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**27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
8th October 2017**
Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9;
Matthew 21:33-43

“GOD’S GLORY IS MAN FULLY ALIVE”

What more could I have done for my vineyard?’ This was the lament of someone who had done everything he possibly could but who met with nothing but ingratitude. A similar lament is often heard from parents, sometimes accompanied by tears. Here is a modern version of Christ’s parable.

Life is lonely now for Peter and Anne Cahill, very lonely. They raised four children but they are now alone. They feel not so much bitter as let down. Anne tells us why.

‘We did everything we could for those children. We ourselves grew up in hard times, but we wanted our children to have the things we didn’t have. Not that we spoiled them. We bought a good house. Peter had to do a lot of overtime to be able to keep up with the mortgage repayments. Times, as I said, were hard. Life was a continual struggle. Still, those children never lacked anything the other kids in the area had.

‘Many the nights I didn’t get a wink of sleep because of them. They had a lot of illnesses when they were young but, thank God, in time they grew out of them. Though we saw some of our neighbours going to the pub several nights a week, we hardly ever went out. We saw others going abroad for their holidays, but we could never afford to do that. We were lucky if we could rent a caravan by the beach for a week or ten days. But we gladly sacrificed these things for the sake of our children.

‘We sent them to the best schools available. They never lacked money for books or school outings. They were always well-dressed. We taught them good values. We had a good family life. That came before everything. We taught them their religion, and we tried to give them good example. We said the Rosary every night. And just look at how they have repaid us. Look at what we got from them in return. They say that good example rubs off on the children. Well, in our case, it didn’t.

‘John (the oldest) quit university and went into the pub business. He works very hard, and they say that he is a very well-off man. But money has become his god. Though he sends us a couple of bottles at Christmas, we hardly ever see him.

‘Anne, a teacher, married a fellow with a big job. They don’t believe in having children. They rarely come to see us, though we get cards from them from exotic places like the Costa de Sol and Miami.

‘Peter seemed to be happily married with three children, when he suddenly upped and deserted his wife, and went to live with a young girl. He never shows up.

‘Paul, our baby, is still unmarried. He’s touring the world like a hippie. Doesn’t believe in working or settling down. Last word we got from him he was somewhere in Australia.

‘As far as we know not one of them goes to Church. Now what more could we have done for them? Do we deserve to be treated like this?’

Though some people will undoubtedly be able to identify with those parents, we must forget ourselves for a moment. The parable is trying to tell us how God feels towards his people. In spite of all the love he has shown them, all he gets in return is utter ingratitude.

Now what sort of fruits did God expect from his people? We are certainly not talking about grapes! We’re talking about right living. A look at the first few chapters of Isaiah yields the following harvest:

God looked for peace from his people, and got war;
for true worship, and got idolatry;
for justice in their dealings with one another, and got injustice, corruption,
and exploitation of the poor and the weak;
for goodness, and got evil;
for caring and sharing, and got greed and acquisitiveness (big houses, large properties, etc);
for temperance, and got excessive eating and drinking;
for community, and got exclusiveness and snobbery;
for humility, and got pride;
for wise and godly living, and got a pagan lifestyle.

This is our story too. Which of us would make so bold as to claim that we have made a full and adequate response to God’s love, shown in and through Christ? Though God is loving to the point of foolishness, he does want to see a response from us, not for his own sake, but for ours. He wants to see us make use of the gifts and opportunities he has given us so that we can grow as his children. Our response must be free, and given out of love. Now is the time to start making a response. There’s no point in waiting for the harvest time. That will be too late. Our response can be summed up like this: he wants us to live as Jesus his Son lived.

However, we must not see this parable merely on an individual level. It takes many vines and many branches to make a vineyard. God’s vineyard is the Christian community. This is the vineyard Christ planted and tended with such care that he gave his life for it. He looks to his vineyard to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. But of course the vineyard can’t be fruitful unless the individual vines are fruitful. (Sunday Homilies)

As we extend our prayerful wishes for a successful 4th term of the schools, we may send our thoughts and prayers to the HSC students that they may sit for the exams cool and composed. Good luck to all! Fr. Vince

I have
COME so that
they may have
life
and have it to
the **FULL**
— John 10:10 —

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Reach out. Give life.

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risks to reach health facilities. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre, they do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers who come through the doors. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/uganda



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.



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.



26th October, Thursday, 7pm
Formation and training session for Eucharistic Ministers

29th October, Sunday, 10am
Mass for New Families—a welcome Mass for families who have formally joined our parish this past year. Mass will be followed by a special morning tea.

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

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY
THE CHURCH, ALL OF IT.



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

May the Lord bless our plans and dreams!

We would just like to remind all the families of the children who received their

First Holy Communion last month that the Communion certificates will be distributed at the Masses next weekend (14th/15th October.)

It will be a lovely opportunity to say thank you to the community that prayed for the children.



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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1166.65

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$ 1465 **Loose** = \$ 858.35

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$1935

TOTAL = \$ 4258.35 (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!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Fr Joseph Pulis SDB and Giuseppe Barone

For other dearly departed

Leonard Meryment, May Qualter, Domenico and Teresa Papandrea, Norman and Chahide Hajje, Sheaddy and Chahid Hajje, Mary Merhi, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Peter and Emily Srour, Michael Mulvihill, deceased members of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, and Martin Mileto



For healing of the sick

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, Giuseppe 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.

TOP 10 WORDS OF WISDOM BY GANDHI

1. BE THE CHANGE
2. WHAT YOU THINK YOU BECOME
3. WHERE THERE IS LOVE THERE IS LIFE
4. LEARN AS IF YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER
5. YOUR HEALTH IS YOUR REAL WEALTH
6. HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR
7. YOUR LIFE IS YOUR MESSAGE
8. ACTION EXPRESSES PRIORITIES
9. OUR GREATNESS IS BEING ABLE TO
REMAKE OURSELVES
10. FIND YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS



CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO SRI LANKAN POOR FAMILIES

I am planning to send a few boxes of food such as rice, sugar, milk powder, teabags, biscuits, coffee, and similar food items, as well as washing and body soaps, to Sri Lanka, that the poor children and families will have something during the time of Christmas this year. If you would like to extend your support towards this cause, may I request you to leave the items at the parish office before 18th October. Your financial support towards this cause will be appreciated as well. The boxes are to be shipped by 20th October. Kindly talk to me if you wish!

Fr. Vincent

Can you provide a young person a safe, stable and supportive home environment?

MacKillop Family Services is seeking two sets of foster carers to provide separate long-term homes for a 13-year old boy and a 14-year old girl.

These young people are kind, fun, energetic teens who have intellectual development delays. They both need carers who can give them stability, who can spend time helping them learn new skills and reach their life goals.

Carers who can provide one-on-one care with no other children in the home would be ideal. Carers receive a fortnightly carer allowance and 24/7 support from MacKillop.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact MacKillop Family Services on 1300 791677

MacKillop Family Services  mackillop.org.au/fostercare

OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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.

HOLY FAMILY FAIR: 14 OCTOBER

Food stalls, games, rides, and live entertainment. Free admission and \$5 UNLIMITED RIDE WRISTBANDS!
10:00am-3:00pm at the Holy Family Carpark,
254 Luxford Rd, Emerton (Ph 9628 7272)

Have you thought about where to send your child to school?

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12.00pm to 2.30pm (Redfield)

www.tangara.nsw.edu.au-96804844

www.redfield.nsw.edu.au-96514066

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 20 OCTOBER

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm-7.30pm for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time at Mt Schoenstatt Shrine. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE: 21 OCTOBER

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jerome Emmanuel and Rodrigo Rupac on Saturday 21 October 2017 at 10.30am. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Light refreshments to follow.

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

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

DEANERY & DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCILS

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for nominations for Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For more information, including the nomination kit, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or contact Richard or Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

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Barbara Mathias and Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

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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

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

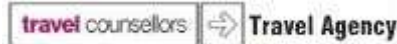
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm
Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,
or during 10am Masses
Weddings: By appointment

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	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Trish Keating Pat Waters	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Christian Carlo-Stella Manu Echevarria
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiozza	Pat Lynch Tricia Spencer	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS		Jack McNeil	Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Josh Fogarty
	MUSICIANS	Grant & Natalie	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(10 Oct) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

14/15 OCT		Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Margaret & Michael Foley
	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Margaret & Michael Foley
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli CareyAnne Moylan	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Jack McNeil	Maryanna Coppini Luke Masiello	Josh Fogarty
	MUSICIANS	Pat & Bev	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, Matt & JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(17 Oct) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
FLOWERS	Vince Luca, arrgd by Joy Rogers & Carmel Heinrich		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan	