

## Greetings on our return from WYD Madrid.

While our bodies have returned, the personal *clock* is ever so slow to catch up with the body – still somewhere between Singapore and Bangalore despite all the advice poured out to help us cope with jet-lag.

What a magnificent time we had – 35 mainly young adults from the Antioch Movement. Wonderful young people, full of humour, faith and life. They were responsible for animating three of the catechesis at our Church – San Antonio near Quatros Caminos (4 Ways) in Madrid. Their singing, testimonies and welcome were excellent. Three Bishops catechized us: Fisher and Coleridge of Australia, and Cardinal O'Malley from Boston. For myself, I spent up to two to three hours in a fairly stifling confessional during the talks. Undoubtedly the catechesis were the highlights of the pilgrimage. Pretty well most things to do with trying to see the Pope, together with the opening Mass, had a (predictable) degree of chaos associated with it – how does one cope with over 2,000,000 pilgrims, or 2,000,000 anythings for that matter? Water and toilets were in great demand, in that order, and supply never met the demand by a long shot. Heat at 41 *in the shade* was an added factor. At the Welcoming Mass many of us could not really see a screen, let alone pick up anything – so the nearest available screen happened to be in a hotel nearby – and that was where two Missionaries, imbued with the missionary spirit, attended the opening Mass.

I think we walked far too far (11 km) to attend the Vigil and Closing Mass at a disused airport, Quatro Vientos (4 Winds). The more elderly among us turned back sensing heat, water and conveniences would be a problem, while the younger ones with Fr Joshua continued – only to find that their places were already taken by free loaders (?), and they were relegated to the back of the already over-crowded venue. The Police eventually closed all gates, leaving many international pilgrims outside coping as best they could. However, while a number succumbed to heat exhaustion, and most of our group returned, sensibly I believe, that night to the University where we were billeted, spirits were undaunted – the glory of youth.

**Other highlights:** Mass in the *scavi* – the grotto beneath the High Altar of St Peter's Basilica at the burial place of Peter! Just the 35 of us. What an awesome honour, as the youth would say! Vatican Museums, Mass at St Domatilla's catacomb, walks around the eternal city were wonderful. Then to Orvieto where the notorious 4<sup>th</sup> Crusade was preached, and Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel there, and then on to Assisi – amazing place. Mass near the tomb of Francis and a visit to St Clare's Convent. The hill of Assisi is so conducive to contemplation.

Following the Madrid experience, we stayed in Barcelona and celebrated Mass as a group in the crypt of the famous La Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Church. An amazing place, built entirely on donations. Gaudi, the architect, is being promoted for beatification. Then Montserrat Benedictine Abbey outside Barcelona and Mass in the crypt (Fr Joshua was overcome with joy there) – we were consecrated to the Sacred Heart at that Mass – as we were not sure when and if it occurred in the wind-blown Vigil with the Pope – so just to make sure we held it at the Abbey. Nearby is the famous Cave of Manresa where a youngish Ignatius of Loyola was having foundational experiences which would lead him later to found the mighty Jesuit Order. Throughout the pilgrimage, the two MSC chaplains encouraged all to keep before our minds and hearts three graces we felt drawn to ask for during our pilgrimage.

I can assure you that we prayed for all and sundry at the various Holy Places we visited – especially the tomb of St Peter and later, of St Paul outside the old walls of Rome.

Anyone for Rio in 2013?

Thanks, again, to the Parishioners for the fund raising which allowed us to send over \$20,000 to mission areas to assist their youth to get to WYD.

Peter Hearn MSC, Joshua MSC



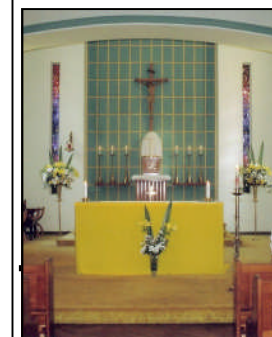
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## SUNDAY - 4th September, 2011

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. - YEAR A.

First Reading : Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**Entrance Antiphon:** Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

**Responsorial Psalm :** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.,

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

#### MASS TIMES:

OLSH - Sat: 12noon, Vigil 6pm.

Sun : 8am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm, & Last  
Call Eucharist 10.30pm

#### Week days

Mon-Sat 12noon, Tues & Wed 6.30am,  
Thurs & Fri 5.40pm.

Reconciliation: Sat 11am—12 noon & 5—6pm

Anointing Mass: 2nd Friday at 12noon

Marian Novena & Rosary: following 6pm Vigil  
Mass.

#### ST. MARGARET MARY'S:

Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm. Sunday 9.30am

Weekdays - Tues, Wed, Fri, 8.15am

Thurs (School Term) 9.05am

Reconciliation: Sat. 5.15- 5.25pm.

Baptisms: 1:30pm on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays.

Preparation required—contact Parish Office.

POWH Chapel - Mass 3pm - 1st & 3rd & 5th

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OFFICE HOURS - 9.00-5.00pm

Into your loving memory,  
we commend:



**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Karl Henry, Sr Catherine Morrissey, CSB  
Joan Berghouse, Carl Quaadvlieg, Clive  
McMahon, Patricia Rigg.**

**ANNIVERSARIES & INTENTIONS:**

**Dec. members of the Dwyer Family, Reg Francis,  
George & Alice Hagggar, Maurice Nagma,  
George Kolbaba, Miguel & Rosalina Antunes,  
Felix Gunawan, Leo Saia.**

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS: All the Holy Souls,  
Dora Parente (very sick in hospital), Harry Smith,  
Irene Burke. Legion of Mary.**

"Holy Spirit Prayer Group"- This will be the new name for our parish's Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group because it better explains the purpose of the group. From 1967, there's been a new out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church. Catholics have since been encouraged by the Pope and Bishops, to gather where joy, peace and the love of **God are emphasized**. The main focus of Charismatic Prayer Group is to praise and worship God for His love and His faithfulness through songs, words, and prayers in the Spirit. We are encouraged to exercise the gifts ["charisms" in scripture] of the Spirit. We listen to God's word in the scriptures and prophecy. We have regular teachings to assist in our spiritual growth.

This group is an open community, with trained lay leaders, a priest as the Spiritual Director and supported continuously by the NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal [CCR]. Every 3 weeks, talks will be conducted by the NSW CCR team. The topics for the up-coming NSW CCR's teachings for September 2011 are:

- **Prayer and the Word of God – 15 September 2011**
- **The Healing Power of Sacraments – 29 September 2011**

Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets **every Thursday**, from 7:30 to 9pm. Followed by supper afterwards. Prayer meeting is held at Platinum Pre-school, under OLSH church. All are welcome. Come and see. Experience God's love with us.

**THANKS:** TO Michael, Juan, Syd for the magnificent work refurbishing the side door of Ventnor. During the back verandah refurb, that will be our main point of access.

**Ventnor Refurbishment:** A contract has been placed with a firm to remake the back verandah facade together with a new roof; as well, the remaining gut-tering and eaves on the main building will be completed; the toilet on the back verandah area will be refurbished to be more accessible for wheelchairs. The work is done under the supervision of a heritage architect who offers his services *pro bono*. This will coincide, unfortunately, with the beginning of the special Heart Spirituality Program we are mounting as a 125 Years celebration beginning in the first week of October. Funding will be largely as a result of fundraisers by the *Friends of Ventnor*. Thanks to all concerned

**Thanks:** to Juan for volunteering to refurbish the Old Baptismal Font – a difficult job with splendid results for all to see. It will repose for the time being in the forecourt of the Shrine.

**SMM Church Refurbishment.** The Committee met Wednesday night to further revise plans. We hope to have a floor plan to place before you within a few weeks.

THANKS in advance to the committee who organised the Dinner Dance.  
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**BLESSING of OLSH NEW CENTRE:  
10am at the School by Bishop Porteous.**

⇒ **Coming Up:**  
⇒ **4th Sept.—Fathers Day.**  
⇒ **6th Sept.(Tues) - Opening of OLSH new Hall at 10AM**  
⇒ **10/11 Sept: Finance Report all Masses—Cana Appeal Raffle**  
⇒ **17/18 Sept.: 1st Holy Communion at OLSH**

**CHILD PROTECTION WEEK: Sept 4-11.**

Our Church and School are continuing to keep an awareness of Child Protection issues before us. It is important to educate us all in identifying the signs and effects of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional), to put in place policies and procedures to respond appropriately to those who report abuse. Thus we are involved in working together to create a child-safe environment. Benedict XVI: "The wounds caused by such acts run deep, and it is an urgent task to rebuild confidence and trust where these have been damaged...to establish the truth of what happened in the past and to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent it from occurring again, to ensure that the principles of justice are fully respected and above all to bring healing to the victims." (To UK Churches) In Sydney, to report abuse or to speak about it: Contact professional Standards Office, 1300 36 9977 or 9287 1542. Office

The Daughters of OLSH are celebrating this Wednesday, the 8th September, 2011 the centenary of the inauguration of the Australian Province. A special Mass will be celebrated at 5pm on the 8th September at OLSH Randwick with Cardinal George Pell as main celebrant. All are welcome to join with us at this Mass.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CELEBRATING 125 YEARS—MASS AT 12.00MIDDAY—16TH OCT.**
- **CONCLUDING OUR 125 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART - WEEKEND 22/23RD OCT.**

**SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART:** a special program to conclude the 125 years of our Parish. This will be held over 6 weeks beginning the first week of October. The sessions are for approximately one hour and include an input, reflection, prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament, and concludes with **Compline (the Last Prayer of the Church - evening sessions) or Midday Prayer of the Church (morning session)**. We anticipate offering three occasions weekly as per the Bible Study: Tues, Wed evenings, and Friday mornings. Each session will conclude with a cuppa/glass/nibbles.

Session titles:

1. **Yielding to Love – Religious Experience and the Mystery of the Heart**
2. **Spirituality of the Heart in Scripture**
3. **History of the Spirituality of the Sacred Heart**
4. **Mary "Woman of the Sacred Heart"**
5. **Contemporary Expressions of Heart Spirituality**
6. **Engaging Compassionately With the World**

A selection of parishioners and priests (sounds like a wine promo) will combine to present our program. More later on how to register.  
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