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**4th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
28th January 2018

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

With pride, there are many curses.
With humility, there come many blessings.

Ezra Taft Benso

There is a story about a rooster who would crow in the morning at sunrise. Soon he actually began to believe that his crowing made the sun rise. This made him very proud. But one day, he crowed, but the sun did not rise. He crowed and crowed, but nothing happened. According to the story, the rooster died exhausted, and broken hearted one morning.. Moral of the story? In our work for the Lord, let us be humble instead of being proud and arrogant. (Source: Moments, Fr Jerry Orbos)

In today's gospel we witness the unassuming character of Jesus in his preaching and healing ministries. His fame was spreading like a bushfire, and still, he did not take undue pride in what he had been doing. His heart was throbbing every minute for the poor and he tried everything to make their lives better, to bring hope to the hopeless etc. He was faithful the Father till the end even to the extent of stretching his arms on the cross.



Taking a close look at the gospel, we can find that Jesus slipped away quietly from the people every time they attempted to put him on the pedestal.

He was totally God- and Other-oriented and never self-oriented or self-absorbed. Even today, he continues to reflect himself in those who are involved in the pro-life activities, who reach out to the affected mass without expecting anything in return. What a charismatic, effective, powerful, influential leader Jesus was! He is the prototype of all who exercise power and do good deeds in the given context of one's life: family, school, business enterprises, government and so on...

"A man received a promotion to the position of Vice President of the company he worked for. The promotion went to his head, and for weeks on end he bragged to anyone and everyone that he was now VP. His bragging came to an abrupt halt when his wife, so embarrassed by his behaviour, said, "Listen Bob, it's not that big a deal. These days everyone's a vice president. Why they even have a vice president of peas down at the supermarket!" Somewhat deflated, Bob telephoned the local supermarket to find out if this was true. "Can I speak to the Vice President of peas please?" he asked, to which the reply came: "of fresh or frozen?"



Remember the saying: **Pride goes before a fall.** Pride cuts us off from others, ourselves, and from God and God's ways. Let go of the false pride and soak up with the same attitude of Jesus!

The students, teachers and staff are back to school this week after having what was hopefully a wonderful and replenishing break. Wishing you all good luck and God's blessings! I do hope that the parents and school staff will be a source of inspiration for the children in the year 2018, leading them in the values of Jesus and helping them grow in their faith life. With the presence of Jesus, I am sure the children can go confidently in the right direction of their dreams. May you have a fabulous life in 2018!

Cheers, Fr. Vince

*St Madeleine's Kenthurst
Gala Dinner
Fundraiser for the New Church
(less than 3 weeks to go)*

Date: 16th February 2018
Venue: Oatlands House
 42 Bettington Road, Oatlands
Time: 7.00 pm – 11.30 pm
Dress: Cocktail
Tickets: \$130 per person
Call: 9654 2260 / 0402 280 890 or go to
www.trybooking.com/330786
Includes: 4 course meal, Beer & Wine, Tea & Coffee, Entertainment, Dancing, Live auction, Raffles
Transport: Available if needed
**We would appreciate all payments for tickets by Friday, 1st February. Please bring cash, cheque, and credit card payments to the parish office. Thank you.*

Let us continue to pray for our application to build our long-awaited church! May the Lord bless our dreams and plans!



**Reminder for Liturgy Committee:
Meeting on Tuesday, 30th January, 7pm
in the Parish House. See you there!**



**BAPTISM
HOMECOMING MASS**

Please join this special Mass to welcome back the families whose children were baptised in 2017. This will be held on Sunday, 11th February, at 10am. Please stay after Mass for a special morning tea.

You are invited to the first Women's Breakfast in 2018 on **Saturday, 24th February at 8:30-10:30am** in the St Joseph Centre. The topic will be: **"Living Laudato in Kenthurst"** to be presented by our very own Environmental Advocate, Sue Martin.



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd February** 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 each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



Preparations for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**



for children who have received their First Communion and are in Year 5 or higher, will begin on **20th February**. If you would like to receive notifications about the program, please email your name to stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

RCIA sessions to resume on 8th February at 7pm.

Congratulations to Angus Scanlon as he receives the sacrament of baptism this weekend!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1304.15
2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1820 **Loose** = \$ 926
Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$1935
TOTAL = \$ 4681 (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

Maria La Spina, Adam Bruce Wilson, Estela Juanengo, and Ron Taylor

For the dearly departed

Joseph Tallon, Aldo Tallon, Leslie Lovell, Domenico Papandrea, Michele Vaccarella, Adnre Van Roie, Orfeo Bandiera, Orazia & Giovanni Cristaldi, Santo Cristaldi, Salvatore Campo, Patrick Mooney, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, and Annamaria Boffo

For healing of the sick

Ivan Ceccato, Violet Hobbs, Dan Doyle, Tony Virgona, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, Joe Gelonesi, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, Harriett Rogers, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.

For the special intentions of Hayley Gangemi



OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

DEANERY AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCILS

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv launched our new councils on Saturday 2 December at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. He called on our councils to be listening bodies, particularly to those who are "outside the tent". Council members are to be connected to the grassroots, to help him listen and respond to the real needs and concerns of the people. More information, including council membership, can be found on www.faithinourfuture.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Professional Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta
Archives and Records Manager - Chancery Office, Parramatta
More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 - GROUP LEADERS

In January 2019 an anticipated 200 pilgrims from the Diocese of Parramatta will be on their journey to WYD in Panama via Mexico to be with Pope Francis and the youth of the world. Here's your chance to contribute and enjoy the formation, training and friendship that comes with being a WYD Group Leader! Read about the responsibilities and apply today for a life changing experience shared with young people at www.parrawyd.org or contact James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta - jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

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ST JOHN OF GOD INSTITUTE OF COUNSELLING - 50TH AND FINAL YEAR!

Come and join us in our farewell year. We are offering a shortened course (6 months) followed by a celebration party in July. We will cover some of the most popular subjects: Skills in communicating and effectiveness with teenagers, family members, workplace colleagues, conflict situations and relationships. Better skills for coping with forgiveness, resentment and change, co-dependency, bereavement/grief, depression, anxiety, assertiveness and mental and emotional health. Cost: \$200. Venue: Holy Cross College Ryde each Tuesday evening at 7.30pm commencing 6 February. Enquiries: Carol Harding - 0408 705 848 or Janelle Carlile - 0431 598 004 or counselling1969@gmail.com

ACU SHORT COURSES IN THEOLOGY STARTING IN FEBRUARY

ACU will be running the following 4 week short course in theology at their Strathfield Campus: From childhood to youth, 21 February, 28 February, 7 March and 14 March 2018. You're invited to explore: What does it mean to be a child or youth? How does the church understand children and youth? Why are children baptised and initiated? How can the church engage young people? For more information about this short course, please view the attached flyer, or visit: www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses

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

Lenten Programs at Mount Schoenstatt

9-11 February, 2018 - Retreat for Women

Theme: "IT IS WHEN I AM WEAK THAT I AM STRONG" (2 COR. 12: 10)

Enjoy a time of prayer and reflection as we approach the season of Lent. Experience the love of God and our Blessed Mother at the Schoenstatt Shrine in this Fr. Kentenich Year. (15.9.2017 - 15.9.2018)

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745; When: 7pm 9 February - 4pm 11 February 2018

Cost: \$150 Shared rooms - Deposit \$50, Saturday only \$40 (includes lunch)

25th February, 2018 - Lenten Retreat Afternoon for Families of all ages and constellations

2pm: Talk for Adults: JOY in SUFFERING including Testimonies (Children's Programme and Baby sitting)

3pm: Prayer, Adoration, Confession and Benediction; 4pm: Afternoon Tea

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745; Cost: Free

Contact: Sr M Julie Brcar - 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

9-10 March, 2018 - "24Hrs for the Lord" a time of Adoration and Reflection

Theme: "Do not be afraid Mary for you have found favour with God". Luke 1:30

When: From Friday 9th March beginning with Holy Mass at 6pm and finishing Saturday 10th March with Holy Mass at 5pm

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine.

Reconciliation will be available at times through out the 24Hrs. Tea and Coffee available.

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Cost: To come to the Shrine: Free. To have accommodation and meals provided for the 24Hrs - Cost is \$90

Bookings: Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or Phone: 4773 8338

9-11 March, 2018 - Lenten Retreat for Young Adults

Note that the 24 Hrs for the Lord commences on Friday 9th with 6pm Holy Mass so if you come on Friday, it is to participate, as you want, in the 24 Hrs for the Lord (adoration with hourly reflection). The retreat will officially begin at 9am on Saturday.

Registration and payments essential by Sunday 4th March

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Cost: Fri-Sun: \$200 or Sat-Sun \$150; Contact: Sr M Julie Brcar - 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

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:

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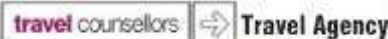
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	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Jacqui Nisbet Justin Sebire	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
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	JUN MINISTERS	Brosnan Leahy	Patrick McNeil	Finn Sebire	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Lance	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(30 Jan) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
3/4 FEBRUARY	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Rick & Lesley Gangemi
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Deb Rankin Jacqui Nisbet	Margaret Foley Gael Carpani
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	JUN MINISTERS	Monica Bruggeling Annabel Rogers	Olivia Easton	Christian Santelmann Christian Maait	Tiago Gregory Elizabeth Cauchi
	MUSICIANS	Pat & Bev	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark & Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(6 Feb) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr by Lesley Henry and Ann Varvaressos		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper