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**25th Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 24th September 2017**
Isaiah 55: 6-9
Philippians 1:20-24, 27;
Matthew 20: 1-16

Small ‘c’ church

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”
 Matthew 18: 15-20

On a business trip to South America, he visited a small church in one of the poor barrios. He was deeply moved by what he saw: the joy-filled faith of these families despite the overwhelming poverty of their daily lives. When he returned home, he was telling some friends after Mass about what he had seen. The group wondered what they could do to help, so they contacted the pastor of the barrio parish. The priest expressed gratitude for any help, especially for the parish’s school and small clinic. So the group collected school and medical supplies and shipped them; next they gathered up blankets and clothes; now they are raising money to dig a new well for the community. They see themselves as just a group of friends doing what they are able to do for their South American brothers and sisters. But, in truth, they are being **church**.



It’s known as “the list” — names and telephone numbers of folks in the parish who can be called day or night. An elderly parishioner needs a ride to the doctor? Call Susan. The young couple struggling through her difficult pregnancy? Sheila and Pat will make sure they have supper and groceries this week. The one car of a family whose parents have been out of work for some time breaks down? Neil knows what to do. It is more than a list of numbers. It is **church**.



When they were in grammar school, they participated in the parish’s vacation religious education program every summer and always had a great time. Now that they are in high school, they return every July to serve as leaders and counsellors — and often become big brothers and big sisters to the kids. The adults who are responsible for the week’s program will tell you immediately that these teens make the program go. They are more than a terrific group of generous teenagers. They are **church**.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of the “church” — not the institutional capital ‘C’ Church, but the lower-case ‘c’ church that is you and [me], human beings who struggle to follow Jesus. That is the important lesson of today’s Gospel: the ability of individuals who come together as disciples, inspired by the Gospel Jesus, to accomplish great works of compassion, reconciliation, healing and justice. May the grace of God bring us together, even just two or three of us, in Jesus’ name, enabling us to mirror God’s love in our midst.

[from A Connections sampler]



Have a restful and enjoyable school break! — Fr Vince

There will be no 9:15 Masses next week.

Also, there will be renovations happening in the school canteen, which is adjacent to the church.

For health and safety reasons, there will be **no Communion Service on Tuesday, 26th September.**

We will have Communion Services on Wednesday to Friday.

Congratulations to these children for receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend!

*Ivy Loren Boulenaz
Amelie Grace Burrage
Maxwell Ernest Scarfone
Thomas David Scarfone
Stella Walker*

Let us pray for them and their families as they walk their journey of faith.



Let us together pray for the students in our parish who are preparing for their HSC exams. A book is in the foyer for you to write down the names of students you would like the community to pray for.

Everyone is welcome to join the **CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP.**

They meet every Wednesday morning in the chapel after the 9:15 service. For more information ring Pauline Camilleri, 0407 417 039



Let the children come to me ...

(Matthew 19:14)

We'd love to see you at next month's **All-Youth Mass on Sunday, 8th October, 5:30pm.**

Stay for PIZZA and fellowship afterwards to meet some new people from the parish!



Let your heart be more attentive than your head, for the Holy Spirit is love, and to take hold, it is more important to love than to understand. -St Madeleine Sophie

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1974.55

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$ 1752 **Loose** = \$ 1408.30

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$1935

TOTAL = \$ 5095.30 (target = \$5577)

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

Thank you for your generosity!



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **7th October** 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.

Preparations for the **Sacraments of Initiation 2018** (Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation) will begin in January 2018. Keep an eye out for announcements in the bulletin and on our parish website. If you would like to receive an email reminder about the programme, please send an email to stmads.sacraments@gmail.com.

Application forms are available in the foyer for anyone wanting to join the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**. Please fill in a form and drop it in at the parish office before 30th September. Please feel free to ring the parish office at 96542260 for any questions.

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



May the Lord bless our plans and dreams!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Giuseppe Barone, Bernie Crowley, and Michael Peter Hooper

For other dearly departed

Michael Mulvihill, deceased members of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, Martin Mileto, Pietro Ceccato, Alfonso Juanengo, and Grace Corpuz

For healing of the sick

Ivan Ceccato, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, 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.



If you would like Mass offered for your special intentions, please take an envelope from the foyer and drop it in the box or in the collection plate with the details. Thank you.

God's Justice

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is rather startling. People who work an hour in the late afternoon are paid the same as those who work all day long. Obviously God doesn't think like we do.

We think of justice in terms of what is fair, of what people deserve. So we would say that the people who worked longer deserved more. But God doesn't see it that way. God thinks of justice in terms of people's dignity, their right to a decent life.

The people who came late had the same right to a decent life as those who had worked all day, so they are all treated equally. Nothing is taken from anyone, but all are treated in accord with their dignity, their right to a decent life. Such is God's justice.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Perhaps we would have a better world if we were to adopt some of God's ways. After all, "the Lord is just in all his ways," and that is something which cannot be said of all our ways.

"Father, guide us according to your law of love." Free us from our law of vindictive justice.

Biblical justice is more comprehensive than subsequent philosophical definitions. It is not concerned with a strict definition of rights and duties, but with the rightness of the human condition before God and within society. Nor is justice opposed to love; rather, it is both a manifestation of love and a condition for love to grow.

(U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986:39)

—Gerald Darring

Prayer for Marriage

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family.

May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage.

May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children.

Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendour of marriage.

We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen.

...from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-defense-of-marriage.cfm>

OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARRIAGE ACT

Marriage is... The Church views marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. Marriage is also a fundamental institution for all societies because of its importance in uniting spouses as potential parents and in providing for the upbringing of their children. It has therefore been understood as the union of a man and a woman in all cultures and religions until very recent times and is still so defined in international law and the law of most nations.

... To insist that marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman is not a criticism of other kinds of relationships. By recognising this particular type of relationship our community and its marriage laws do not unjustly discriminate against other relationships: rather, our community and its laws recognize the essential connections between male-female bonding and child-bearing, and between children and their natural parents. Taken from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

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 on 0407233622/Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au.

CAMPION COLLEGE COME AND SEE DAY: 4 OCTOBER

Campion College Come and See Day on Wednesday 4 October, midday to 4:30pm. Includes: guided tours; attend lectures; learn about the College. Registration is essential and closes on 29 September. Visit www.campion.edu.au/comeandsee for program details and registration

LIVING LAUDATO SI—BOOK LAUNCH: 11 OCTOBER

The Social Justice Office of the Diocese of Parramatta is hosting a Season of Creation event: the launch of the book "Living Laudato Si" including a hands-on workshop offered by Sue Martin. Meet the author, Manny Bautista, on 11th October, 7-8:30pm, at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Register online at <https://register.eventarc.com/39210/book-launch-and-workshop-living-laudato-si> or phone the Social Justice Office on 88383461.

AGEING AND AWAKENING: GOD'S SURPRISING GIFTS! WEEKEND RETREAT: 27-29 OCTOBER

Time and age are the gifts of the second half of life. As the worn oak wine barrel produces mellow wine so the second half of life allows us time to notice and reflect on the richness of our experience of life – awakening us to God's surprising gifts on our journey. These days offer opportunity for input sessions, reflection and personal prayer as well as communal prayer with the Benedictine nuns at the Abbey. Printed material will be provided for further reflection.

DATE: October 27-29

VENUE: Benedictine Abbey 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo

TIME: 9.00 a.m. commencing with Eucharist and concluding with Vespers at 5.00 p.m. on the 29th.

PRESENTER: Sr. Kerin Caldwell sgs

COST: \$100.00 for the talks plus accommodation fees.

BOOKINGS: Petrina 0242360533;

cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE 2017: 4 NOVEMBER

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference will be held on Saturday 4th November at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. The conference, 'Liturgy: The Living Presence of Christ' is an excellent opportunity to gather together as a Diocese and explore the Presence of Christ in Liturgy. Day includes Keynote Speaker and various workshops including: Music and copyright, Bringing Christ to the Sick, Scripture and the Season of Advent, Sacraments of Initiation – a Field Perspective., organising a Mass- Ordos, Missals and Lectionaries. For more information go to: parracatholic.org/owf or Office for Worship ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

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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 Communion Service:
 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

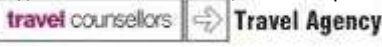
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	JUN MINISTERS	Jasmine & Olivia Kenna	Johnny Polifroni	Lorena Campo	Kiane Claps Clarissa Vumbaca
	MUSICIANS	Pat and Bev	Joan and David	Merle and Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(26 Sept) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

30 SEPT/1 OCT	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Rick & Lesley Gangemi
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	MUSICIANS	Lance	Joan and David	Bobby, Mark, and Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(3 Oct) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi, arrgd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow