

My dear friends,

Today we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday in Lent**. In Year A (this year), and whenever we have a Mass where catechumens are being prepared for baptism at Easter, we have the magnificent baptismal Gospels from St John – last week we had the Samaritan Woman (Chapter 4), next week we'll have Lazarus (Chapter 11), and today we have the Man born blind (Chapter 9). Jesus claimed to be the light of the world, and reminded us that we are salt of the earth and light of the world ourselves – and it's our faith that lights up our way through life. We notice how the man-born-blind grows in his faith until he can freely profess it, in spite of the consequences.

After the **presbytery robbery** two weeks ago we are well under way to adopting better security measures in the Parish Offices. We thank everyone who has offered their advice, and for all those who use the presbytery on Sundays for their willingness to put up with new security arrangements. Once again thanks to **Eric Michael & family** who have donated a new set of bags for the collections – burgundy for 1st collection, and black for 2nd.

As we move towards **World Youth Day** I would like to talk about the **home-stays**. We have been asked as parishes to welcome **305 pilgrims** into our parish of OLSH for the duration of WYD (July 14-20), and **60 pilgrims** into our parish of St Margaret Mary's. I would strongly believe that our parishes are welcoming communities, and that through the families in our schools and in our parishes that we will get to the number required. Last Sunday, at OLSH, we had two young adults who had experience hospitality in Cologne for WYD 2005, and they spoke glowingly of just what a deep impression the experience had on them. Cathy Campbell (former Principal of OLSH, and currently full-time at WYD Office) has asked every parish in the archdiocese to hold a Home-stay drive next weekend.

At all our Sunday Masses we will soon be praying the beautiful **World Youth day prayer** as the concluding prayer for the General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful). The **MSC Trivia Night for WYD** was a huge success – financially (around \$40,000 for raffle and trivia evening) and socially (there was a lot of laughing at most tables!). Congratulations to Fr Hearn, Tristan, Brett and all others involved.

The next **Randwick Precinct meeting** will take place on Wednesday March 5th at the presbytery. The Guest Speaker is David Bryant from Randwick Council, and he will talk about Randwick's Cultural Plan. The meeting begins at 7.30pm (and concludes at 9.30pm).

Last Year the **Ecumenical World Day of Prayer** was hosted at OLSH. This year, on Friday next, the 7th March, we will all meet at **Grace Point Baptism Church**, Sudan Street, Randwick. We have a great opportunity of joining in prayer with other Christians of our area at this special time for youth and young adults in Australia. A light meal will conclude the gathering.

You will probably notice a difference this weekend at **OLSH Church**, especially in the transept – new paint and clean stonework, really beautiful. You will also notice that the organ has been removed in the choir loft. We are currently underway in seeking quotes for a beautification of the narthex (foyer) of the church.

Every blessing to you all as we travel through Lent,

Your brother in the Lord,
(Fr) John msc



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Sunday 2nd March, 2008 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

First Reading : Samuel 16: 1.6-7. 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

Response: Ps22 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon : The Lord rubbed my eyes: I went away and washed; then I could see, and I believed in 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 Sunday.

IN A NUTSHELL:

Today's gospel passage reminds us that blindness may not be only a physical disability. Exposure to excessive information can dull our perception of the things that really matter. The blind man acknowledges that Jesus is from God, yet knowledgeable people are sceptical and disbelieving. Jesus can open the eyes of our minds and hearts if we believe in him and live our lives in the truth.

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OFFICE HOURS - Mon - Fri 9-12 / 12.30-5.00pm



Into your loving memory we

Commend:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Charlie

, Tortell, David Elliott, Leo Baggett, Zita Coutinho, Elizabeth Stucky

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS: Deborah Eager, Aubrey Soars,

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Jeffrey Trahair.

RCIA SESSIONS:

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process is a journey of preparation (scripture reflection, prayer and instruction) for those desiring to become a Catholic. All enquiries are welcome for those wanting to know about more about the Church's teaching and Catholic faith. We also invite enquiries from those of other Christian denominations. Please contact Caresa on 0404 291 746 for more details.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Second Scrutiny for the Elect at the 6pm Mass, where we encounter the blind man whose sight is restored by Jesus. This Scrutiny invites us to look at what we may be blinded to in our lives. Please continue to pray for Joko, Peter, Robert and Szu Min as they grow in awareness of the mystery of God in their lives

BRIGIDINE CONVENT RANDWICK OPEN AFTERNOON: AN INVITATION TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

You are invited to visit Brigidine College Randwick for an **OPEN AFTERNOON** on Wednesday 5th March, 2008 from 2.30pm - 6.00pm

This will provide an opportunity for you to see the College Campus and to speak with the Principal, Staff and Students.

Please note that entry to the College is from Coogee Bay Road. Guided tours of the College will leave from this entrance.

We look forward to meeting with you and your daughter.

MRS. KATE EDMONDSON, PRINCIPAL.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 7TH MARCH:

Have you invited a friend to join you on Friday 7th at Gracepoint(Baptist Church), Sudan St. Randwick at 10am. This will be a great opportunity to share as Christian men and women in your local community, but knowing that you are part of a much larger gathering of Christians in more than 170 countries worldwide. Take the opportunity to affirm your faith and be enriched and encouraged by the faith of others.

***Because of the above world day of prayer, the First Friday Luncheon will not be held.**

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS meets on Monday and Wednesday at 1.00pm in the hall beneath the Church. Fee is \$6. Men and women welcome.

AT THE CENTRE, 14 Frances Street, Randwick: Journey to Easter, 2008. Monday Evenings - March 3rd & 10th from 7pm to 9pm. Please register to Sr. Marie Farrell on 9399 9137.

Randwick CWL is raising funds by attending movies at the Ritz. on Thursdays at 10.00am. On 6th March we are going to see "Closing the Ring" and on the 13th March to see "The Other Boleyn Girl" Tickets are \$7 at the door.

CHURCH CLEANING: We would be very grateful for new members to help clean our Church especially while the painting is going on. Please contact the Presbytery if you are interested..

LUNCH TIME ADORATION IN THE HEART OF THE CITY:

Mon to Fri from 11am to 2pm. Take time for peace, quiet and solitude during your busy workday.

Location : St. Francis Catholic Spirituality Centre, Suite 4, First Floor, 428 George St. Sydney

READERS NEEDED

Readers are needed for the Easter Celebrations. Please contact Janet Alexander on 0432 320 324.

Readers Training will be held this Sunday at 3.30pm..

NEW ROSTERS READY FOR COLLECTION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion rosters are in the sacristy ready for collection.

Volunteers are needed for all **Easter** services, please ring Lyn 0415 316 508 a.s.a.p. if available at any time over Easter.

CRAFT CLASSES : Craft classes are held the 1st Saturday of every Month at the Parish Centre from 3-6pm. The cost is \$5 which includes materials. Generally three items are made in each lesson. Everyone has fun - so easy you wouldn't believe. **COME AND SEE.**

WYD08 - Homestay

Thank you to our parishioners who responded. For those who are still undecided; please do not hesitate to contact us. We will explain to you the Homestay Program and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to your support and participation in this important and exciting event.

Contact persons are:

- Annie 9314 6881
- Claudette 9398 1351
- Catherine 9349 5686
- Vivi 9398 8983
- Cecile 9314 0073

Palm Sunday WYD Concert and Mass on the 16th March, 2008. at the Cathedral. For further information, please contact WYDSAC on 9390 5947.

The Quarterly Mass for the deceased interred in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens, Botany, and the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium grounds will be celebrated in the crematorium chapel at 11.00am.

On Saturday, 8th March, 2008. The Mass is open to all.

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135 DAYS TO GO!

EASTER MASS TIMES
OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART

<i>Holy Thursday</i>	
Liturgy of the Last Supper (Adoration until Midnight)	7.30pm
<i>Good Friday</i>	
Stations of the Cross	10.30pm
Celebration of the Lords Passion (Reconciliation after Stations of the cross and after Liturgy of the Passion)	3.00pm
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	
Easter Vigil Mass	7.30pm
<i>Reconciliation - Wednesday (2nd Rite) 11am & 7.30pm.</i>	
<i>Saturday 11-12noon & 5-6pm as usual.</i>	

Easter Sunday - 8am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm and 10.30pm.

ST. MARGARET MARY'S RANDWICK NTH.

<i>Holy Thursday</i>	5.30pm
<i>Good Friday</i>	
Stations of the Cross	10am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	
Easter Vigil Mass.	5.30pm
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
Mass	9.30am
<i>Reconciliation</i>	
Easter Saturday	4.30 - 5.15pm

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPEL.

Psalm Sunday -	3pm
Good Friday Service	3pm
Easter Sunday	11am

***Does anyone have the new contact details for Mona and the Tongan choir? Please contact the Presbytery urgently.