*(call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour)*

### FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

The Parish Rosary will start in the church on Saturday **6 Feb at 4pm**. If you would like to join in, please private message Sarina through the Parish WhatsApp Group or contact the Parish Office. All welcomed.



### EXTRA THANKSGIVING MASSES

Due to the overwhelming response to attend Father Alo's Thanksgiving Mass, two extra Farewell masses are organised to cater for the Parishioners who usually attending the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday evening Mass. The Farewell Masses will be held next **Saturday, 6 Feb at 6pm and Sunday 7 Feb at 6pm Mass** and this will be the Final Mass for Father Alo.

At these masses, a special presentation including OLR Kids Church video will be presented.

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, the capacity of the Mass is limited to 150 people. To attend, please book online via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOKSE> (provision is made for elders and regulars).

So if you miss out on the Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 31 Jan, or prefer to come to next week mass, please don't worry as you will be able to bid farewell to Father Alo next week and perhaps take a picture with him.

In case you miss out, you can still make contribution to Father Alo's gift by:

1. Dropping it in to the presbytery or by EFT to the parish account (tagged Fr Alo's shoebox')
2. E-collection through: <https://app.grouptogogether.com/BonVoyageFatherAlo> (CLOSE 5 Feb 2021)

### ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO HELP RAISE FUNDS TO REFURBISH JUBILEE HALL

A fundraising sub-committee has been established to help raise monies for the Jubilee Hall refurbishment. This sub-committee will be involved in identifying, planning and organising Parish fundraising initiatives in 2021.

Last year, our Parish was successful in receiving a significant NSW government grant to refurbish Jubilee Hall. However a condition of the grant is that the OLR Parish (and other community users of Jubilee Hall) would contribute an additional \$30,000 for the works which are to be completed by March 2022.

If you have interest, skills or networks we would love you to join our committee or contribute to various events. Please contact Lily Murcutt on 0450 733 577.

### OPEN DAYS AT COOGEE TO HONOUR SERVANT OF GOD, EILEEN O'CONNOR

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up its home at 35 Dudley Street, Coogee to visitors for monthly open days throughout 2021 to allow Sydneysiders to pray at the tomb of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor and learn more about this 'saint in waiting'. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, numbers will be limited to 12 visitors at any one time. The next open day will be held on Sunday 7 February and you can register online at the new Eileen O'Connor website: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>.

May Eileen's great courage and unflinching service to others, despite enduring great personal suffering herself, continue to inspire us today and may she soon be counted amongst the saints in heaven.

### ANNUAL CATECHISTS MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

The Mass will take place on: Sunday 7 February at 2:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.  
 Principal Celebrant will be: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Long serving catechists will be acknowledged and awarded for 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years of catechetical service. Under COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be limited to no more than 500 people. St Mary's Cathedral will be livestreaming the Mass via its You Tube channel for those unable to attend in person, via this link: [https://youtu.be/myqi2nC\\_SpQ](https://youtu.be/myqi2nC_SpQ).



# GALA FOR LIFE

A FUN & GLAMOROUS EVENING TO  
FUNDRAISE FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY  
CENTRE DIAMOND WOMEN

WHEN: 27 FEBRUARY 2021  
TIME: 6:30-11:00PM  
WHERE: CABRA-VALE DIGGERS  
1 BARTLEY ST CANLEY VALE



Featuring The Hon Guy Zangari MP for Fairfield, the Hon Tanya Davies MP for Mulgoa, vocalist Emelina Phillips, Diamond Women Founder Jennifer Gurry, Diamond Women counsellor Preethy Abraham and more!

**TICKETS**  
ADULT - \$120 | CONCESSION - \$90  
INCL 3-COURSE MEAL & DIAMOND DONATION

**ON SALE NOW VIA**  
[WWW.GALAFORLIFE.COM.AU](http://WWW.GALAFORLIFE.COM.AU)



Gala for Life is a biennial event that this year is co-sponsored by Cabra-Vale Diggers. Sydney-based registered charity Diamond Women provides women facing an unplanned pregnancy with support and education to eliminate the crisis not the pregnancy. Diamond does not receive any government funding and so relies on donations.



# OF LIFE AND LOVE

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2021



**OF LIFE AND LOVE** gives particular emphasis to the spiritual and sacramental dimensions of marriage, while also paying due attention to the practical elements of relationship building.

Presentations cover the beauty of Christian marriage, openness to life, a critical understanding of 'love', and communication fundamentals.


This marriage preparation course consists of four sessions and will take place on two separate occasions during 2021.

**DATES**

1. Saturday 27 February 10am - 1.30pm and Thursday evenings 4, 11, 18 March 7pm - 10pm
2. Saturday 14 August 10am - 1.30pm and Thursday evenings 19, 26 August and 2 September 7.00pm - 10.00pm

**PLACE**  
The Assisi Centre, 3 Keating Street  
Lidcombe NSW

**MORE INFO**  
Life, Marriage and Family Office  
0415 600 290 or [steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org)



## MAXIMUS MEN'S BREAKFAST

### St Joseph & the Masculine Genius

Our first men's breakfast this year will celebrate the Year of St Joseph as a model of the Masculine Genius. Join us for a fantastic morning of prayer, formation, fellowship and food!

- 13 March from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers
- Presentation by Steven Buhagiar
- Early bird registrations available via the Life, Marriage and Family and Maximus Facebook pages. We will share a separate registration link in next week's bulletin.

All Enquiries: [chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org)



SATURDAY, 13 MARCH

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

*St Joseph and the Masculine Genius*  
St Thomas More Catholic Church, 29B Bay St, Brighton-Le-Sands

Keynote presentation by  
**Steven Buhagiar**  
Mass celebrated by  
**Bishop Richard Umbers**

**\$20** standard/  
at the door  
events.sydneycatholic.org/LFO28

## FESTIVAL OF BEAUTY - ST PETER'S SURRY HILLS: 31 JANUARY-21 FEBRUARY

St Peter's parish in Surry Hills is hosting a Festival of Beauty, celebrating the relationship between God and Beauty which is such a crucial means of Evangelisation. Leading theologians, architects and musicians will lead four talks across four Sundays, each exploring aspects of beauty in our Catholic tradition, whether in art, music, liturgy or architecture. Places are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. For more information and to register online, visit the Parish website- [www.stpeterssurryhills.org.au](http://www.stpeterssurryhills.org.au).

## 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](mailto: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.