

## Reflection ...

At the morning parade in Dachau on 22nd July 1943, six prisoners were found to have escaped. Retribution was swift and brutal. Randomly selected, 12 people were hanged. As the other prisoners watched their 12 fellow inmates gasp for breath, someone in the crowd cried out, 'Where is God?' Silence descended on the yard. The 12 bodies were now in spasm, jerking and struggling for breath. As everyone watched, the voice came again, this time more urgently, 'Where is God now?' 'My God', another voice yelled back, 'My God is hanging there'.

This sort of faith is what today's Gospel is all about. Christianity is the only world religion that holds that God took our flesh, suffered, died and was raised to life.

We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world. This is easier said than done. When we suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

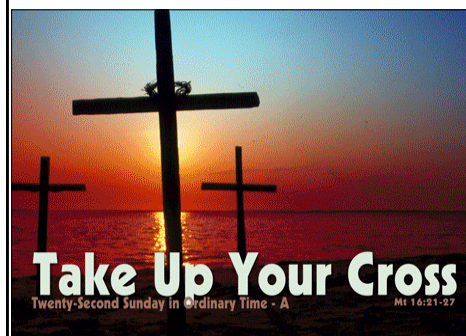
We are encouraged to see that suffering can be an opportunity to grow in love. If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well.

Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing physical, personal, sexual, spiritual or emotional pain; it can also be in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. In every gift there is a burden. Following Christ's example, we are called to share our gifts heroically with anyone in need, even to the end.

Some people complain these days that God is often presented as a big marshmallow, all sweet and soft. Today's Gospel shows the 'edge' involved in being a follower of Christ. I don't know of a more demanding vocation in our world than that of taking up the cross of being faithful, loving and selfless. And while we are invited to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it alone. If we have the eyes to see it and the humility to accept it, Christ, literally, hangs in there with us every step of the way.

So let's recall the first cross from which we take comfort as we bear our own crosses. 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

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## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY 29 AUG

6:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 30 AUG

9:30am Mass

10:30am Baptisms - RCIA

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY 31 AUG

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

### WEDNESDAY 2 SEPT

9:00am Mass

### THURSDAY 3 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY 4 SEPT

9:00am Mass

### SATURDAY 5 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 6 SEPT

9:30am Mass

11:00am Baptism

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Aloysius Lamere msc**

### PARISH SECRETARY

Maria Caetano

(1:30pm - 3:30pm 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

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Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334

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Sr Pauline Richards - 0419 482 408

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## RESPONSES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### SECOND READING

Romans 12: 1-2

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 21-27

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear 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, 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 Radzysinski, Nicole Chiaradia

### BELOVED DECEASED

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

### ANNIVERSARIES

Stephen Slunsky, Lupo Macolino, Jack Papallo, Charles Munevar, Peter Mifsud, Joy Simon, Leo O'Sullivan, Fr Christopher Sheehy, Vincent McGuinness, Millar Kean Munro, Marie Burke, Maria Sidoti, Ana Niel, Br Charles Aquilina fms, Thereza Rodrigues, Tom Longworth, John McClusky

## ROSTER

29/30 Aug	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Ryan	Roel Castillo	Danny Tjahjadi
<b>Readers</b>	John Dorahy Sr Pauline Richards	Roy Rigotti Ana Corpuz	Vacancy Vacancy
<b>Comm to Sick</b>	Trish Veness	Nubia Suarez	

### 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 - 22/23 AUG

<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>\$427</b>
<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$225</b>
<b>Envelope Collection</b>	<b>\$441</b>



## HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday  
31st August, 6pm-7pm  
(call in for a few minutes or  
stay the whole hour)

## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

The Parish Rosary will continue on Zoom next Saturday  
5 Sept at 3pm. If you would like to join in, please  
private message Sarina through the Parish WhatsApp  
Group or contact the Parish Office. All welcomed.



## READERS WANTED

We currently need new readers for the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 6pm Mass. If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please contact Maria at the Parish House: **9663 1070** or [email: olrkensoparish@gmail.com](mailto:olrkensoparish@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020

The ACBC Office for Social Justice have released the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21, entitled **To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today**. This year's Statement encourages faith communities, governments, and each one of us to make mental health a priority—a timely message in a year of bushfires and pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has also influenced the way in which the Statement and associated materials are being distributed this year. Given that face-to-face gatherings are restricted this year, demand for physical copies of the Statement was difficult to predict. Therefore the Social Justice Statement and prayer card for 2020-21 have been made available online as free downloads. To download your copies now, please visit <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au> or visit the ACBC online shop at <https://www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop>.

## THE SPIRITUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE WITH PAROUSIA MEDIA

Join over 9,000 pilgrims from around the world as they grow in their faith and Marian devotion.

- Starting on Sep 8 – The Birthday of the Blessed Mother
- Finishing on Oct 7 – The Feast of the Holy Rosary
- 4 weeks | 20+ Speakers | 5 Keynote talks

20 scriptural meditations from top Catholic speakers and theologians – 1 for each of the mysteries of the Rosary! Sign up now at [www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage](http://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage).  
Enquiries: [chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org).



## REMEMBER OUR RETIRED PRIEST'S THIS FATHER'S DAY

The **Priests' Retirement Foundation** Father's Day Appeal will be held on **5 and 6 September 2020**. Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests, so please consider a gift towards this appeal. Thank you.

## 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 Hill on 0411 315 533**.

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

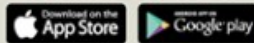
- **Tap and Go** (electronic via your credit/debit card) as you enter the side door of church.
- Drop your contribution in the two collection boxes (clearly marked 'first' and 'second') as you enter the church side door.
- **Electronic Transfer (EFT)** to church bank account: Kensington Parish Merchant 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](mailto: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**

**Download now**



## 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 (02) 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.

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

*Call CCareline to find out more*

**CCareline 131819**  
CatholicCare.org



## EPETITION TO PROCLAIM MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is encouraging people to sign an ePetition calling on the Premier and the NSW Government to take immediate steps to proclaim the state's Modern Slavery Act 2018. Despite this law having passed parliament over two years ago, it still hasn't been brought into law, thanks to stalling tactics which have failed some of our state's most vulnerable citizens. You'll find a link to the petition here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>. Please note the closing date for this ePetition is 1st September 2020. With the securing of 20,000 or more e-signatures, a debate on the subject of the ePetition will be activated in the Legislative Assembly.

## HOW TO REBUILD A CATHOLIC SOCIETY

**Next week on the Maximus Podcast, the National Civic Council's Luke McCormack**

Few men have dedicated more of their lives to fight for Australians to understand and live out Catholic Social Teaching than Luke McCormack. Following the legacy of Bob Santamaria, Luke's work involves both educating Catholics and the broader public on pro-family policy and social changes, as well as lobbying state and federal governments for the same. Tune in to *Maximus – Men Striving for Greatness* next Friday, the 4th of September at 4 pm!

## THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY HAS GONE DIGITAL!

With The Catholic Weekly returning to print, some of you might prefer to read it electronically on your desktop, tablet or mobile. Subscribe to The Catholic Weekly Digital Edition at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/product/the-catholic-weekly-digital-edition/> and be the first to receive the latest catholic news and opinion.

## Is your family facing financial stress?

Connect with financial counsellors who can offer information, guidance and advocacy for people in financial distress who are at risk of or not able to pay bills or make repayments.

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🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday