Years ago I was the parish priest of an aboriginal community on the banks of the Daly River in the Northern Territory. Besides a beautiful church, a school, store, community hall, club, airstrip, convent, presbytery, a garden, stockyard, orchard, a boat, a truck… we were the proud owners of a very modern clinic with twelve beds and a consulting room, dispensary, surgery, a nurse’s office, an ambulance and… a sturdy flight of steps. I mention the steps because every day without fail an elderly gentleman named Francis used to sit on those steps waiting for sister to come to dress his sores. Francis had only one foot and toes were missing from the other. Several fingers were also missing. This was all the result of leprosy he contracted when he was young. To look at Francis you would think he was an old man; but in fact he was barely older than me, and at that stage I was a young priest. Despite his disabilities, Francis was by far the best corroboree dancer in the village. Come a funeral or a wedding or another ceremony that required the presence of the elders or relations, Francis was the ‘star’ of the corroboree. He was in touch with and embedded in his culture that had been preparing Francis for thousands of years to come to life in Jesus, to see into the heart of their existence where they had received a sacred commission to preserve the meaning of their life in dance and song. No wonder Francis sprang into being!

I prayed that I might feel the same surge of energy when I encountered Francis and many like him, men and women, boys and girls. This was a culture that had been preparing Francis and his family and clan and tribes for tens of thousands of years to come to life in Jesus, to see into the heart of their existence where they had received a sacred commission to preserve the meaning of their life in dance and song.

I prayed that I might feel the same surge of energy when I encountered Jesus in my own life. It is the same God at the heart of both our existences.

(Laurie)

Reflect

Whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)
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**Church Cleaners**

W/ending 15 Feb: Rhonda & Jim Uglow

W/ending 22 Feb: Margaret & John Betros

**Money Counters** - Parish Office

15 Feb: Group 4  
22 Feb: Group 1

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

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**Special Cleaning**: John McDonald

**Gardeners**: Susan & Kevin Bradley

If rostered and unavailable? Please advise your coordinator

**Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass**

14 Feb: Bernice Ralston  
21 Feb: Diane Shalhoub & Family

**Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass**

15 Feb: Laura & Gerry Walker  
22 Feb: Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh

**Mass Offerings**: Your prayers are requested for the following:

**Recently Deceased**: Maureen O’Leary, Mary Conocher, Sr Patricia Davis OLN, Tom Dowd

**Anniversary**: Bill Knight, Essie Knight Mary Thearsa Morley, Eithne Kane

**Sick**: Br James Maher msc, Trish Shadwick, Monique Irvine, Lee Shield-RossiT, Renae & Scarlett Hutton, Michelle O’Connor, Maddy O’Connor, Jack O’Connor, Jan Noonan, Joe Sullivan, Murray Fisher, Hannah Michael, Katarina Macri, Norm Lyons, Neil Thornton, Renae Hutton, Greig, Aria & Ashton Hutton, Scarlett Herbert, Barry Grant, Nancy Parton, Jack Dobbin, Muriel Eves, Michael Di Giorgio, Sr Trish Davis, Peter Wright, Glen Wheeler

**Baptisms**: We warmly welcome the following new member of our Parish Community: Jack Pearson, son of Martin Pearson and Joanne Siddiqui; Killian Kennedy, son of John and Siobhan Kennedy and Nicholas Coveney son of Mark Coveney and Leah Daly.

**Mass Times**

- **Saturday Vigil**: 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
- **Every 2nd & 4th Sunday** after the 9.30 am Mass
- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**: 9.30 am
- **Wednesday**: 9.30 am
- **30 minutes prior to Vigil Mass**: By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month
- **By appointment arranged at least six months in advance**: Monday 9.00am-5.30pm, Tuesday 9.00am-5.00pm, Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

**Catholic Weekly**

- Beatification near for Oscar Romero, martyr
- Singing, dancing in St Mary’s Cathedral as Sudanese honour their saint
- Archbishop, Grand Mufti in joint plea for mercy for drug smugglers
- A priest’s story brings 15,000 people to their feet cheering
**NOTICES**

**Blue Dragon:** Blue Dragon is an Australian organisation that aims to make a lasting change for kids in crisis throughout Vietnam; including street kids, runaways, victims of trafficking, children with disabilities, young rural-urban migrants, kids affected by drugs and HIV/AIDS, homeless families, child prisoners and the rural poor. When: Saturday 14 March, 2015. Time: 7pm. Trivia will commence at 7.30pm sharp!! Where: The Randwick Club(formerly Randwick Labor Club) 135 Alison Rd Randwick. Cost” $60 person including a light dinner. RSVP: Bookings essential. Please RSVP by Fri 27 February to Carol Miller 9664 9743 or email: millerc2034@yahoo.com.au.

**Fatherhood...A day of Reflection and Fellowship for Men**: Saturday 14 March 2015, 8.00am to 4.00pm. For Men of all ages this day will consist of a number of reflections provided by members of Schoenstatt Men’s Fellowship on the fatherhood of God and being a father. Mass will be celebrated and the sacrament of confession will be available. Morning & afternoon tea &BBQ lunch. Hosted by the Life, Marriage and Family Centre. Where: Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Donation: $10. Please direct registrations and inquiries to lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9390 8405.

**World Down Syndrome Day:** Friday 20th March, 2015, 10.00am to 11.00am. All are invited to attend a commemoration of “World Down Syndrome Day”. A short presentation on Down Syndrome will be provided followed by some testimonies. Morning tea will be provided. Hosted by the Life, Marriage & Family Centre. Where: Lvl 5 Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. Please direct RSVPs and enquires to lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9390 8405.

**Adult Education: Improve Your English:** Brother Greg McCann msc has been teaching English overseas for ten (15) years. He is now retired and is available to teach English from beginners level to advanced level. His wide experience as an IELTS examiner also allows him to teach IELTS here in the Eastern suburbs to help people improve their IELTS score and to enhance their opportunities for employment and/ or further study. Costs range from $30/hour for individual tuition or $20 each/hour for two or three people. He may be contacted on :- (Mobile phone) 0410866043 or at Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma Ave., Kensington.

**Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria:** an invitation to anyone wondering “How to get through your Grief”. Patricia Thomas (who is well known to many in the Catholic Church throughout Sydney) joined our organisation in 2014 as our Bereavement Consultant. This will be an ongoing initiative providing support and suggestions for those grieving the death of a loved one through listening & talking in a small group environment. These groups will be facilitated by Patricia and held at Rookwood and Liverpool Cemeteries in late February. Details are as follows: Liverpool Cemetery, Condolence Lounge, 207 Moore Street, Liverpool Thursday 26 February 10am – 12pm. Catholic Cemetery Rookwood, Mary, Mother of Mercy Condolence Lounge, Barnet Avenue, Rookwood, Saturday 28 February 10am – 12pm.
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