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**20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
20th August 2017**

**Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7;
Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32;
Matthew 15: 21-28**

**“If you want to see the true measure of a man,
watch how he treats his inferiors, not his equals”** - J. K. Rowling

The Gospel of this Sunday (Mt 15:21-28) narrates how Jesus encounters a Canaanite woman. Since she was a Gentile [non-Jew], Jesus, acting in accord with the cultural norms of his day, ignores her plea for her daughter. She persists in her request and the irritated disciples ask Jesus to get rid of her. Although Jesus says that he was sent only to Israel's lost sheep and the food is not to be thrown to the dogs, the woman does not give up. Again, she requests Jesus' assistance, humbly comparing herself to the house puppy-dogs who eat the scraps that fall from the master's table.

This Gospel story can make us ask, **why did Jesus respond to the Canaanite woman in this way?** But perhaps rather than wondering if Jesus did the right thing or not in his response to the woman, it would be better for us to focus on our own life, our relationships and reactions to people who come across our path unexpectedly. Jesus was in this area – a foreign environment – at the time because of the strong opposition of the Pharisees – he was rejected by the religious leaders.

- ◆ How often have you found yourself in a strange environment?
- ◆ When did you last feel like a stranger?
- ◆ Do you meet people who are not part of your circle of friends or work group?
- ◆ When did you last feel rejected?
- ◆ Have you said or done something to cause others to feel rejected?



In our changing world, new horizons open up daily as more and more people move from their own home base to new environments. The new horizons may come about through personal choice or they may be forced on us by circumstances. No matter which way they come they present a challenge.



The new environment, our personal “region of Tyre and Sidon” can be the place of a new beginning just as it was for Jesus when he met the woman who kept asking for healing for her daughter. The new beginning happens when we get over the initial resistance to what comes at us or when we find ourselves challenged by new demands, new places, new cultures and new needs. While we may not be able to meet all the ways we or others would wish, we know that our choices do make a difference – we grow and others grow by creating a new beginning.

- ◆ What new beginnings can you name in your life?
- ◆ How has your life been enriched by new beginnings?
- ◆ When did you last welcome a ‘stranger’, a rejected or self-rejecting person?
- ◆ When did you say to someone, “you have great faith”?
- ◆ How is your faith today?

(Source: Society of African Missions)

Jesus made it very clear that God does not discriminate against anyone and he broke the barrier as he helped the Canaanite woman with a new beginning for her and her sick daughter. As believers and followers of Christ, we should avoid all forms of discrimination like racial, religious and social. Whenever we turn away or even look down on people because of their low economic or social status or any other factor, we go against our own faith in Jesus and bear counter witness to His Kingdom's values.

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince

Congratulations to Emily Hannah Larsen
as she receives the
Sacrament of Baptism this weekend!

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 3 will be held next week, 27 August,
4:30pm, followed by a Teaching Mass
(part 3) at 5:30pm.



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, or within the Mass
at 10am on other Sundays.

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.

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.

*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) = \$ 1532.65

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$ 1774 **Loose** = \$ 1130.20

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$1935

TOTAL = \$ 4839.20 (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.

Are you thinking of becoming a catechist?

There will be a SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)
TRAINING COURSE beginning on 28th August,
Monday, at Emu Plains. For more details,
please ring Maureen Jones on 0419512252.
It's time to share your faith ...

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

(BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY)

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta
assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the
Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for
Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to
support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year
through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with
donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for
this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held
on the **weekend of September 2-3**.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass.
Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are
tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick
the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal
envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be
here on the Father's Day weekend. If you wish you can make
online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or
direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in
the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail
to csf@parra.catholic.org.au with your details so receipts can be
sent, which we usually do in January. Thank you!!!

**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.**

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

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



For other dearly departed

Giuseppe Lamacchia, Virginia Grieci, Sarah Murray,
Victor (Enob) Scicluna, Mary Scicluna,
Benito and Feliciana 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

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.

POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE" ANNOUNCED

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ before the cut-off date of Thursday, 24 August. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. (from the Diocese of Parramatta)

As you leave today, PLEASE SIGN

PETITION to oppose the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017

"... We are particularly concerned that this bill or similar legislation poses a particular danger to the frail, aged, sick, mentally-impaired, vulnerable, and disabled in our state. We do not believe that such legislation can create and enforce safeguards. It is simply not possible to provide guarantees against potential abuse and exploitation of such laws as demonstrated in jurisdictions where assisted suicide and euthanasia have already been legalised..."



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 at:

<https://register.eventarc.com/38860/invitation-to-migrant-and-refugee-sundaylaunch-27-th-august>

Issues of the Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each.



OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

FREE FAMILY EVENT

A program of Spiritual Enrichment for families on the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018

Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World

Sunday, 27 August 2017; 1pm—3:15pm

Mass at 11am

BYO Picnic Lunch

Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall—230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa NSW 2745

Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parr.catholic.org.au

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta: HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES

Kirinari, Xavier College, Llandilo Wiyanga, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas are accepting enrolments. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides an inclusive education for students, recognising that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. High support needs classes provide students with an alternate platform that addresses their learning needs. Direct enquiries to Alma George, Manager Diverse Learning Needs, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 0407233622 or Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 30 August 2017.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 21st – 27th August 2017

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Campion College Australia Book Fair: 26 August

The Library at Campion College will be holding a book fair with a large number of second hand books for sale. Subjects include theology, literature, history and philosophy. EFTPOS facilities are available.

Date: Saturday 26th August, 2017, Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm,

Venue: Campion College Australia,

Address: 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie NSW 2146

Inquiries: 02 9896 9307 Email: k.doughty@campion.edu.au

2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Men, Women & the Mystery of Love

Dr Edward Siri

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta

Friday, 8th September 2017; 7:30pm sharp

Sponsored by Parousia Media and

Life, Family & Marriage Office, Diocese of Parramatta

Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parr.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant

Parish Secretary - St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie. For more information or to apply please visit: parracatholic.org/employment.

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

*Jesus will supply for all that we lack
if our confidence in his help is without limit.*

-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

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship

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

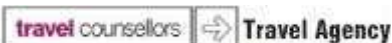
Playgroup –Tue 9:00am
at St Joseph Centre during school terms
Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the
9.15 am Mass

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

Weddings: By appointment

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	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steven Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Nigel Saunders Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli CareyAnne Moylan	Stephen & Janelle Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC 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	Ellyse & Edward Noy
	MUSICIANS	Pat and Bev	Joan and David	Bobby, Mark, Matt, and MJJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(22 Aug) John and Betty Hourigan		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
26/27 AUGUST	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Mike & Carmel O'Connell	Rose & Ian McMichael	Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Maria Alossa Colleen Dunlop	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Justin Sebire	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trisha Keating	Gerda Doherty Frances Sanders	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
	JUN MINISTERS	Jasmine & Olivia Kenna	Johnny Polifroni	Lorena Campo Maya McMichael	Kiane Claps Clarissa Vumbaca
	MUSICIANS	Lance	Joan and David	Merle	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(29 Aug) Belle Craig and Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Ann Marie Duncan
	FLOWERS	Suzanne Kingston-Hunt arrgd by Mari Gregory & Maureen Meryment		ALTAR LINEN	Barbara Madafiglio