

Chorus All I want is to know and love my Lord,

and to feel in my heart the power of Jesus' love.

v 1 To share in his suffering, like him in his death,

to live deep within the hope we rise with him.

v 2 To do this I throw away **everything I possess**,

all treasure is worth the price of loving him.

These are the words of one of my favourite hymns (the title is the bold print above), written by Fr Frank Andersen msc (the other great favourite being *Come As You Are*). The hymn raises the question, which is a key one that is good to reflect on from time to time: "**what do I want most in life?**" As we go through life, our responses to this question will gradually deepen. I remember asking once a group of parents what they wanted most in life and the natural answer was the health of their children. Hopefully, in time we will come to realise and experience that God has implanted a desire for God deep in our hearts. This desire can be submerged amid the care and worries of daily living. If we stop and listen to ourselves, we can get in touch with this desire. The chorus of the hymn above gives us the deepest answer to our question, especially the second line "to feel in our hearts the power of Jesus' love". Experiencing Jesus' love is the most important experience to have in life. The clearest example of this for me occurred when I was on the presenting team for a Marriage Encounter Weekend for the first time. I was heavily involved with the lead couple. I met them for the first time only a few weeks previously and I was deeply moved by their unconditional love for me, especially as I was so used to earning people's love. But that was only half of it: I received the great grace of making **the connection** between their love and God's love. That changed really my life. I met with that couple every year for many years to celebrate this.

In God's plan we experience God's love in our experiences of human love. Simplifying our lives, being still and silent, can facilitate our making this connection. *And there's more*, as the advertisers say! All our experiences of genuine human love are experiences of God's love, because love is one reality: **God is love, a communion/family of love**. These experiences are very real – we know what it is like to be truly loved, it is very real, but we cannot express this adequately in words. This is a more recent insight for me, but a very valuable one, one that most of us can relate to. We have all been loved, but sadly we can be so caught up in ourselves, full of ourselves (as I wrote last week), or so badly wounded by life, that it is difficult to take others' love on board – we feel unlovable. We all share in Jesus' mission of bringing God's love into the lives of others through the love we show them. This is at the heart of all human living, but we leave the result to God, in their way.

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SECONDARY SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

SAT/SUN: 16/17th January, 2016

1st Reading: Is 62:1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Accessible Seats -
Rows 5,6,7 and
cross aisles

Front 6 seats either
side of centre aisle.



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OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART- Masses.

Monday: Mass at 12.00noon

Tuesday: 6:30am Mass, 11am (Holy Hour), Midday Mass.

Wednesday: 6:30am Mass, Midday Mass

Thursday: 11:30am (Novena), Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass.

Friday: Midday Mass (Anointing Mass 2nd Friday), 5:40pm Mass 6pm (Holy Hour)

Saturday: 11am (Reconciliation), Midday Mass, 5pm (Reconciliation), 6pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm, 9:30pm (Holy Hour),

ST. MARGARET MARY'S- Masses

Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass

POWH Chapel- Masses

3pm (1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday) & Wed 12noon

Into your loving care we commend
+RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Ford, James Colton,
ANNIVERSARIES AND DECEASED: Jack Franks, Claude McBeath, Rosina, Gino, Rachele Fia,
SPECIAL INENTIONS: Sister Jan O'Neill,csb, Sister Dorothy Costigan,csb, Special intentions

Coming Up

- ◆ **Tuesday, 26th Jan-Australia Day -Mass at 6.30am and 12.00midday.**
- ◆ **Monday 1st Feb Opening School Mass-Brigidine College.**

As you may know Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is making a slow but steady recovery from his illness but it will take some time! Continuing prayers are certainly needed.

Many people have been wanting updates on his progress. The Archbishop has asked if his following words could be made available to your parishioners.

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Dear friends, once again I thank you for all the prayers and messages of support. I will need your prayers for some months to come but I am pleased to say that I have started walking again and am making several other improvements. This is due to the excellent care that I am receiving here at St Vincent's and the power of your loving prayers. Please ask God not just for healing but also for patience, courage and hope. I miss you all.
Archbishop Anthony.

YOUNG ADULTS: This group for over 18s to 30s or so, meets on the first and third Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at Ventnor – the heritage house in the Church car park. Continuing reflection on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Contact Fr Alfin: afinbuarlelem@gmail.com Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

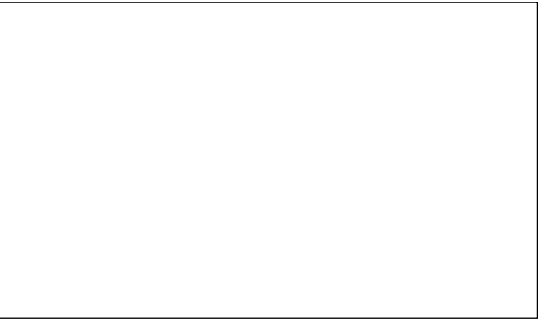
BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Catholic family: Christopher Alva, Scarlett Heah, Amelia Mazzella, Stella Brady, Sophia Cagliata.



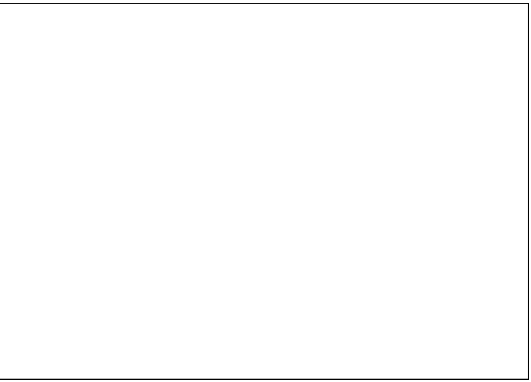
Mums With Prams: Cloister Room, Presbytery. FRIDAYS 9.15 - 10.30am. Welcome to come, kids toys to play with and a cuppa and chat. Meet new friends. Resumes in February.

CLEAN WATER LUNCHEON AT VENTNOR: After the midday Mass, Thursday, 21st of January, there will be a luncheon to raise money for the MSC project for water tanks for poor countries.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY ON SALE AT BACK OF CHURCH - \$2



GENTLE EXERCISE: Ventnor, Monday and Friday 1:30pm-2:30pm. \$7. All Welcome.



New Parishioners (Hand to a Priest or Acolyte)

Name: **Contact No:**

Address:

Email:

Date Submitted: