

Fr Alo writes ...

Faith and Uncertainty

I was very fortunate to have my private retreat at a property that belongs to one of our parishioners. It was a time to be ME. I was blessed to be on my own in my daily encounter with the Lord for five days. A time of prayer, reading, reflecting and relaxing. I prepared different kinds of food, which would be enough to prevent me from going out of the property except for exercise. In one of my readings, I was struck with the phrase "Faith is about uncertainty", in the book "Awareness" written by Anthony de Mello. I brought this to my prayer. I would say that in some sense this phrase is speaking a lot about my faith journey. There are lots of uncertainties along the way of our faith pilgrim.

The Story of Jesus walking on the lake this weekend, is not about Jesus who is demonstrating his divine power. It is about Jesus who appears anytime in our daily life. The disciples were battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the middle of struggles, Jesus appears to them and calms them down by giving them his own assurance "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid". His presence brings peace.

And I experienced in that retreat. In the middle of my own struggles in dealing with different issues in my life, Jesus seemed to appear in that retreat to give me assurance of his presence, even though I am not certain with things that are uncertain. After coming back from that retreat, I found myself at PEACE and REFRESHED. However, a few days later, I faced another issue. I thought, was that my prayer answered during the retreat? Why am I facing another one? I found myself like Peter who was doubting his ability to cross the sea to come closer to Jesus. I and Peter probably not just doubted our ability to cross the sea but also had doubts about the Lord's assurance of his care and love.

Today you and I are reminded that we are traveling with the Lord. It doesn't mean that we have no issues anymore. It doesn't mean that we will not face any uncertainty. We will still have to face all this. One thing that we need to be sure of is that the Lord is with us. Have courage.



Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 8 AUG

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 9 AUG

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 10 AUG

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 12 AUG

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 13 AUG

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 14 AUG

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 15 AUG

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 16 AUG

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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(1:30pm - 3:30pm Mon to Fri)

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family)

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

Jenny Fowler - 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

Look to your covenant,
O Lord, and forget not the life of
your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those
who seek you.

FIRST READING

Kings 19: 9, 11-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

Romans 9: 1-5

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 22-33

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest
wheat.

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, John & Jill Rees, Mario De Roit,
John Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard,
Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker,
Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin,
Lucienne Radzyminski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Conceicao Ferreira, June Cullen,
Br Ken McEwan cfc, Fr Neville Dunne msc,
Rida Rahardja

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Sidoti, Ana Niel, Br Charles Aquilina
fms, Thereza Rodrigues, Tom Longworth,
John McClusky

ROSTER

8/9 August 2020	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Brian Koh	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen
Readers	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Nani Widarto Scott Murcutt	Patricia Reyes Isabel Reyes
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness		

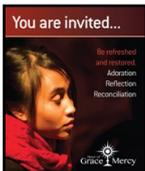
WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish
Community WhatsApp Group,
scan the QR code below 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 requesting to join.



COLLECTIONS - 1/2 AUGUST

1st Collection \$220
2nd Collection \$175
Envelope Collection \$1,445



HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday
10 August, 6pm-7pm
(call in for a few minutes or
stay the whole hour)

COVID-19 UPDATE

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Church attendance numbers are limited to a maximum of 100 people, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household.



All parishes must ensure that their churches are not left unattended when their doors are open and must keep written records with names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church/Parish House at any time (at least one person from each family group). These records are kept for at least 4 weeks.

JRS APPEAL FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS

The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile food bank is a huge and growing operation. Since 1 April, they have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. In one week alone they fed close to 800 people, including by providing more than 300 kg of rice, 300 kg of pasta, 300 litres of long life milk, 500 cans of tuna and much more! Regardless, **their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk are RUNNING LOW.** If you can donate these items we have drop off spots around Sydney. In the absence of Federal Government support for people in need, we continue to need your help. Please visit: <http://jrs.org.au/how-to-help-refugees-and-people-seeking-.../> and learn how you can support people who have no other means to buy these basics for their families. This short video also shows what happens to food donations that are made: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=293160638622911>.



Drop off Points:

Paddington - VivCourt

Ph: 9356 5100 Mon-Fri 10am-3pm

Broadway - The two Wolves Community Cantina

Ph: 0426 366 544 Mon-Fr 11am-2pm

Kings Cross - St Canices Parish Office

Mon & Wed 9am-11am

SUPPORT FOR THE HOUSE OF WELCOME

The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, foodbank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. HOW has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. In the last few months House of Welcome has delivered emergency assistance and been able to support clients to maintain their tenancies and assisted those who have come to the centre homeless. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank.

Contact: office@houseofwelcome.com.au

Ph: 02 9727 9290 | stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome



DISABILITY SUPPORT WORKER

Thierry is a Cameroonian Asylum Seeker who has lived in Sydney for over 6 years and who has been associated with our parish in Kensington. He is an experienced disability support worker who enjoys providing support assistance to individuals and groups with disabilities living within their communities. A kind and compassionate provider, supportive both emotionally and intellectually he is highly organised and efficient. He is currently working with the Cerebral Palsy Alliance empowering children with severe autism and physical disabilities. Thierry would like to offer his services in our community. Anyone who would like to utilise his services could contact John on 0411 315 533.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

The parish relies on your ongoing contributions (1st, 2nd collection and planned giving), alternatives to passing collection plates are available via:

- **Tap and Go** (electronic via your credit/debit card) as you enter the side door of church.
- Drop your contribution in the two collection boxes (clearly marked 'first' and 'second') as you enter the church side door.
- **Electronic Transfer (EFT)** to church bank account: Kensington Parish Merchant Clearing Account | BSB: 062 784 | Account No: 4250100 | Reference as follows: 1st Collection - "First", 2nd Collection - "Second" and Envelope Collection - "Surname & Planned Giving Number" (eg Smith123) or contact Maria by emailing olrkensoparish@gmail.com or on 9663 1070.
- Make a payment through **BPOINT** facility: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/kensingtonparish>.

BE COVIDSAFE



Get notified quickly if you come in contact with COVID-19

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

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 (02) 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.

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home?



Call CCarline to find out more

CCarline 131819

CatholicCare.org

Putting Rungs on the Ladder

Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

Presenters: Bishop Richard Umbers and Beth Doherty



Thursday 12 August 2020, 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom

Join with Catholics from the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay and the Sydney Archdiocese to reflect on the themes of this year's Social Justice Statement "Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World"

Please RSVP to your diocesan Social Justice representative to receive the Zoom link

Sydney: Ruth.Moraes@sydneycatholic.org

Parramatta: Patrice.Moriarty@parracatholic.org

Broken Bay: evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au

ACBC CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING – SAT 15 AUGUST

Another reminder that online registration is now open to attend this fantastic formation and fellowship opportunity for men at either Bonnyrigg, Chatswood, Eastwood, Enfield, Fairfield, Menai, or St Marys. Register now at www.sydneycatholic.org/mensgathering20.



MAXIMUS E-NEWS FOR MEN

As part of our Maximus apostolate for men, we have begun a fortnightly E-Newsletter that provides details of every men's group in Sydney, as well as advertises our podcast and the challenges our podcast guests issue to the audience. Even despite the restrictions and lockdowns, great things are happening in men's ministry in Sydney. If you'd like to sign up to the newsletter, please email me - chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org - and I'll add you to the list!