

Reflection ...

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our listening only to the mellifluous flow of language and of failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to those who suffer injustice and to those who choose nonviolent ways of addressing it. With pandemic sweeping the globe and affecting the dispossessed quite disproportionately, it is time to listen anew to these opening words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus of Nazareth knew in his body the experience of displacement: from Bethlehem to Egypt; from Judaea to Galilee. He shared the experience of Galilean peasant farmers and artisans. His words are grounded in the stories, the music, the poetry, the law and the history of his people. They foreground the qualities of those whom we honour as saints, those who are remembered by name and those who are not.

The mountain setting establishes Jesus as wisdom teacher like Moses of old. God's favour rests on the poor/the humble/the "grounded", on the gentle, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on those who know how to mercy, on the pure or single-minded of heart, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right. The repetition of 'blessed are...' (a better translation of the Greek makarioi than 'happy') provides multiple links with Israel's collection of sacred songs, the Psalms. For Israel's lyricists, God's favour or blessing is on those whose hope is in God, on those whose delight is in God's way, on those who take refuge in God, on the guileless in spirit and on those whom God forgives. The content of the beatitudes echoes the voice of Israel's prophets, especially Isaiah 61. God's spirit is upon Jesus. He brings the good news of God's present and future favour or blessing to the destitute and to those who mourn. The distinguishing mark of God's favoured ones is righteousness or right relationship.

God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the basileia or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth as a heritage to be protected; the joy of being mercied; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven". If heaven is only a place to be enjoyed in the afterlife, it is little consolation for the desperately poor or for those who are persecuted or misrepresented to know that "the empire of the heavens is theirs" or that their "reward is great in heaven". "Heaven" is better understood as a way of talking about God or God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents. Maybe the most urgent invitation in our present context is to mourn strategically the displacement of so many of earth's inhabitants who, in these liminal times, long for the blessing of God's kin-dom in the form of comfort and mercy and a just share in the earth's resources.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM



ALL SAINTS

SATURDAY 31 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 1 NOV

9:30am Mass + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 2 NOV

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 4 NOV

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 5 NOV

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 6 NOV

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 7 NOV

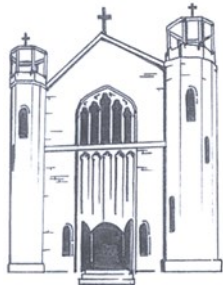
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(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

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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Jenny Fowler - 9662 4088

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING

Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING

John 3: 1-3

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 Radzysinski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Angela Sollazzo, Mary Cunney, Giles Auty, John Rees, Lucia Narsete, Angelo Paino, Gil San Gabriel

ANNIVERSARIES

Setyo Irvan Kanginan, Jack Papallo, Peppina Calanni, Albert Aris Gunawan, Walter Grusovin, Pasquale Iovanella, Frank Higgins, Paul David Corcoran, Sr Margaret Rita Ellis, Mary Breen, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy, Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Ana Niel, Phyl Dewar, Tony McDonald, Margaret Quinnell, Harry Dewar, May Campbell

ROSTER

31 Oct/1Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	John Ryan	Gus Alimhamzah	Danny Tjahjadi
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Sr Pauline Richards	Michelle Alimhamzah Jeff Kildea	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
Comm to Sick	Nubia Suarez		
7/8 Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	John Allen
Readers	John Dorahy Sr Diana Hayes	Lily Murcutt Roy Rigotti	Isabel Reyes Patricia Reyes
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness	Thomas Chia	



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 - 24/25 OCT

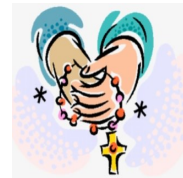
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HOLY HOUR

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

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

The Parish Rosary will continue on Zoom on Saturday 7 Nov 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.



NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The month of November begins with the Feast of all saints when we remember all our deceased family and friends who have gone to their heavenly home. All Souls Day follows on the 2nd November when we pray for all who have died.

As the month of November is a special time of remembrance of those who have died, we invite you to write the names of your deceased family and friends in our Book of Remembrance. Together we will prayer for the deceased during the month of November. If you are not able to attend Mass but would like names added to the Book, please contact the Parish office on 9663 1070 or olrkensoparish@gmail.com.

Offerings can be dropped off at the Parish Office, given to Fr Alo or left in the collection baskets. Offerings can also be made by EFT using the reference November Masses.

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.



You're Invited!

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.

BULLETIN

Printed copies of the Parish bulletin are once again available in the church.
Please take one as you leave after Mass.



The next **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal** will be held on **7 and 8 November 2020**. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS RELIGION AND GLOBAL ETHICS ANNUAL EVENT

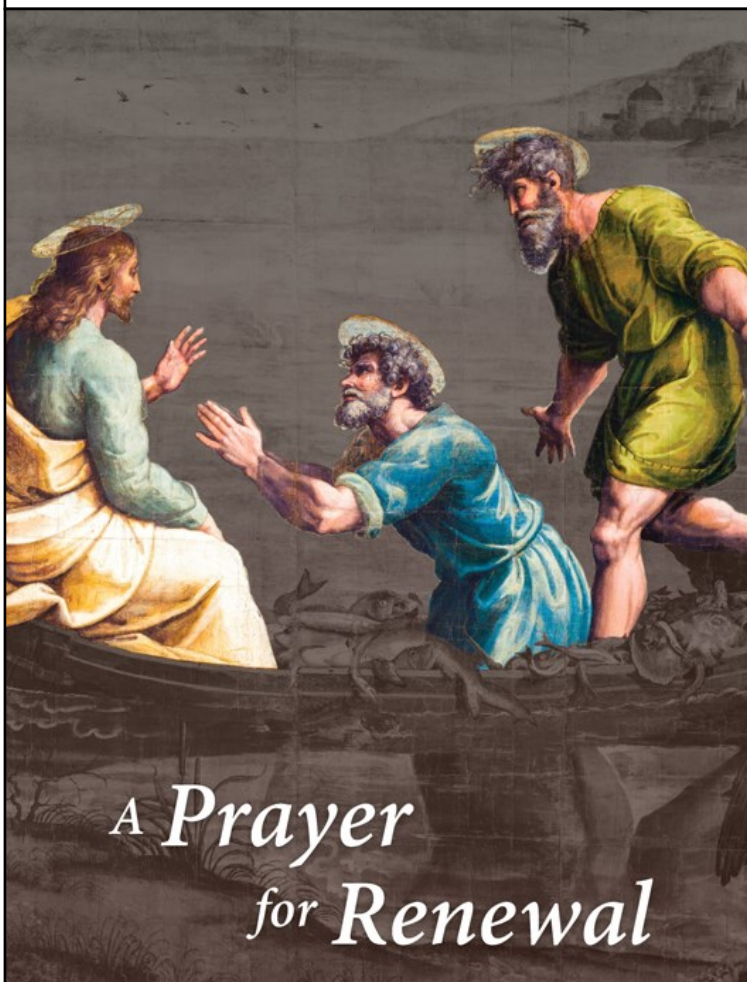
Wednesday November 11th, 5 – 6 pm | Zoom (Link confirmed on registration)

The release of Laudato Si' by Pope Francis in 2015 was hailed as a major milestone for ecology and environmental action across the world: the encyclical offers a framework for Catholics to both understand the contemporary climate crisis and take action. In this timely and interactive event, Dr Celia Deane-Drummond (Laudato Si' Institute, Oxford) and Fr. Peter Smith (Sydney Catholic Archdiocese), discuss the successes, challenges, and possibilities of Catholic responses to the climate crisis. Dr Deane-Drummond and Fr. Smith together bring a wealth of theological expertise and practical experience on Catholic approaches to ecology and climate change, and this is a unique opportunity to hear a scholar and practitioner 'in conversation' on one of the pressing issues of our time. For more details and please register by emailing: ies@nd.edu.au.



GO MAKE DISCIPLES- PRAYER FOR RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be launching a new Archdiocesan Mission Plan *Go Make Disciples* on 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of the New Evangelisation. The new plan is aimed at renewing our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ and centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. In the weeks and months ahead we hope you will join us in an Archdiocesan-wide prayer campaign beginning on the Feast of All Saints (1 November), calling on the Holy Spirit, to prepare the hearts of each of us and of all our parishes and Eucharistic communities to receive anew the fire of God's love and the desire to be ever more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. **Please join us by praying the prayer below** together at the end of each Mass, in your prayer group, and in your homes. More about the campaign in this weekend's Catholic Weekly. For more information contact Parish Renewal Team at the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Sydney on 9390 5307 or elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org. Prayer cards available near the side door of the church.



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.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*



GO MAKE DISCIPLES
gomakedisciples.org.au

33 DAY CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

Registrations are now open for the Sydney wide '33 Day Consecration to Saint Joseph' which will be used to prepare us locally for the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being proclaimed Patron and Protector of the Universal Church on 8 December 1870.

Day 1 of the Consecration will commence on Friday 6 November. Please go to the Life Marriage and Family Facebook page for the REGISTRATION link and for the daily reflection videos which will be posted. Please feel free to contact Steven Buhagiar from the Life Marriage and Family Team on 0415600290 for more information. God bless. **All Enquiries:** chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org.

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.