Dear Parishioners,

While every disciple is a believer, not every believer is necessarily a disciple.

Many may think that the term disciple refers only to the early followers of Christ. We know that they were a praying, worshipping, loving, giving, and evangelising groups of men and women who refused to keep the truth of the Gospel to themselves. The Christian experience of the beginning of the first-century church may seem radical to many of us today, but to those early believers, it was normal Christianity. These men and women, empowered and motivated by the Holy Spirit, turned their world upside down for the sake of Christ. In short, they were true disciples of Jesus Christ.

God still desires disciples today; ordinary people whom He can use to do extraordinary things. One of the characteristics of Catholic discipleship is that it requires a conscious choice about pursuing a Christian life. Therefore, it is a commitment that involves more than merely attending Mass and other Catholic observances in a “passive” manner. To demonstrate discipleship is to exercise discipline in pursuing spiritual observances, such as prayer or fasting, as well as good works. Indeed, all aspects of the Christian life are to be performed with a sense of purpose.

Catholic discipleship is visible to observers mainly in the Christian actions, or good works, we perform. Such actions demonstrate our commitment to helping other people in various ways. The traditional Catholic practices are the “corporal works of mercy” (including feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and clothing the naked) and the “spiritual works of mercy” (including converting sinners, comforting the sorrowful and forgiving injuries). Performing such actions is considered to be a way to follow the example of Jesus in the New Testament.

Discipleship also requires that we be willing to use our talents and blessings in building the “Kingdom of God,” which is the goal of all Christian activity on earth. Since talents and blessings are seen as coming from God, we are expected to be unselfish in using these for appropriate purposes. The true Catholic disciple is expected to follow through on all Christian commitments, to show an unwillingness to resort to excuses to explain inaction or poor performance, to take up our cross and follow!

God bless
Fr Eric Alleaume OMI

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**SYDNEY CATHOLICS**

**WE NEED Y O U**

**to stand with other Sydney-siders**

**to claim back SYDNEY for the people who have worked, paid their taxes and poured their**

**BLOOD, SWEAT and TEARS to build this city**

**for themselves and future generations of their families**

**and who can no longer afford to rent/buy here!**

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**6pm WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY**

**ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL HALL CBD**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSEMBLY**

In attendance will be:

- Catholic Archbishop Fisher, State Housing Minister Roberts, and Greater Sydney Commission CEO Sarah Hill
- and/or Lucy Turnbull AO

**Inclusionary Zoning** will go a long way to help alleviate Housing Affordability!

To attend you must register: sydneyalliance.org.au/
Carpool and park at the Domain for $10 evening rate if not using public transport.

“A Christian who is not a revolutionary today, is not a Christian.” - Pope Francis

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**July 8th/9th**

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**#GodBless**

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Under the care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A

2 July 2017
Thank you - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Our sincere thanks for your on-going generosity in regard to our recent St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The SVDP Winter Appeal total from our parish was $4,125. Please keep our work, ministry and clients in your prayers.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please note the 2016/2017 envelopes received this weekend will be included in the financial year 2017/2018.

‘Peter’s Pence’ Collection for the Holy Father

This weekend the 1st/2nd July, we will be taking up the annual Peter’s Pence Collection as a 3rd collection. It is a once-a-year collection, specifically for the many appeals the Holy Father receives in the course of the year. It is through your generosity that he is able to respond to international and local tragedies on many occasions. Thank you for your generous support.

Catechists Meeting

To be held in Parish Centre on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 10:00am. Come join good company, intelligent conversation and anti-oxidants will be provided as usual. For more information ph. 9743 7185.

First Holy Communion

Will be celebrated on 9th and 10th September this year. Applications are available at the back of the Church and on the parish website, www.seftoncatholicchurch.org.au

IHM Parish Retreat 2017

Will be held on Friday 20th October to Sunday 22nd October at Carmelite Retreat Centre. Registration Form will be available in September.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are fully scheduled to the end of July. New requests will be scheduled on the next available Mass from August. When requesting a Mass Intention, please indicate if a specific date is needed and leave a contact number so we can contact you if we are unable to schedule on your requested date.

CATHOLICCARE

We provide training and support for those interested in a career helping older people remain independent in their own homes. To find out more call 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org or visit our website at www.catholiccare.org.CatholicCare Sydney: Helping families live and thrive.

Online Youth Survey

Recently the Australian Bishops released an online youth survey to seek feedback for the Youth Synod in 2018 www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey. This survey will provide an important means for our young people aged 16-29 to communicate their needs, hopes and desires for our Church with our Australian Bishops. This survey will close on Sunday 2 July 2017.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It’s a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, see our website www.acyf.org.au

Readings

This Week: 2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16  Rom 6:3-4, 8-11  Mt 10:37-42
Next Week:  Zech 9:9-10  Rom 8:9, 11-13  Mt 11:25-30

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RIP Anniversary:

Fr Stan Sun OMI (Hong Kong), Vincent Hughes, Damir Lisica, Harold C. Evers, Bruce Gorman, Albert J. Rose, Elizabeth Dimeck, Nancy Boscato, Margaret Diamond, John Diamond, Stanley Prescott, Kevin F. Freeburn, Margaret Knoll, Margaret I. Best, Kenneth E. Boyd, Jim Head, Murray Fahey, Arthur L. Dowel, Edward Benettto, Lionel C. Smith, Maria R. Rondelli, Kathleen Kelly, William Fawcett, Maud M. Brookett, Neville B. Moodie, Alan B. Whear, Margaret A. Fullerton, Henry (Harry) A. Flint.

The Sick:


Note: If you wish to be included or you know anyone who would like to be included in the sick list please notify the Parish Office.