

PIUS VOICE

3rd Sept, 2017, 22nd Sunday

60 years



UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

Parish Priest

Fr. Mathewraj OMI

Assistant Priest

Fr. John O'Doherty OMI

Parish Manager

David Cunningham

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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A warm welcome to his
Grace Archbishop Wilson
DD JCL and to the Oblate
Provincial Fr Peter Daly
OMI.



Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I have been so excited for this day. We are celebrating our church's 60th anniversary today , and I'm pumped!. Our church was planted in 1957, long before some of us were even born. In a lot of ways, I am very sure it was a different world in 1957. The past 60 years have brought innumerable changes to our world. But back in 1957, a group of people who loved Jesus decided that they would do their part to change the world with the gospel. So in 1957, they built St. Pius X Church at Hillcrest.

As we reflect on the past we give thanks for all that has been achieved over the last 60 years. The tireless work, dedication and vision of our early parishioners in establishing this wonderful Parish, makes St Pius X what it is today. We gratefully remember the following:

- 11 Oblates who have served as Parish Priests and 28 Assistant Priests.
Fr JP McCann 1957—1963; Fr N Geraghty 1963 –1967;
Fr JB McCann 1967—1971; Fr J Coakley 1971 -1977;
Fr S Nolan 1977—1984; Fr P Siebert 1984 -1990;
Fr J McGinty 1990—1998; Fr C Campbell 1998 –2005;
Fr J McGinty 2005—2006; Fr L Mifsud 2007 –2011;
Fr I Mackintosh 2011-2017 till January.

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- 27 Brigidine Sisters who have served in our parish and schools.
- 10 Josephite Sisters who have served as parish workers, in our schools, both Kildare and St Paul's and as chaplains to Strathmont Centre and Hillcrest Hospital.
- 62 Christian Brothers who have taught at St Paul's.
- Community of Mercy Sisters at Klemzig.
- Above all the past and present wonderful Parishioners.
- Over the last 60 years we have celebrated 2029 baptisms, 3141 confirmations, 786 funerals, 515 marriages, 84 people have come through Rite of Christian initiation of Adults.

I am proud to say that We are a church that is focused on **“Restoring all things in Christ”** by connecting people to God and to others. Helping them grow in God and grow with others. And equipping them to serve God by serving others.

This a great snapshot of where we are and it reveals what God is doing in our church right now. We were walking in the valley, but now today after 60 years we have the privilege of looking back from the mountain top on all God's blessings, His goodness, faithfulness and tender love. To see the miracles of His work in our Church and schools, may we continue to walk by His Word and commandments to His honour, our Father, creator of heaven and earth. Yes, God has proven Himself faithful. If He did it before, He can do it again!

To all our dad's—Happy Father's Day

God Bless

Fr. Mathew

Diocesan Mass for Clergy, Married Couples and Religious Sisters and Brothers

The Annual Diocesan Mass for clergy, married couples and religious Sisters and Brothers who are celebrating significant years of ordination, professed life or marriage in 2017, will be held on Sunday, October 1st at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Grote Street, Adelaide.

The Archbishop invites everyone celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60 or more years of ordination, profession or marriage in 2017 to attend this Mass. Please contact David in the office on 82612428 or dcunningham@oblates.com.au with your details and number of years celebrating so an invitation may be sent to you. ***** note change of date— closing date 8th September**

Postal Plebiscite on “Same-Sex Marriage” Announced

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include “same-sex marriage”. Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday September 12 and **all votes must be received back by Tuesday November 7**. The Catholic tradition on marriage is based on the belief that God blesses as a sacrament the unique relationship between a man and a woman which gives witness to God's enduring love for all humanity. Have your say by voting in the plebiscite. For more information and statements on this issue, visit www.adelaide.catholic.org.au and www.catholic.org.au

Saint of the week: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It is typical in the Church to celebrate a saint's death-day instead of the saint's birthday, for “the Church always argued that it was premature to celebrate a birthday because the rest of the life of the person born on that day was subject to such ambiguity” (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI). The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a marvellous exception since “her soul was the space from which God was able to gain access into humanity” (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI). “Today God welcomes on earth the holy throne which he had prepared for himself. He who established the heavens in wisdom has fashioned a living heaven” (Byzantine Liturgy).

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Fr Pat Moroney OMI, Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Baughn, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Simmons, Pam Tully, Tony Petrie, Roger Price.

Recently Deceased: Laurie Abela

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

Adoration

Adoration is held 10am-12pm and 6pm-9pm every Friday of term time. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for their needs and the needs of the world.

Mass Intentions this week

6th Justin O'Leary Rec Deceased 9th 9.30am Harry Bollmeyer 6th anniversary

This Week's Saints

8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Next Week's Readings 23rd Sunday of Year A:

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Thank you

Thanks to the Knights of the Southern Cross for providing the Sausage Sizzle at the conclusion of our 60th Anniversary Mass today.

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,

Fathers' Day Raffle

Thankyou to all the parishioners for the support of the Father's day raffle. A total of \$1068.50 was raised. Special thanks to Dot, Lou, Marie and Philip for organising the raffle.

Congratulations to all the winners: 1. Pauline; 2. G Del; 3. Jane Johnston; 4. Maria; 5. Hans Hel; 6. Laurence.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you have a member of the family or a friend that would like to know about the Catholic Church, please contact Kay on 8261 8501 or parish office on 82612428. The course is commencing on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm.

Thank you

With grateful thanks to David Lloyd and Blackwell Funerals for sponsoring the cost of the new hot water urn in the Hall and the signage for the Fr George Thorley Hall. A total donation of \$1500 was given to the parish.

Ministry Roster 9/10 September

6.30pm C Sr Pat Keane, R1 Martyn Pearce, R2 Mary Grace Estrada, E1 Bill Edmonds, E2 E3 Jean Canil, E4 David Lloyd, M James Lloyd.

9.30am C Dorothy Nappa, R1 Jos Hensing, R2 Elizabeth Carter, E1 Charlie Baldacchino, E2 Joe Colangelo, E3 Brigitte Colangelo, E4 Peggy McNeil, M Peter Roberts

5.30pm C Amy Bartjes, R1 Susan Timpani R2 Philip Matthews, E1 Michael Wright, E2 Terry Roberts, E3 Judith Mohan, E4 Maria Cid, M

Church Cleaners: Team B: Nappa/Colangelo

Altar Linen: Lucy

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6, 8-9.

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'