The Woman Caught in Adultery

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading we hear about the women caught in the act of adultery and Jesus’ response to those who were trying to trick him.

Then everyone went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early the next morning he went back to the Temple. All the people gathered around him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all.

“Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In our Law Moses commanded that such a woman must be stoned to death. Now, what do you say?” They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger. As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened up and said to them, “Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her.” Then he bent over again and wrote on the ground. When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there.

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“No one, sir,” she answered.

“Well, then,” Jesus said, “I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again.” (John 8:1-11)

At this time of Lent as we close in on Holy Week it is an opportune time to reflect on sin and reconciliation. Jesus’ comment to the crowd “Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone.” should give us hope as it implies that each one of us make mistakes (sin). Jesus’ refusal to condemn the woman shows us the love and mercy God has for us, however he also encourages us to become better, “Go, but do not sin again.” In other words, try to change our lifestyle and live as God wants us to live.

To help us, God has given us the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament reminds us that we are GOOD and that we make choices – both good and bad. When we make bad choices (sin) we need to say sorry and seek forgiveness so that we can be reconciled. It also implies that we have a healthy awareness of what is right and wrong and are capable of taking responsibility for our actions and have the ability to apologise and make amends.
When reflecting on our lives and preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation perhaps the following may be useful:

What are the times when we are aware of our actions (eg. We desried to speed)

What are the times when we aware of a need and fail to act (eg. We see an injustice and turn a blind eye)

Many of us may not have been to Reconciliation for many years and I know that I find it confronting to turn up and speak out loud my own failings to another person. However, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, I encourage everyone to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

OLR Church:
Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 5/6/7 April at 4.30pm.
Mass Times at OLR Church over Easter.

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Easter Sunday
8.00am 9.30am Masses

From the Principal

Community BBQ and Picnic.
We were planning a ‘Welcome BBQ’ for Friday last week as part of Catholic Schools’ Week. However, a few parents were concerned about eating meat on Friday’s in Lent. We have moved the Community Dinner to Friday 1st April and rename it as a Halleluiah Dinner to celebrate the Risen Christ of Easter as well as giving thanks for all the wonderful things that have happened throughout this term.

Come along and share a meal (and maybe a game of cricket on the new grass) with us. The school will supply the BBQ but we would ask parents to bring a shared salad or dessert.

Mufti Day
As part of our celebration of St. Joseph’s Day on Friday, students will be encouraged to come to school in mufti clothes and to bring in a gold coin donation for project compassion.
“Never see an evil without seeing how you may remedy it.” (Mary MacKillop 1873)
Holy Week Liturgy
Our School will be celebrating Holy Week on Wednesday 23rd March at 11:45 in The Miriam Centre. This will be followed on Tuesday 29th with our Easter Liturgy. Parents are invited to join us as we celebrate our core belief as Christians - that Jesus suffered and died on the cross for us, was buried and then rose from the dead so that we could be forgiven for our sin.

Year 6 Cluster Mass
Our Year 6 students are off to Holy Cross on Thursday morning for the Year 6 Central Coast Cluster Mass with Bishop Peter. This is a chance for all Year 6 students to come together and celebrate their leadership roles within our Catholic schools and to spend time with each other.

Easter Hat Parade
Kindergarten are off to Nareen Gardens for their Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday morning. Thank you to the Year 6 buddies who helped the Kinder students design and make their hats.

God Bless

Gerard McGilvray
Principal,
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School - The Entrance

From the Office

ICAS: Please note that all ICAS forms and payments need to be returned by this Friday, 18th March. Entries received after this date are unable to be accepted and will be returned to you. Forms are available from the school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:
THURSDAY, 7TH APRIL – STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR FULL SUMMER UNIFORM.
Order forms are being sent home today. Each child will need to return their own envelope to their teacher. If you require a sibling order form, please collect one from the school office.
All orders, with payment or payment details, must be returned to school before photo day.

Can you help?
Hi, my name is Debbie and I have 2 boys at OLR. I will be taking on a challenge to trek the Great Wall of China from October 20th 2016. I am doing this to raise money for people affected by breast cancer as I am a survivor and this is my way to give back. I will be covering 70 kilometres of wall. If you are able to help me raise funds for this cause, all money goes to Breast Cancer Research, I will be funding the trip myself, please donate to BCNAs steps for support - Deborah Simmonds.

The link to donate is stepsforsupport.gofundraise.com.au

I also have chocolates for sale in the school foyer. Thank you for your support.
This month we celebrate three great saints of our Church: St Patrick (17th March), St Joseph (19th March) and Mary (25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation). St Patrick is credited with the conversion of Ireland to the Catholic Faith, St Joseph for being chosen by God as the Foster-father of Jesus and Mary is remembered on this day for her consent to being the mother of Jesus. These were ordinary people who became part of a big story; the story of God’s tremendous love for humanity. Each person played his/her part in this love story and we celebrate their contributions because we are all beneficiaries of their response to God. God’s love unfolds in Creation and in humanity and we become part of that great love story. By the way we live within creation and within our relationships we can contribute to God’s love story for humanity. It is a choice. The simple actions of kindness within families and in our school community, caring for our environment, supporting the poor, behaving and speaking in public that is worthy of human dignity, praying …simple, every day ways to consent to God then we too make our contributions to God’s Great Love Story and we may be called ‘saints’!

THANK YOU

พาิ้น คำขอผู้ที่มีความสามารถช่วยให้ชุดในалисьนี้บรรจุและบริจาคให้กับโครงการ Project Compassion. ยังไง, ฉันขอขอบคุณผู้ที่ช่วยสร้างการรักษาและพื้นที่ที่มีเกียรติของพวกเขาที่ท่ามกลางความทุกข์ทรมานของนักเรียนทั้งหมดในสามวัน ฉันจึงขอขอบคุณทุกคนที่ช่วยให้เรารักษาความสะอาดในโรงเรียนนี้.

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Wishing that you and your families take to heart the great gift of God’s love shown to us through the events of Holy Week.

Praying that you will recognise the Resurrection of God’s love in your own lives.

Happy Easter

Kay Taylor (Chaplain)
Hi All

Tomorrow the canteen will be going green for St Patricks Day, so don’t forget to send your children with some money to enjoy a kiwi cup, aqua pikelet or some emerald custard!!!

If you have not yet registered for Online Ordering please check it out, it makes your life so much easier!!

If you haven’t already filled in the Canteen Roster for Term 2, please find one attached to this Newsletter. I need these back by the end of this week so that I can organise rosters for next term. I appreciate any time you are able to give me to keep the canteen running smoothly.

Healthy Eating     Amber Trench     Canteen Co-Ordinator

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School
Canteen Volunteer Form

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

At OLR we provide a healthy canteen for our children, stocking and making food which comes under the Healthy Schools Guidelines.

In order to run the canteen we require the help of volunteers, this is an opportunity to meet new people, come see how the canteen and the school run, catch up with friends and delight your child by being “in the canteen”!!

Anyone can help out, its not hard….promise!! Mums, Dads, Nans, Pops, Carers (we even have a beautiful great grandmother who volunteers fortnightly), everyone is welcome and no previous experience or cooking skills are required. You will be needed from 9am-2pm or if your time is short we can arranged a morning or afternoon shift to suit your circumstances.

Due to OHS regulations there are no children allowed in the canteen, so unfortunately no siblings can be brought to canteen for the day anymore.

Without the help of volunteers the canteen cannot run! We really need your help even just for one day a term and more importantly you are doing something for your children, they absolutely love seeing you at school, particularly in the canteen!!

Please fill out the below form and return it to school asap so that the Term 2 Roster can be completed.

Hope to see you soon in the canteen!!

Amber Trench
CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR

Please circle your choices for the following:

1. MONDAY   TUESDAY   WEDNESDAY   THURSDAY   FRIDAY
2. FORTNIGHTLY   MONTHLY   TERMELY
3. FULL DAY 9am – 2pm   MORNING 9am-11.30   AFTERNOON 11.30am – 2pm
4. EMERGENCY BASIS – I am unable to be on the roster but would like to help out if I can in an emergency. This means people may phone me to fill in for them if they are unable to do their shift.

NAME:_________________________ PHONE NUMBER:_________________

ELDEST CHILD’S NAME:_________________________ CLASS:_________
Parent Community Network

Celebrating Community

The OLR School Community was invited to nominate for Grade Parents for 2016; the Grade Parent meeting was held on Tuesday 8th March. We are pleased to announce that Sonya P and Amanda B have taken on the shared role of coordinators for our Grade Parent Team. The Grade Parents for 2016 are as follows:

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The Pastoral Care Team meeting was held on Wednesday 9th March. We are pleased to announce that Jennifer V and Frances O have taken on the shared role of coordinators for our Pastoral Care Team. Congratulations and thank you to everyone that attended or gave input. The minutes from both meetings will be uploaded on the OLR Parent Portal shortly.

We have our Welcome and Hallelujah BBQ Dinner on Friday, 1st April on our school playground between 6:00-8:00pm. A BBQ dinner of sausage or steak sandwich will be provided; please bring a side dish and refreshments to share with the whole school community. Everyone is welcome; please come along to help us celebrate as a whole school community.

Don’t forget to return your Easter eggs and raffle tickets by Thursday, 17th March. Wrapping of the Easter prizes will take place on Tuesday, 22nd March at 9:00am in the Miriam Centre. Please pop in to lend a hand if you are free; it shouldn’t take more than a couple of hours.

The Walkathon is back again! Weather permitting the OLR Community will come together for our walkathon on Friday, 8th April, the last day of Term 1. As the walkathon is so popular with families, we are having a BBQ and Fun Day at the conclusion of the walkathon. Everyone is welcome; more information and sponsorship forms will be sent home shortly.

A reminder: The Parent Community Network will be holding their Term 1 Coordinators Meeting Tonight at 7:00pm in the Viv Simnet Room. Carmel Hewitt, the CSO Education Officer-Parent Liaison, has been invited to speak and share her wisdom with us. We hope to see all coordinators at the meeting.

Thank you for your continued support;
Parent Community Network
Building Community
Parent Community Network
Celebrating Community

BBQ Pre-Order Form
Welcome & Halleluia Dinner
Friday 1st April 2016

To help cater for the evening; please indicate your preference and quantity below

Name: ___________________________ Ph: __________________

Eldest child’s name: ______________________ Class: __________

  Sausage Sandwich    Quantity    ____
  Steak Sandwich      Quantity    ____

In the spirit of Celebrating Community the PCN will be provide the BBQ; please bring a side dish or dessert to share with the whole school community. BYO Drinks.
On Friday the 4th of March, OLR participated in Clean up Australia Day. We spent the afternoon cleaning designated areas of the school. We were surprised at the amount of rubbish we found hidden in the garden, bushes and along the fence line. A very special thank you to three parents; Tracy McS, Katie H and Cassie W who gave up their afternoon to clean the outside school fence line.

Overall it was a very successful afternoon and the environment and the sea were very grateful.
OLR Sports News

Congratulations to Brooke T of 4 Gold. Brooke was picked to represent NSW in the 10 year old Oz Tag Team. She will be competing in a state of origin oz tag competition on Sunday June 19 in Sydney. Only 2 Central Coast girls made the team (Brooke being one of them) along with 5 from Nepean, 4 from Souths, 2 from Cronulla, 1 from Hills, and 2 from the ACT. Brooke is very excited with these results. Well done Brooke and good luck.

OLR Parish News

Dear Parents

We are unfortunately losing Fr Shaju to Mt Kuringai parish at the end of the month. For this reason it will be necessary to cancel the Enrichment Day which was to be on 31 March. The Reconciliations will be celebrated on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 5/6/7 April at 4.30pm. You will be able to nominate which day you would like to attend.

The First Eucharist Information Evening is likewise cancelled. Registrations forms will be given out at classes this weekend and you will be able to come to the office Monday to Friday 9:30am-5pm to register and pay. Registrations will need to be in by Friday 22 April.

Our Lady of the Rosary

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The Gift Centre has a wide variety of devotional items and gifts for Weddings, Birthdays, Baptisms, Holy Communion, or just plain thoughtful gifts. All are welcome to come in for a browse. We are open after the Sunday Masses for your convenience. You’ll find the Gift Centre behind the Church carpark, corner of Ashton and Copnor Avenues.

Open:
Sunday 9am-9:30am & 10:30-11am
Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-1:30pm
Phone/Fax 4332 5997

Mass & Devotions in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9:00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 9:30am & 5:00pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am
Rosary Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Wednesday 9:30am
Christian Meditation Group Friday 10:30am Muldoon Room
Please join us this Sunday, 20th March 2016, in the OLR School Hall from 2-4pm to help us raise over $20,000 to fight Leukaemia, yes, we have already gone over our original amount of $10,000, thank you.

In July 2015 our 2 year-old daughter, Ilaria was diagnosed with a rare form leukaemia (JMML) that is only treatable with a bone marrow transplant. In December we were lucky to find an unrelated donor and receive a transplant.

After over 100 days in hospital, we were recently lucky enough to see our daughter come home to start the next stage in her recovery with 6-12 months in isolation.

This time has been filled with many challenges for our family. The Leukaemia Foundation has been amazing in their support for people with leukaemia, and the significant contribution they make to research. So we are looking to give back by attempting to raise over $20,000 for the 'World’s Greatest Shave'.

If you can spare a few dollars, please donate here: [http://my.leukaemiatfonation.org.au/fairyilariaisacourt](http://my.leukaemiatfonation.org.au/fairyilariaisacourt)

Check out our Facebook page Ilaria's Fairy Court Greatest Shave Event

**Ilaria with her Bravery Beads pre-transplant**

**Ilaria visiting the hospital clinic post-transplant**
# Busy Bee's OSHC

**Vacation Care Program April 2016**

Located in the Hall at Our Lady of the Rosary

Shelly Beach Rd, Shelly Beach

*PLACES LIMITED BOOK NOW*

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No Additional Charges for Excursions/ Incursions

OPEN 7.00am to 6.00pm $65.00 per day CCB & CCR

Phone: 0417345418 or 0488345416

Or see Staff in the hall between 3.00pm-6.00pm

**Remember to Bring Each Day**

- Broad Brim Sun Hat
- Packed Lunch
- Vacation Care T-Shirt
- Refillable Drink Bottle
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, The Entrance

STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE

We are required by law to record all absences for children enrolled in our school with an accompanying note.

My child ___________________________ of class____________ was absent from school on the following date/s:

__________________________________________________________

Please sign below to indicate that your permission was given for this/these days absent.

I ____________________________ verify that my child was absent from school with my permission on the dates above.

Reason:_____________________________________________________________________

Signature:____________________________________ Date:__________________

PLEASE DO ONE NOTE PER CHILD. EACH TEACHER NEEDS A COPY FOR THEIR FILES

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TERM 2 2016

Go4Fun programs will be held at:

- Gosford Olympic Pool
  Saturdays 1.30pm–3.30pm
  Start Date: 30/4/16
  End Date: 25/6/16

- Mingara Recreation Club
  Saturdays 1.30pm–3.30pm
  Start Date: 30/4/16
  End Date: 25/6/16

- Peninsula Leisure Centre
  Mondays 4pm–6pm
  Start Date: 15/5/16
  End Date: 30/6/16

- Tunkalee Aquatic Centre
  Thursdays 4pm–6pm
  Start Date: 28/4/16
  End Date: 30/6/16

Go4Fun | FREE CALL 1800 780 900 | www.go4fun.com.au
Come and play netball for the Entrance Tigers!

We are still looking for 11, 12 & 13 year old girls.

If you would like to play or are already registered but have a friend or two that would like to play please contact:

Rachelle Sinclair: 0413 716 217
Michelle Draper: 0478 093 312