

# PIUS VOICE

4th Feb, 2018, 5th Sun of Yr B



## UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

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**Fr. Mathewraj OMI**

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**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**

**Rosary: Tues, Wed,**

**Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am**

**Adoration (During term time)**

**Fridays : 10 am— 12 noon &**

**6 pm — 9 pm**

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon**

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### CAN YOU LOSE YOUR VOCATION? BY FR ROLHEISER OMI

Recently I received a letter from a man who shared that he was still deeply haunted by a story he'd heard in grade school many years before. One of his religion teachers had read them a story about a priest who went to visit a childhood friend. While staying with his friend, the priest noticed that, while his friend was cheerful and affable enough, he seemed to be harbouring some deep, residual sadness. When he asked his friend about it his friend confessed that he "had lost his salvation" because he had felt a call to priesthood when he was young but had chosen instead to marry. Now, he felt, there was no existential redemption from that. He had had a vocation and lost it and, with that, also lost for good his chance at happiness. Though happily enough married, he felt that he would bear forever the stigma of having been being unfaithful in not accepting his God-given vocation.

It's true that we are called by God to a vocation which we are meant to discern through conscience, through community, through circumstance, and through the talents that we've been given. For a Christian, existence does not precede essence. We're born with a purpose, with a mission in life.

But God doesn't give us just one chance which if we miss it or turn down will leave us sad forever. No. God opens a new door every time we close one. God gives us 77x7 chances, and more after that, if needed.

Recently I heard a homily in a church in which the priest compared God to a GPS, that is, that computerized instrument, complete with human voice, that countless people have today in their cars and which gives them ongoing instructions on how to get to their destination. One of its features is this: No matter how many times you disregard or disobey its command, the voice never expresses impatience, yells at you, or gives up on you. It simply says "Recalculating". Sooner or later, no matter how many times you disregard it, it gets you home.

(Ron Rolheiser cont)

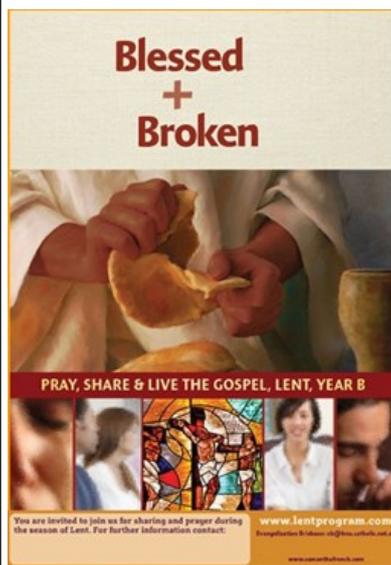
Our Christian vocation is to make what we are in fact living – married, priest, religious, single in the world – a life of selflessness and service to others. Happiness and salvation are contingent upon that, not upon guessing correctly.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February: **Ash Wednesday** - Masses 9.15am & 7pm here at Dernancourt.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February: **Lenten Groups commence**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: **World Day of Prayer** – 7.30pm at Hampstead Gardens Church of Christ, 28 Gambia Street Hampstead Gardens. All welcome



**Lenten Course – Blessed and Broken –**  
Pray, share & Live the Gospel Lent.

Groups are available:  
Tuesday morning and evening  
Wednesday evening  
Thursday late afternoon  
Friday morning

To sign up for a group today, place your name on the clipboard at the back of the church next to the time that suits you.

**Groups start Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

## **PROJECT COMPASSION**

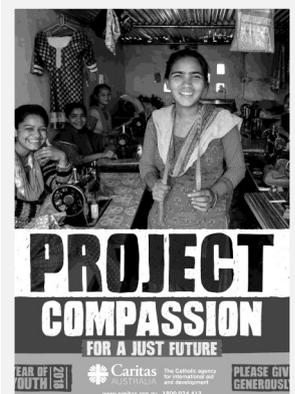
Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “A Just Future”, celebrating the Year of Youth.

As Pope Francis said, “Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation.”

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

**A Just Future starts with your support!**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



**Children’s liturgy commences this Sunday at 9.30am and 5.30pm Masses.**

### Baptism Sacramental Team 2018

**We are looking for volunteers to be trained to be part of the baptism team for next year. If you are interested please contact any of the Priests or the parish office for more details.**

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

Alison Hellams, Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Frank, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick Omi, Gilbert Canil, Gloria & Robert Hopkins, Graham Smith, Helen Durkin, Lyn Cibich, Margaret Baughen, Margaret Daly, Mary Meatheringham, Mike Baranic, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Tony Petrie, Trina Roberts and Ursula Suharto, Vic.

Recently Deceased

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

Mass Intentions this week

9th Special Intention

This Week's Saints

5th St Agatha; 6th St Paul Miki & Companions; 8th St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

Next Week's Readings: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B:

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Vinnies Food Bank

This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, Cans of Tomatoes, 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.

Saint of the Week— St Agatha

St Agatha's feast has been celebrated on this day since ancient times. She was martyred in Catania, Sicily, most likely during the persecution of Decius in 251. While the details of her life are lost to history, the impact of her sacrifice is attested to by ancient authors. St Agatha is the Latin form of *agathos*, meaning "good" in Greek. Of her, St Methodius of Sicily wrote: "She won a good name by her noble deeds, and by her name she points to the nobility of those deeds. Agatha, her name wins all people over to her company. She teaches them by her example to hasten with her to the true good, God alone."

Ministry Roster 10/11 February

**6.30pm** C Patricia Beaven, R1 Jean Canil, R2 Rod Hern, E1 Jim Kelly, E2 Terrance Cheah, E3 Hilda Cheah, E4 Marie Smith, M James Lloyd.

**9.30am** C Jos Hensing, R1 Margaret Duggan, R2 Bdtty Vowles, E1 Joe Colangelo, E2 Brigitte Colangelo, E3 Sue Griffith, E4 Annette Stone, M Peter Roberts

**5.30pm** C Sunjay Mohanaraj, R1 Heather Hier, R2 Kathy Healey, E1 Sunil Mohanaraj, E2 Jijimol Poulouse, E3 Stuart Feirclough E4 Maria Cid, M Michael & Tim Carter

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

**Altar Linen:** Bernadette

**First Reading** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

**A reading from the book of Job**

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 146:1-6.

**(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)  
The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 8:17

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mk 1:29-39

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

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.