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**30th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
29th October 2017  
Exodus 22: 20-26  
1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10  
Matthew 22: 34-40**

**“Leave me alone”, is not good news! "Let's be together" is not bad news.  
We were made to be each other's keepers. Let love lead.” (- Israelmore Ayivor)**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus,

With much delight, I would like to welcome the new families who have joined our parish community. We are all individual parts of the mystical body of Christ, the Church. Working together, we find great joy in building our community in great faith, love and justice. We are obligated to create a conducive atmosphere for our budding generation to live. As one big family of God, let us pray, serve and have fun together. I pray that you may find warmth and happiness in our parish and I look forward to getting to know you personally in the weeks and months ahead. If there is anything I can do to help you in your faith journey, please don't hesitate to contact me and the parish team and various ministries will be happy to be of assistance to you.

***A Jesuit was working in the inner city years ago and was asked by his friend if he needed any help. In reply he said something that remained with him – ‘don't come into these good people if you feel angry or guilty. The city has enough angry people, and we don't need your guilt. Come among them only if you love them’.*** (Donald Neary SJ.)

“An important area of fragmentation in our modern Western culture is individualism. This concept, which is at the heart of most modern institutions, says that our first obligation as human beings is to look after ourselves. Individualism affects the whole gamut of human relationships – between individuals, nations, ethnic groups, religions etc. It has even affected the life of our church. Jesus, however, (like all Jesus-like people) totally rejects individualism and upholds solidarity instead. His position is that we and our neighbour are one person – our destinies are inextricably intertwined. As the passage says, when we love our neighbour we love ourselves”. The gospel of this Sunday integrates both the love of God and love of neighbour.

Of course, we know that no law of the church, no detailed religious observance is above the law of love. Over emphasis of one over the other is a clear contradiction of what Jesus said. We need to understand that loving God is the first and greatest commandment. It is from that relationship with God that the second gets its meaning and importance. The two loves are not meant to be conflicting. It is not a question of either one or the other but ‘both and’.

***An eight-year-old boy had a younger sister who was dying of leukaemia. His parents explained to him that she needed a blood transfusion and that his blood was probably compatible. They asked if they could test his blood. Sure, he said. The results showed that his blood would be a good match. Then they asked the boy if he would give his sister a pint of blood, that it could be her only chance at living. He said he would like to think about overnight.***

***The next day he went to his parents and said he was willing to donate his blood to his sister. So they took him to the hospital where he was put on a gurney beside his sister. Both of them were hooked up to IVs. A nurse withdrew a pint of blood from the boy, which was then put into the girl's IV. The boy lay on his gurney in silence while the blood dripped into his sister. The doctor came over to see how he was doing. The boy opened his eyes and asked, “How soon I until I start to die?”*** [Jack Kornfield, cited in *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott.] The little brother, thinking that giving his blood would mean he would die, nonetheless is willing to give his life to his sister so that she might live; in his generosity, he models the great love and compassion of the God who spares nothing to bring us to him (Connections)



*What is the climate of love in your family? If every one of you is asked to scale your love for one another from 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself? How would you rate your love for the community and society? In what way you think you can love our parish community?*

**God's blessings, Fr. Vince**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Fondly we remember our loved ones

All Soul's Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 2nd of November at Masses at 9:15am** (with the students of Marian College) **and at 7pm.**



During the month of November, we will continue to remember and pray for our loved ones who are born to eternal life.

As part of this prayerful experience we invite the community to write the names of their loved ones and tie them to our All Souls Prayer frame, which will be in the foyer. We as a community will continue to pray for our friends and family who have returned to God and find comfort and hope in our shared grief.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**Info Evening- Friday, 3rd November, 7pm, Parish House**

We would like to invite adults and families interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and those who have been baptised in other Christian churches who would like to fully commit to the Catholic faith by receiving the Sacraments at Easter.

Come for an informal session on 3rd November at 7pm. It will be chance to get an overview of the program and for you to ask your questions.

For more details, please ring the office—96542260.

### Thanksgiving gathering for all parish volunteers

All volunteers across all the ministries are invited to attend a supper on **Friday, 17 November, 7pm** at the St Joseph Centre. Let us come together to meet other parishioners from the other Masses, to enjoy each other's company, and to simply give thanks for the hearts of service we are blessed with. For catering purposes, please write your name on the sign-up sheet or ring the office (96542260) to indicate your attendance.

### Parish Working Bee

**25 November, Saturday, from 8am**

If you can spare an hour or so on this date, we could really use your help. This annual working bee is always a fun time to meet people, tidy up the church and its surroundings, clean around the parish house, get the church ready for Advent and Christmas, and then sit for a well-deserved cuppa! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. See you there!

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1414.95

**2nd Collection** (for Parish)

**Envelopes** = \$ 1198.65    **Loose** = \$ 959.70

**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$1935

**TOTAL** = \$ 4093.35 (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!



## CHURCH SACRAMENTS



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **4th November** 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.

## COMING SOON!

**26 November, Sunday, 10am**

\*Mass with SRE students of our local state schools for the Feast of Christ the King;

\*Children's Liturgy Christmas Party

**30 November, Thursday, 12nn**—Friendship Group

Healing Mass and Christmas luncheon for retired parishioners. Details soon.

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

### For the recently deceased

Monsignor John Francis Lyne, Sr Eufrasia Caruana, Bessie Knox, Trevor Heiler, Alen Heiler, and Fr Joseph Pulis SDB

### For other dearly departed

Teresa Maguire, Caroline Madafiglio, Maria & Rosario Agresta, Domenica & Frencki Campanella, Giuseppina & Giuseppi Papalia, Herman Estacio, Rosita Estacio, Emerita David, Elena Padilla, Candido Estacio, Helen Szach, Ian Wilson, Alice Wilson, Paul Thomas, Paul Harrison, Leslie George Waters, Erica Byrne, Ted Fitzgerald, Margaret K Foley, Giuseppe Papandrea, Sergio Clocchiatti, Maria Lamacchia, Danielle Lamacchia, Frederick Salmon, Rose Ann McArdle, Santo Cristaldi, Giovanni Cristaldi, Orazia Cristaldi, Salvatore Campo, Maryanne & Anthony D'Anastasi, Eily Doyle, Paul Spina, Leonard Meryment, and Domenico and Teresa Papandrea

### For healing of the sick

Karen Bligh, Ivan Ceccato, Elizabeth Graby, 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.

### For the special intentions of

Darryl Stuart Jon Armstrong, Emily Johnston, David Stuart Armstrong, Judy-Ann Addison Armstrong, Joan Addison, and John Addison





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

May the Lord bless our dreams and plans!



2018 Columban Art calendars are now available in the **Piety Stall** for \$9 each!

You can now also buy Majellan Christmas cards for \$7 a pack!

### Let the children come to me ...

(Matthew 19:14)

We'd love to see you at the next

**All-Youth Mass on Sunday,  
12th November, 5:30pm.**

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

If you'd like to join the choir, play an instrument, or participate in the Mass in a special way, come at 5pm to prepare. See you then!!!



Issues of The Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each. In this week's issue:

\*We won't do it—We won't kill patients.

\*You're wrong—Theologian criticises Fr Frank Brennan and Greg Sheridan on gay marriage. And much more...

### Postal survey on proposed change to the Marriage Act

We remind you that the survey closes on Tuesday, 7 November 2017 (6pm local time). Any surveys received after this will not be counted. As we exercise our democratic responsibility in responding to the survey it is important to remember that the postal survey is about whether or not Australians want the legal definition of civil marriage changed to include same-sex couples. It is not a referendum on sacramental marriage, however we are called to consider carefully the implications of any change. In the words of Bishop Vincent: *"Whatever the outcome of the survey or the eventual legislation by the government, the Church will continue to hold that marriage is a natural institution established by God to be a permanent union between one man and one woman, directed both to mutual companionship and to the formation of a family in which children are born and nurtured."*

Let us pray, discern and act with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

### OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

#### FUNERAL OF MONSIGNOR JOHN FRANCIS LYNE

Monsignor John Francis Lyne of the Archdiocese of Sydney and Emeritus Parish Priest of St Kevin's, Eastwood and St Joseph's, Belmore died Monday October 23 at Holy Spirit Nursing Home, Croydon.

His funeral will be held this Monday, 30 October, 10:30am at St Kevin's, Eastwood - 28 Hillview Rd, Eastwood. In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Lyne and remember his family in your prayers.

#### 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/ofw](http://parracatholic.org/ofw) or Office for Worship [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au)

#### RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT: 3-5 NOVEMBER

This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Confidential inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au) For more information visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

#### PRE-MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Life Marriage & Family Office in the Diocese of Parramatta has now launched an online booking system, allowing couples to enrol for pre-marriage preparation programs and to pay by credit card. Couples will be guided on the website to the most appropriate form of preparation, i.e., the Pre-Marriage Weekend Course (Friday evening & Sunday) or Prepare/Enrich, an individual couple preparation with face to face feedback sessions. Both preparations are designed to strengthen and enrich the couple's relationship and work on building a rewarding life together. Bookings may be made and dates chosen by visiting our website [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) Enquiries may be made to our office on 8838 3460 or email [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au).

#### GRIEF TO GRACE - HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th - 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griefftoGrace.org](http://www.griefftoGrace.org)

*Be humble, be simple, and bring joy to others.*

-St Madeleine Sophie

#### PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

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Barbara Mathias and Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

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Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

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SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

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 Rev Vincent Savarimuthu  
 Parish Secretary:  
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 Sally Coppini  
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 Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black  
 Marian College  
 Phone: 9654 6700  
 Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,  
 or during 10am Masses  
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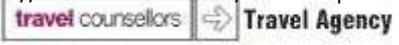



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	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Mary Sammut	Maree McNeil Eileen Sherlock	Roslyn Earl Marietta Nesci	Simmy Cesamolo Jan Schroder
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Pat Lynch Eileen Sherlock	Sue Martin Sandra Tabone	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Sara Sawaya	Isabella Fradd	James Whittle, Finn Sebire	Ellyse & Edward Noy
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Pat & Bev	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(31 Oct) Kay Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Deb Rankin

<b>4/5 NOV</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Deb Rankin Jacqui Nisbet	Margaret Foley & Gael Carpani
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Eileen Sherlock Michael Parslow	Marian Piper	Pauline McAlary Teresa Barisic
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Monica Bruggeling Annabel Rogers	Olivia Easton	Christian Santelmann Christian Maait	Ruby Kinchington Tiago Gregory
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Grant & Natalie	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	AnnMarie Duncan
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Denis Secco, arr by Mari Gregory & Maureen Meryment		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Pat Waters