

Fr Alo writes . . .

Fruits of the Spirit

Staying home during this pandemic can be very stressful. And the government and the church have been paying close attention to the effects of this. It can lead towards decreasing of mental health and even mental disorder which could damage an individuals and relationships. Domestic violence can be one of the damages. In Australia we are fortunate to have some professional institutions that have been offering help for those who are experiencing some kind of depression caused by loneliness from staying at home too long.

Is there any positive effects of staying home so long? I suppose there will be a good number of people who would say "yes" from their own experience. It is indeed challenging but there are some positive outcomes for an individual as well as for society. As a religious priest, I speak from my personal experience of living not "alone" but in "solitude". After being triggered by some people in the parish to write something which could be published on the Parish Facebook page, I found myself sitting down and allowing the "Spirit" to work in me. It is not easy to sit down "dull" with no inspiration at all for sometime. And I came to reflect on the working of the Spirit. I questioned myself: "How do I know that the Spirit is working in me? Or How do I know that I have done God's will?" These questions actually have been thrown to me hundreds of times by so many people. While asking myself these questions, I came to read a book titled 'Yielding to Love' written by Fr Michael Fallon MSC. He said that if what we do is truly God's will, then we can see it by its fruits. And the fruits are to be seen in the virtues mentioned by Paul in his Letter to the Galatians, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5:22-23).

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost this weekend, let us be aware of those fruits of the spirit within us. Fr Michael said: *"If it is truly God's will that we are doing, we find ourselves growing in those virtues. If, by contrast, we find ourselves becoming less loving, we should have another look..... I am not saying that doing God's will is always easy. That is not the case. However, if we are doing God's will, even when this involves the cross, sustains us below the pain and difficulties"*.

Have a blessed Sunday.



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Go to <https://www.facebook.com/OLRKenso/> or type "Our Lady of Rosary Church" in the search bar at the top of the page. Don't forget to click the "Like" button to receive updates from our Facebook page.

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.



Responses

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20: 19-23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Oremus

Let us Pray

SICK

June Cullen, 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, Gavin Robertson, John Roberts, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Geoffrey Karpin, 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, Laura Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Gwen Smith, Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzysinski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Hilary Halpin, Graham Lentfer, Dennis Ryan, Anthony O'Donnell, Danny Sullivan, Brigid Ada Moon

ANNIVERSARIES

Gerhard Stocker, Colleen Corcoran, Desleigh Carlton, Constantino Ferreira, Claire Bowen, Monica O'Loughlin, Cec Baz, Fr Peter Ryan

DO YOU NEED HELP?

If you are at home alone and trying to avoid being out and about, we are here to help you. We can arrange delivery of basic needs such as groceries or medications. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Alo if you require any assistance.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Sydney Archdiocesan Council Kingsford Community Support Centre | Level 2, 1A Meeks Street KINGSFORD
If you are in need of emergency assistance please call on 9662 7380.



PARISH COLLECTIONS

For those wishing to continue their contributions to the parish by electronic funds transfer, the church bank account details are as follows: - Account Name: 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).

Donations can now also be made by Mastercard or VISA through our website using the following link: <https://www.olrkensington.org.au/parishgiving>.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Fr Alo and the Parish.

Collections - 23/24 MAY

1st Collection	\$250
2nd Collection	\$135
Envelope Collection	\$300



FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

The Parish Rosary will continue on Zoom next Saturday - **6 June 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 to join.

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

YOU SPOKE UP, AND THE GOVERNMENT LISTENED!

Dear Friends

It was announced by the NSW Government this morning that churches and other places of worship will be treated equally with pubs and clubs, restaurants and cafes, museums and libraries.

From this coming Monday, places of worship will now be allowed to welcome 50 people at a time, instead of the limit of 10 that we have had over the past couple of weeks.

This wonderful result is because tens of thousands of you stood up and made your desire to return to church known. You weren't asking for special treatment, you were asking for equal treatment, and you prevailed.

Thank you for making your voices heard. Your swift and overwhelming response has demonstrated what can happen when we stand up for the freedom to practice our faith, and to be treated equally. I will keep you updated with ways in which you will be able to stand up for the right to practice your faith freely and fairly.

There is still more work to do, however. While we have been fortunate in NSW, other states still have unequal restrictions on places of worship. So, we have revised the petition and are now calling on all state premiers and chief ministers to treat people of faith fairly and equally. Please continue to share the link with your friends and family: www.openourchurches.com.au.

I know the priests of Sydney are looking forward to welcoming you back in greater numbers to your parishes from next week.

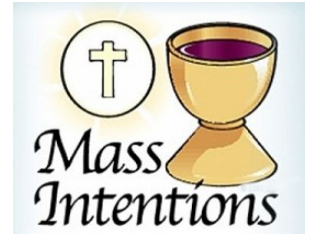
God bless you.

RESUMPTION OF MASSES AT OLR KENSINGTON PARISH

Masses at Kensington Parish will resume once Fr Alo and the Liturgy Committee meet to plan the best possible way to return to Parish Masses. Further details will be provided ASAP.



If you would like Fr Alo to offer a Mass for a loved one during this time, please drop a note at the Parish Office, email or phone with your request. Be assured that Fr Alo is keeping you all in his daily prayers.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL - YEAR 5B

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary, 5B would like to share some of our learning in Religion with you. Despite being away from the school building, we have been busy learning remotely - that is, learning from the curriculum, but based at home. In many cases, this learning has been supervised by parents and other family carers instead of the usual class with one teacher. In Religion, we have been working through the Easter unit, learning about the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection. We set up a Prayer Space at home, complete with white cloth, candle, Bible and a cross. We learned about some ways in which Jesus reached out to those in need of healing and acceptance during his earthly life. Then we began to explore the Emmaus story and how the disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. During this very uncertain time of global sickness and pandemic, we continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who have died (and their families). We pray for the researchers who are working so hard to develop remedies for this disease. Above all, we pray that the lessons we have learned about the gifts of Creation and the importance of community will not be lost as we move into a new phase. Please keep us in your prayers as our OLR community returns to the church building to worship together.

Yours in Christ,
Isabel, Anabel, William C, Marc, Marcus, Chelsea, Ava D, Isabelle, Cameron, Sara, Emmeline, Ethan, Evie, Noah, Julia, Kate, Kyla, Jake, Rafael, Justin, Ava O, David, Lyndsay, Gabby, Oscar, Levi, William V, Abbey and Mrs Millward (5B, 2020)

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2020: CYBERSAFETY SURVEY

The Archdiocese of Sydney recognises that staying safe online is something many adults, children and young people are concerned about. Technology is changing now more than ever, it is important that we can remain aware of potential online challenges and equip ourselves with the tools we need to protect not only ourselves online but children and young people. In light of the current situation, more research has been conducted about the risks and challenges that children and young people face online, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, ninety-seven per cent of households with children aged under 15 years have access to the internet, with an average number of seven devices per household, ninety-nine per cent of young people aged 15 - 17 years are online averaging 18 hours per week of online activity.

The Safeguarding Office have developed a 5 minute CyberSafety Survey for adults and children to complete that will enable them to gain a better understanding about the knowledge adults, children and young people have about eSafety as well as developing resources that will target the needs of our Archdiocese community.

The CyberSafety Survey is made up of 26 questions, 13 of these questions are to be answered by adults and the other 11 questions are to be answered by children and young people. The survey is anonymous and will only take 5 minutes to complete, very quick and easy. We are encouraging as many people as possible to get involved, you don't have to have children in order to participate in the survey. The questions have been designed to be fun and gauge an individuals basic understanding of eSafety. The Safeguarding Office also ask what specific resources adults, children and young people would like developed to help them better understand eSafety.

The CyberSafety Survey link is as follows:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

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.



ROOF PLUMBERS

Are you or anyone you know a Roof Plumber? We need your help to fix the church roof. Please contact Fr Alo or Maria at the Parish office on 9663 1070 or by email: olrkensoparish@gmail.com.



APPEAL FOR BLANKETS

As winter approaches, the Jesuit Refugee Service is in need of new blankets for their clients. If you are able to donate new blankets please contact Amelia Savage at Amelia.savage@jrs.org.au or on 9098 9336.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE APPEAL

During COVID-19 many refugees and people seeking asylum living in Sydney need help to prevent them from becoming homeless or destitute. For many of these men, women and children the Jesuit Refugee Service is their only safety net. To donate to the Jesuit Refugee Service Emergency Cash Appeal please call (02) 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.au.

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PRAYER RESOURCES DURING TIME OF PANDEMIC

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage here- <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>.

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