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**19th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
13th August 2017**

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13;

Romans 9:1-5;

Matthew 14:22-33

“YOU CAN BE IN THE STORM, BUT DON’T LET THE STORM GET IN YOU”

-Joel Osteen

Mark Link tells the inspiring story of a 17 year-old girl named Joni Eareckson, who like all teenagers her age was full of vitality, vigour and promise. Her favourite sport was horse riding, and in every completion her performance was so very impressive that her prospects for the future kept rising both noticeably and dramatically. One hot afternoon in July, Joni went for a swim in Chesapeake Bay and there tragedy struck. On one particular dive she sustained such a severe injury to her head that she was instantly knocked unconscious and rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment. And there the worst fears of her loved ones were confirmed. Joni would be a quadriplegic for the rest of her life. The months ahead were an absolute nightmare, with just no light at the end of the tunnel. The once graceful rider, who delighted crowds with her performances, would lie strapped to a Stryker frame. And for much of her time she would lie with her face down, looking at nothing but the floor. That is when she had a spiritual experience. As Joni lay strapped in her Stryker frame, she thought of Jesus nailed to the cross. He was God yet he was totally powerless and helpless. And she adds, “I pictured Jesus standing by my Stryker frame and saying to me, “Don’t lose heart, Joni, for I am with you and will help you to achieve the impossible.” Even as she lay there a curious thought crossed Joni’s mind. She could attempt painting if she could hold a painting brush between her teeth. And that is precisely what she did—so successfully and admirably that she is author of two best-sellers—one being autobiographical and entitled Joni –and has played the lead role in a movie of her own life. This inspiring story aptly demonstrates what Jesus can do in the life of any and every individual, if we let him. With faith in the almighty power and the never-failing help of the Lord Jesus, she was able to achieve the impossible. (Shared by *J. Valladares in ‘Your Words O Lord, are Spirit, and they are Life’*)



The world’s attention is unfortunately, but understandably, regularly focused on the destructive force of natural events like hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis, as well as on the violent human forces contending in conflicts in various parts of the globe. We cannot help but be disturbed by so many forces intimately at odds with us: the fear of terrorism, the fear of the outbreak of nuclear war, the pain of emotional wounds, the degree of separation in marriages, the escalation of anti-social behaviours among the budding generation, and the desperate situation of the refugees and asylum seekers in Australia and various countries. Naturally, we are downcast in the face of such strong forces at war with us. As the followers of Jesus, we should not allow these forces to submerge us in fear, despair or helplessness. With the powerful and encouraging words of Jesus “Take courage, do not be afraid!” we must be able to brave the storms of life. The God we believe in is the greatest power in the universe. As the power of God is life giving, we too can bring some solace, comfort, freedom to the people in peril or suffering. My friend shared with me a story which highlights a beautiful attitude that we all should have in striving to alleviate the suffering and create a new world.

An Anthropologist proposed a game to African tribal children ... He placed a basket of sweets near a tree and made the children stand 100 metres away. Then announced that whoever reaches first would get all the sweets in the basket.

When he said ‘ready steady go!’...

Do you know what these children did? They all held each other's hands, ran together towards the tree, divided the sweets equally among themselves, ate the sweets and enjoyed it.

When the Anthropologist asked them why they did so, they answered ‘Ubuntu’.

Which meant -‘How can one be happy when the others are sad?’ Ubuntu in their language means -‘I am because we are!’



The very attitude of Jesus was to give life to everyone and none should perish, which is very much evidenced in this Sunday’s gospel. It is a strong message for all generations. Let us have this attitude and spread happiness, and hope wherever we go.

Let's have an *Ubuntu* Life ...*I AM BECAUSE WE ARE* (African story)

God’s blessings, Fr. Vince

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 2 will be held next week, 20 August, 4:30pm, followed by a Teaching Mass (part 2) at 5:30pm.



CHURCH SACRAMENTS



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **2nd September** at **4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of every month at 11:20,



NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

are now available in the foyer.

Please pick up your box and if you could, please deliver that of your neighbour as well. That will help save postage costs for the parish.

If anyone is interested in joining the envelope scheme or contributions by direct debit, please fill in a registration form and the office will organise this for you.

COME AND LOOK AT OUR PIETY STALL

Beautiful items are available at our piety stall to help our young parishioners prepare for their First Communion, as well as lovely gift items for Baptism, Confirmation, even anniversaries and birthdays!

The stall is open after the 8am and 10am Sunday Masses, and during sacrament preparation sessions. For special orders, please contact Sandra on 0413272400.



*Let us pray for our application
to build our long-awaited church!*

May the Lord bless our plans and dreams!



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1550.45

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$ 2005 **Loose** = \$ 1170.25

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$1935

TOTAL = \$ 5110.25 (target = \$5577)

Thank you for your generosity!

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

All are invited to attend Mass on the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary** on **15th August, Tuesday**.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass times are:

9:15 am (with students)

and **7pm**.



Do you know anyone who has expressed interest in exploring and **embracing the Catholic faith**? Would they perhaps like to **ask a few questions** before committing to any formation program? Please let them know that Fr Vincent would love to **have a chat** with them. Just ring the office— **96542260**—to organise a time.

An excerpt from the 'Letter to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta', by Bishop Vincent Long:

... In the year ahead there will be several new building and expansion projects undertaken by our Diocese. This will include Westmead, Marsden Park, Box Hill, school science part at Luddenham, **new churches like Kenthurst**, and other major projects that will be announced in due course...

(Given at Parramatta on 8 August 2017; Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

Copies of the letter are available in the foyer.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Phyllis Dodd, Victor Rustia,
Fr Tony Aidan Reynolds, Norma Sattler,
and John Lynch



For other dearly departed

Benito and Feliciano Sabellano, Vincenzina Americano, Keith Byrne, Norman and Chahide Hajje, Sheaddy and Chahid Hajje, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, Youssef and Emily Maait, Marcello Pellizzon, John & Phyllis de la Hoyde, Helena Culligan and all deceased members of the Culligan and Mulvihill families, Thelma Navarro McDowell, Josefa Estrada, Anthony & Maryann Vella, Joseph Vella, Nenu Zammit, and Angelo Vella

For healing of the sick

Teresa Masiello, Ivan Ceccato, Johann, Joe Gelonesi, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Tony, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, Harriett Rogers, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Donard Doyle, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, Maisie Hughes, and Christine Wilson.



**WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND
PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION**

Bishop Vincent Long will launch this important, year-long Diocesan Journey on **Sunday 27th August, 2pm - 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Seven Hills.**

Special guest speaker:

Fr Tom Smolich, International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services.

The aim of our Diocesan Journey will be to galvanise a Diocese-wide and faith-filled urge to bring about a culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

A feature of the afternoon will be to hear personal stories from refugees and asylum seekers as well as the opportunity to join small group discussions to discern how best the Diocese may achieve its goal particularly at a parish level.

If you would like to join others from around the Diocese at the launch, please contact the Social Justice Office on 8838 3461 or register online

OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

Annual Assumption Walk: 15 August

The Annual Assumption Walk will again take place on Tuesday, 15 August beginning with a midday Mass at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville). We will begin the walk at 1pm, on the usual route along Windsor Road to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta (approximately 14 km). There will be refreshment stops along the way. Everyone is welcome to come with Marian banners and join us at any point of the walk. Contact the parish office (02 9629-2595) at least one week prior to register.

Oakhill College: Year 7, 2019

Applications for enrolment into Year 7, 2019 close on Friday 18 August, 2017. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September, 2017. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College in 2019, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing date Friday 18 August on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au. Applications are also being taken now for Years 8-11, 2018.

Come and See: 20 August

An invitation for all single men aged 16 and over, for a Day of Discernment at Holy Spirit Seminary, 31/33 Allen St, Harris Park NSW 2150 on Sunday, 20 August 2017 from 10:00am to 7:00pm. For more information and catering purposes, kindly RSVP Fr John Paul Escarlan (Director of Priestly Vocations) on 0420 310 771 or vocations@parra.catholic.org.au.

**Vocation Weekend with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars:
1-3 September 2017.**

Come for a chance to explore the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated religious life. It's a Live-in weekend retreat for young men (18-35) to aid the discernment of God's call and our response. Starts 7:30pm Friday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt and concludes with 6pm Mass on Sunday. Cost is FREE/optional donation. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice. If you're discerning, come along! Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. Retreatants must register as there are limited spaces available. Website: capuchinfriars.org.au

"In a Gentle Way, You Can Shake the World"

Young Women's Retreat
13-15 October 2017; Jamberoo Abbey
Registration via www.trybooking.com/RAXG by 8 of September

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service: The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Balgo, Bidadanga and Warmun for the wet season. Accommodation and food is provided. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Chisholm Cottage is a four bedroom accommodation house in Westmead operated specifically to offer comfortable, affordable accommodation to people from regional NSW who are attending or accompanying loved ones to hospital stays or medical appointments in Sydney. Chisholm Cottage is operated by the Sisters of Charity Outreach. We are currently seeking Volunteers to assist with housekeeping, laundry and front office duties including washing, ironing, taking guest reservations and welcoming guests. Are you interested in volunteering for either morning shifts from 9.30am to 1.00pm or afternoon from 1.30pm to 4pm? Please contact: The Volunteer Co-ordinators, (02) 832 6432. Learn more about Chisholm Cottage by visiting <http://www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au/>

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I come running to you
because you are my only refuge, my single hope
~ but one of which I am certain.
You are the remedy for all my ills,
the release from all my suffering,
the compensation for all my shortcomings,
the supplement for everything I lack,
the certitude for all my questions,
my infallible and inexhaustible source of light,
of strength, of constancy, of peace and of blessings.
I know that you will never tire of me
and that you will never stop loving me,
helping me, and protecting me
– because you love me with a love that is infinite.
Have pity on me, Lord, according to your great mercy;
and make of me, in me and for me
everything that you wish for me,
because I give myself over to you
with the complete and full confidence
that you will never abandon me.
Amen.

—St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo
Eucharistic Ministers Coordinator:
Eileen Sherlock
Music Coordinators:
Barbara Mathias and Joan Sattler
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton
RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry
Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker
SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones
Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:
Peter Balnaves
Property Maintenance Manager: Dan Doyle
Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone
Altar Linen Coordinator: Pat Brush
Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle
Finance Committee Chair: Michael Parslow

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:
Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator
Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751
Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College
Phone: 9654 6700
Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

St Vincent de Paul 1800 606 724

Parish Services

Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5.30pm
(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses:
9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup –Tue 9:00am
at St Joseph Centre during school terms
Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the
9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm
Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,
or during 10am Masses
Weddings: By appointment

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	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran and Rocco Scardino	Peter and Jenny Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joe Spina
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Steve Kinchington Paul Cashman	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Aiden Cavestany
	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Pat Lynch Tricia Spencer	Sandra Tabone Trish Takahashi	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Annabel Rogers	Jack McNeil	Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Ellyse & Edward Noy
	MUSICIANS		Joan and David	Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(15 Aug) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini

19/20 AUGUST	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Steve and Maria Fry	Bob & Maureen Burke	Margaret & Michael Foley
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steven Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli CareyAnne Moylan	Stephen & Janelle Bawden
	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Steve & Jenny Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS		Jack McNeil	Maryanna Coppini Luke Masiello	Alessandra Campagna Christian Hatcher
	MUSICIANS	Pat and Bev	Joan and David	Bobby, Mark, Matt, and MJM	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(22 Aug) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi; arrgd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Pat Waters