

## Fr Alo writes . . .

### “Being at Home”

Instruction to “Stay Home” by the government has great impact on people’s lives; socially, economically, physically, psychologically and spiritually. For those who for various circumstances are always out of their homes, this is a very challenging time. For some probably this a great opportunity to slow down and spend time with the loved ones. Some of the parishioners wonder what I am doing during this time to occupy my time at home. Apart from saying daily masses, I work at my office as usual to attend to different things such as reading guidelines from the Archdiocese for Liturgy of the Holy Week, completing enrolment forms for our children, supervising people who are installing the new sound system in the church, phoning some parishioners (I have a list in front of me. However, I haven’t had any chance to call everyone), shopping, cooking, doing my laundry and reading.

At the moment I am in the middle of reading a novel titled: “*Not Without My Daughter*”. I suppose some of you might have read this novel as well as watched its movie version. It is based on a true story. I would like to give you the short summary of this book:

*“Betty Mahmoody (an American woman) and her husband Dr Sayyed Bozorg Mahmoody (and Iranian who did his medicine studies in USA). After living sometimes in USA, the couple and their four year old daughter Mahtob, went for two weeks holiday in Iran to spend sometime to know Moody’s family. He swore that they would be safe. They would be happy. They would be free to leave. He lied. Betty soon becomes disparate to return to the States. But Moody and his often vicious family, had other plans. He didn’t allow them to go back to USA. Mother and daughter became prisoners of an alien culture, hostages of an increasingly tyrannical and violent man. After long and several attempts, they finally escaped.....”*

The living conditions of Betty and her daughter Mahtob were miserable even worse than a prison. Staying too long at home we can feel board sometimes and that can cause anxieties. However, our homes are indeed not a prison. It is a place “to be”. It is a place where we live, love and being loved, nurture and being nurtured, challenge and being challenged, etc. Your home may feel like it’s not the best place to live, however wherever you go, you probably miss being home soon. In the middle of uncertainties and maybe anxieties, some people miss going to Mass at the parish. They miss the community and communion. I can feel that people miss “their other home”, the Eucharist. Live streaming Mass can be a solution for us in this very difficult time, but some people shared with me that attending online Mass is not the same as us physically coming to attend Mass. Desiring of the Eucharist and each others presence indicates that we are all “at home” with each other, especially Jesus, whose suffering and death we are celebrating this week.

Even though this week we will not be able to attend the celebration of the “Passion of Christ” on Palm Sunday he assures us that he is “at home with us”. As he entered into the city of Jerusalem and was welcomed by the people of Jerusalem, he would like us also to welcome him to our homes and our hearts and journey together with him along the way of his suffering and our suffering world. Lift up your “palms of enthusiasm, hope, faith and love” to welcome him into your home. Enjoy his presence at your home. He said: “*Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed*” (John 20:29). Let us **“be at home and be happy”**.



## PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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### FACEBOOK

Log into your Facebook account (if you have an account set up already). 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

WhatsApp Messenger is an application on smart phones that allows you to contact people using data. To connect to the OLR Parish Community group, scan the QR code below with your mobile phone. Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email or phone, details above or you can txt Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name requesting to join.



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*With*  
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10:00AM AEDT  
09:00AM AEST  
07:00AM AWST  
09:30AM ACST

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03:55PM AEST  
01:55PM AWST  
04:25PM ACST

Repeat Telecast  
10:00PM AEDT  
09:00PM AEST  
07:00AM AWST  
09:30PM ACST



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CALLING ALL CATHOLICS

JOIN TOGETHER IN SPIRIT ON  
SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2020

**PALM SUNDAY**

Place a palm or branch on your front door to commemorate the beginning of Holy week.

Let the world know that we may be isolated but never separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

**Want to join?**  
Share this with your friends, take a photo and post it on social media. Use the hashtag:

**#UNITEDPALMSUNDAY**

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIVE MASS**

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/> and in the search bar type St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. Click St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will find "Upcoming live streams" to watch live streams of Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.



**CHANNEL 7 TO BROADCAST EASTER SERVICES FROM ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

Channel 7 will broadcast the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (10 April) at 3pm and the Easter Sunday Mass (12 April) at 10:30am live from St Mary's Cathedral. At a time when Catholic churches across Australia are closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, this is a wonderful opportunity for people across all ages and no matter where they live to participate in the Mass at the holiest time in our Church's year.

**PRAYER RESOURCES**

On the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (CAS) website you will find dedicated prayer resources page - <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>. CAS update the website daily.

**JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE**

'JRS' Australia are working hard to ensure that we can meet the critical needs of the refugees and asylum seekers that we serve in the absence of any federal government support. If you are able to donate food or essential items please contact: [Amelia.Savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:Amelia.Savage@jrs.org.au) or ring (02) 9098 9336 or consider making a donation to their emergency cash appeal: <https://www.jrs.org.au/donate-now/>.

**THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

The Archdiocese of Sydney has this week decided to temporarily halt printing **The Catholic Weekly**. It will however, continue to be published online so that you can stay informed with developments on all local, national, and international Catholic news. Visit their website: [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au) to keep up to date.

**CATHOLICCARE**

CatholicCare's "CCareline" is ensuring practical support, counselling and other services are provided by local communities or online as needed, especially for those who are isolated, anxious or financially insecure; CCareline can be contacted on 13 18 19 by/for anyone needing assistance during the current emergency.

# Responses

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 6-11

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

# Oremus

*Let us Pray*

## SICK

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, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Frances McLaughlin,  
Lucienne Radzyminski, Nicole Chiaradia

## BELOVED DECEASED

Anthony O'Donald, Danny Sullivan, Brigid Ada Moon,  
Dennis Murphy, Guilhermina Ferreira, Terry McGuinness,  
Mario Pastorelli, Vince Hage, John Bowring, Clare Cather,  
John Scott, Eva Cartmer

## ANNIVERSARIES

Robertus Rudy Widjaja, Maria Inang Widyarini,  
Marilyn Dorahy, John Michael Stinson, Marcia McGregor,  
Imelda Agnes Pyne, Sue Bryant, Maria Taranto,  
Carmela Miceli, Philomena Morgan, Peter Ashelford,  
Br Barney Delaney msc, Kevin McGregor,  
Fr Adrian Meaney msc, Madeline Rowley, John Sutton,  
Andre Argyros, Nicola Losito, Celso Fiorauanti

## 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 NSW 2032



**If you are in need of emergency assistance please call on 9662 7380.**

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

**28/29 March 2020: 1st Coll \$210 2nd Coll \$90 Env Coll \$1,980 Raise the Roof: \$50**

Responding to one of the suggestions made on WhatsApp groups concerning your contribution to the parish and priest, we ask that if you would like to continue your contributions during this time, you can do so by electronic funds transfer. The church bank account details as follows:- Account Name: Kensington Parish Merchant Clearing Account | Bank: CBA | BSB: 062 784 | Account No: 4250100 | references to use: if for First Collection - "First", if for second Collection - "Second", and if for Envelope Collection - "Surname & Planned Giving Number" (eg Smith123). Alternatively you can contact the Parish Office to contribute by credit card over the phone. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Prayer to St Corona in a Time of Epidemic

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.



### KEEPING THE FAITH

#### Helping families stay connected



As Masses are restricted throughout the world, many parish and school communities are asking what they can do to keep their families connected to their faith. CathFamily can help with our online resources which are available free of charge.

CathFamily has a vast library of free resources for families, schools and parishes that celebrates Catholic culture. The free weekly eNews lists seasonal resources including downloadable prayers, feast day celebrations, recipes, craft, articles and links to other helpful resources. Visitors can search and browse our thousands of posts or take advantage of our eNews to triage the most relevant content for the week.

#### Children's Sunday Liturgy @ Home

CathKids is a weekly interactive experience designed for primary aged children that includes a short animated video on the Sunday reading, 'I wonder' questions, craft activities and prayers. CathKids has a modest subscription fee but due to the situation with COVID19 we are offering this resource FREE for the next 3 months.



Visit CathFamily website for more details

<https://cathfamily.org>

*CathFamily is an initiative of the Parish & Marriage Resource Centre and is dedicated to providing families with resources to create a faith-filled Catholic culture in the home.*



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