

# PIUS VOICE

2nd July, 2017, 13th Sunday



## UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

### Parish Priest

**Fr. Mathewraj OMI**

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**Fr. John O'Doherty OMI**

### Parish Manager

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### Mass Times

**Tuesday, Wednesday &**

**Friday 9.15 am**

**Thursday 9.30 am**

**Saturday 6.30 pm**

**Sunday 9.30 am & 5.30 pm**

### Daily Morning Prayer

**Tues, Wed, Fri 8.40 am**

**Thurs 8.55 am**

### Rosary: Tues, Wed,

**Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am**

### Reconciliation

**Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon**

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### **Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

As we are in the Ordinary time of the Liturgical year it will be very apt to understand its significance. The liturgical colour of Ordinary Time is green, which symbolizes hope, life and growth. At first, the designation might seem a bit peculiar, since the word "ordinary" is oftentimes associated with things that are unimportant, insignificant, or just downright boring. The Church couldn't possibly mean these types of things when speaking of the liturgy or a season of liturgies within the year.

And so, what exactly is meant by Ordinary Time?

Well, the first answer is very practical. In light of the past several high holy days - from Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday, to Corpus Christi - today and the next several Sundays are rather uneventful, meaning, without a major event or teaching associated with them. After so many powerful feast days, the Church now returns to a season of typical Sundays and to a normal pace in the liturgy.

With this observation stated clearly, someone could innocently inquire about the focus of the Ordinary Time Masses. What does the Church give to believers who attend the liturgy during this season? This question might even be asked by those who regularly attend Mass but have never paid attention to the different seasons or to the shift in the various emphases of the seasons.

During Ordinary Time, the Church's prayers and selections of readings from the Sacred Scriptures have believers accompany the Lord Jesus in his public ministry. The Church selects healings, signs, and essential teachings from the life of Jesus Christ so that followers can be reminded, reaffirmed, consoled, and challenged in how they are living the Christian way of life. Through Ordinary Time, the community of disciples are once again told by the Lord to forgive, accept others generously, be healed and serve as instruments of healing, seek peace, live humbly, pray and trust in his care for them.

With this understanding, an awareness - beyond the practical - can quickly be grasped that Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. The purpose and benefits of this season are rather extraordinary, indispensable, and fundamental to our following of the Lord Jesus. In fact, the season is one of the

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sources from which our Christian lives are fed and upon which our celebration of the high feasts is grounded.

If we don't know the way of Jesus Christ, how we can celebrate it? Ordinary Time, therefore, is the continuous echo of the Lord in the life of the church and in the hearts of those who love and follow him.

In approaching Ordinary Time in this way, some helpful spiritual lessons can be discerned from the season. As the Church slows its pace and returns to the public ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ, Christian believers (and people of good will) can see in this an invitation to slow the pace of their own lives, refocus attention on loved ones, evaluate personal convictions, and assess where their life is going and what changes they'd like to make.

Ordinary Time can serve as a welcome signpost along the path of our discipleship and of our lives. It can be an opportunity for us to put urgent things in check, so that they don't dominate our existence, and a sacred time for us to renew and cherish important things so that our lives can flourish and we can enrich the lives of others.

This examination of discipleship and of life, and the resolutions drawn from it, is a favourable chance to live in the present moment. Ordinary Time exemplifies the old Jesuit motto: *Age quod agis*, "Do what you're doing." Namely, we are told, don't worry about tomorrow, or yesterday. Don't worry about this afternoon or this morning. Live here, now. Do what you're doing. Ordinary Time stresses God as the Eternal Now. It humbles us with the lesson that we are most with God when we are in the present moment.

This is a spiritual point frequently made by the world's most famous Jesuit, Pope Francis, who tells us: "Today does not repeat itself: this is life. Place all your heart, your open heart, open it to the Lord, not closed, not hard, not hardened, not without faith, not perverted, not deceived by sin. We go home with these two words only: 'How is my 'today'?'... But how are you, my today, in the presence of the Lord? And how is my heart? Is it open? Is it firm in the faith? Is it led by the Lord? With these two questions we ask the Lord for the grace to which each of us needs." As we have already entered the Sundays of Ordinary Time, we can take that question, "How is my today?" and let it assist us in walking with Jesus Christ, evaluating our lives, slowing our pace, and seeking God and our neighbour with greater sincerity.

Source: Cath News

### **Holy Fathers Collection**

\$750.50 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Prayerful Welcome**

Welcome to Moulders, Yousef & Vowles families who are presenting their child for baptism this weekend.

### **Ministry Meetings**

If you did not get to attend the Ministry Meetings a catch up Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th July at 7pm for Extraordinary Ministers and Thursday 6th July at 7pm for Readers. Please place your names on the clipboard. This will be the last opportunity to attend training.

### **Draw the border Petition**

Please sign the petition at the back of the church for the Government to finalize as soon as possible a fair and permanent maritime boundary between Australia and Timor-Leste.

### **Wanted Church cleaners**

We are looking for Church Cleaners to help on Saturday Mornings once every 8 weeks. If you can assist it would be much appreciated. Contact one of the priests or parish office.

### **Date Claimer**

23<sup>rd</sup> July 10am Mass for Fr. John's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood. This Mass will replace the usual 9.30am Mass on this day. To assist with catering a clipboard is in the back of the church to indicate what food you are able to bring. A special collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses.

3<sup>rd</sup> September 9.30am Mass - 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the arrival of the Oblate Priests in Adelaide and the foundation of our parish. This Mass will be concelebrated by the Oblate Provincial Fr. Peter Daly OMI and a number of Oblates who have served here at St Pius X. More details in the weeks ahead.

**Gospel continued:**

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Vaughn, Marie Kelly, Marj Ryan—Honorary OMI, Mary Meringham, Pam Tully, Tony Petrie, Virginia.

**Mass Intentions this week**

4<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dankiw Anniv of Death; 5<sup>th</sup> Luke Van Den Kieboom, 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday; 7<sup>th</sup> Special Intention; 9<sup>th</sup> Joe King Anniv of Death

**This Week's Saints**

3<sup>rd</sup> St. Thomas Apostle; 4<sup>th</sup> St. Elizabeth of Portugal; 5<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony Zaccaria; 6<sup>th</sup> St Maria Goretti

**Next Week's Readings 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:**

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

**Feast day of the Week St. Thomas**

When the Apostles first met the resurrected Lord, Thomas was missing. "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe". When Jesus next appeared, it was with a special invitation to Thomas: "Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Face to face with this fleshly testimony, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" "(God's) clemency acted in this wonderful way so that through the doubting disciple touching the wounds in his Master's body, our own wounds of incredulity may be healed" (St Gregory the Great).

**Parish Prayer Network:** Prayers for any need. All you need to do is call one of the following:  
Marie 8264 9569, Maureen 8261 6906 or Beth 8396 2079

**Vinnies Food Bank This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, Cans of Tomatoes, Jam, Milo, Vegemite. Items for baby layettes: cotton vests, socks or booties, nappies, nappy pins, disposable nappies, cotton blankets, cotton sheets, towels, soap, wipes, wash cloths, baby shampoo, bibs, onesies, wool.**

<b>MINISTRY ROSTER 8/9July</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
	C Rod Hern	C Margaret Duggan	C Sonia Mohanaraj
<b>Ministers Please Note:</b>	R1 Patricia Beaven	R1 Bernadette Davies	R1 Terry Roberts
This roster follows the original roster. If you have made any changes they will not be reflected here. Please check the notice board at the back of the church for any updates.	R2 Anna Szczepanik	R2 John McManus	R2 Philip Matthews
	E1 Terrance Cheah	E1 Annette Stone	E1 Amy Bartjes
	E2 Hilda Cheah	E2 Jos Hensing	E2 Michael Wright
	E3 Denis Rodrigues	E3 Doris Taylor	E3 Jijimol Poulouse
	E4 Patricia Rice	E4 Sue Griffith	E4 Stuart Feirclough
	M James Lloyd	M Peter Roberts	M Michael & Tim Carter

**Church Cleaners:** Team A: Mohan/Augustyn/Zammit/Caruana/Golding

**Altar Linen:** 9th July: Jackie

**First Reading** 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

**A reading from the second book of the Kings**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 88:2-3, 16-19.

**(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

**Second Reading** Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Pt 2:9

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mt 10:37-42

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

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