

## Fr Alo writes . . .

### The Advocate

*John 14:15-21*

I am in the middle of reading Fr Michael Fallon's book on John's Gospel. Reading the gospel passage for this weekend, I would like to quote what Fr Michael writes in his book:

"We have reached the climax of Jesus' farewell speech. Three times he insists on covenant love as being the essential response required of his disciples (14:15,21,23; compare 1John 2:3-4). Three times he assures them that they will not be left alone: the Spirit will be with them (14:16-17); he himself will be with them (14:18); and the Father will be with them (14:23). Each time he assures them that this intimate communion with the Spirit, with himself, and with the Father is something that only they as his disciples can experience. Jesus has just been speaking of the mission which he is entrusting to his disciples. He is going to carry on his mission through them. Clearly they cannot do this on their own and so he promises them the gift of 'another Advocate to be with you forever'. We are reminded of the encouraging words of the prophet Haggai:

'Take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. – Haggai 2:4-5' "

God is continuously caring for us. He promised to send us the advocate, His own Spirit. Be open to his presence in your midst. He never promised us an easy life, but he did promise a fulfilled life. Let the Spirit work in you.

Have a blessed Sunday.



### PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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#### YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSM2XWh95A1pgMgQWmvCYg>

#### FACEBOOK

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 4-9

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 14: 15-21

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another  
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

# Oremus

*Let us Pray*

## SICK

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

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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 - 9/10 MAY 2020

1st Collection	\$210
2nd Collection	\$30
Envelope Collection	\$1,285
Project Compassion	\$0
Raise the Roof	\$0

## RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

The NSW Government has introduced Step 1 of the relaxation of restrictions on public gatherings as at Friday 15 May. Parish Masses of up to 10 people, not counting ministers and servers, will now be possible. Further details will be provided soon, but for the time being we will continue with the live streaming of Mass on Sunday.

## UNDERSTANDING PARISH COLLECTIONS

There are generally two collections at weekend Masses. Funds collected are vital for the ongoing running of our Parish and for the support of our Parish Priest.

### First Collection - Parish Priest

Money collected from the first collection goes towards paying for the living expenses of the Parish Priest, including the following:

- Month allowance
- Food & Drink
- Health Fund/Medical expenses
- Household items
- Housekeeper wage including Superannuation
- Cathedraticum - a 10% contribution of the First Collection
- A budgeted contribution to the MSC

Donations for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as Easter and Christmas offerings are also banked to the First Collection.

### Second Collection - Parish

Money collected from the second collection combines Planned Giving Envelope Collection and cash on the plate (*30% of the Envelope Collection is tax deductible*). These funds are used to cover the following expenses:

- Upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the Church, Rosary Room, Parish Office and Parish Hall
- Insurance (*Parish Buildings, Public Liability, Volunteer Workers & Workers Comp*)
- Parish staff wages including Superannuation
- Motor vehicle expenses
- Liturgical supplies
- Utilities, resources & running costs for the parish
- Pastoral programs such as scripture in state school
- CWF shortfalls

Donations for use of Church, Rosary Room and Hall as well as Hall Rental are also banked to the Second Collection.



## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY



The Parish Rosary will continue on Zoom on the first Saturday of the month - **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.

## VIRTUAL PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual free pilgrimage which began on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks.

The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world.

To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to [www.pentecostpilgrimage.com](http://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com) and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.

## SUPPORTING OUR SEAFARERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Donations of personal hygiene products are urgently sought for Care Packages being put together for the thousands of seafarers trapped on ships coming into Sydney waters.

Chaplain to the Seafarers, Sr Mary Leahy, said donations of shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, knitted beanies and chocolates are desperately needed for the thousands of seamen currently stranded on ships on our waterfront due to the Coronavirus.

Sr Mary has spent the past 20 years helping those who earn a living on the seas and said she has never seen conditions so dire.

St Andrew Malabar, St Charles Borromeo Ryde/ Gladesville, Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda, All Saints Liverpool and Mary Immaculate Waverley have agreed to be drop-off points for the donations.

## 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](mailto: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.



## CATHOLICCARE OUTREACH TO THE LONELY AND ISOLATED

CatholicCare and the Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese are here to support vulnerable people in our local communities during lockdown. We can connect local volunteers to people who need help with their shopping and errands or even just for a regular friendly chat over the phone. If you, or someone you know, could use a little help during this time, CCareline 13 18 19 can connect you with a local volunteer from your community. CCareline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health. CCareline is here to help. Call 13 18 19 Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

## 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](mailto:jrsreception@jrs.org.au). Alternatively, JRS are also seeking essential items and winter blankets that can be dropped off at a number of parishes around Sydney.

## PETITION BY CATHOLICS TO ASK THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

As the COVID-19 pandemic tightens its grip, people seeking protection and migrants in vulnerable situations have been left with no safety net. Our government has excluded them from all support packages and we have seen the devastating effects on the community on a daily basis. Please join us by signing and sharing the Catholic petition to leave no one behind during the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.change.org/nooneleftbehind>.

## 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/>.

## THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Catholic Weekly is continuing 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.