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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th June 2018

Genesis 3:9-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

“O divine master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand” - St Francis

A funny story: One day, Pam's cousin came to meet her at school. After talking to him she returned to the class. At that time, the teacher was writing something on the blackboard. Pam didn't say anything and quietly went inside the classroom and sat down on her seat.

After writing, the teacher went to Pam and asked her, "Who was he?" Pam replied with fear, "He was my cousin brother." The teacher again asked the question and Pam gave the same answer.

The teacher then shouted, "I am asking who Galileo was." The whole class burst into laughter when they came to know that both teacher and Pam had misunderstood each other.

In today's gospel, we come to understand that the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus was surrounded by constant controversy. Nearly everyone He met misunderstood Him and what He came to this world to do. Nearly everyone was guilty of misrepresenting His words and His works. The things He did and said in love were used to attack Him in hate. But, nothing could stop him from doing the will of God. As I was reading the gospel, I could recall an instance in the very first year of my priestly ministry. Much to my shock, it was the parish priest who disagreed with words and phrases I used in a flyer during Christmas. It was a personal attack on me, very hurting. It was a good lesson for me to understand that I am not always going to be appreciated or encouraged. There will be a lot of criticism, opposition, misunderstanding and misinterpretation in my priestly life and ministry. True enough, there have been a lot of occasions down the track where in I was crowned with such hard realities. But, you know, God's hand was very powerful in such painful moments of life, lifting me up with His grace and love.

There is a time in our lives when we are misunderstood, misinterpreted, discarded, unloved and criticized. How do you face such moments of your life? Who is the source of inspiration for you to brush aside all these mockeries and invalidations and move on in your life?

I wonder how people deal with such debilitation without Faith or Connectedness to Jesus, who is the source of strength and healing. I do believe that most of you agree with me in the light of your own experiences that it is Jesus who is the 'refuge and fortress and shield' of your lives to face the unfair criticism and treatment in our lives.

Here's a story which strongly brings us the message that we should not be too quick to judge or misunderstand others.

The train is overcrowded and I cursed my fate for getting into this compartment. People are pushing each other; hardly could I stand on two legs. My age too a factor, I am in my 50s.

To add further annoyance one fellow in his early twenties I guess, keeps poking me with his elbow on the pretext of texting on his mobile. "Excuse me" but he seems not to listen to me or bother about me. At times he tries his luck to peek a view of a girl at the other end of the compartment (ladies side) by leaning against me; that girl too is looking at this chap. Think she's replying him, I could sense from the similar reactions on their faces.

I want to advise him to resume his texting after getting down from the train. I cannot but avoid his big mobile screen flashing on my face. "Get down at the next stop dear..." 'Delivered to Payal' beeped the mobile. I am giving a breath of relief that this annoying fellow will get down finally.

The train is slowing down, that girl is getting ready to get down. This chap as a final note, pushes me sideways to get down. "Idiot!" I yelled at him. He is looking directly into my eyes. "What?" I asked a bit annoyed. He is searching for something in his pockets, by now the train stopped.

He took his mobile out, typed something and showed it to me. I have no words or expressions how to react to it. He typed "I am sorry sir" and he got down. I see the girl joining him with a smile, holding each other's hand. They are communicating something in sign language. Their eyes turned towards my direction searching for me.

With no clue of how to react I offered a smile, he again said "Sorry" in sign language by pointing his hand towards his heart and smiled back. The train is moving again, with my glued eyes till they disappear from my sight. (Din).

*Most misunderstandings
in the world could be
avoided if people would
simply take the time to
ask, "What else could
this mean?"*

— Shannon L. Alder
VeryBestQuotes.com

God's blessings!

Fr. Vince

Enrolling now for Kinder 2019

St Madeleine's Primary school is now taking applications for Kindergarten 2019.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the school's website

www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au

Next
Choir
Practice
Tuesday, 12th June, 7pm



We will hold our
Vinnies Winter Appeal
on 23rd/24th June.
Envelopes will be available
for those who would like
a receipt for their
tax deductible donation.

WARMTH FROM HOME

Donations of **scarves, beanies, socks and gloves** can be placed in the tub in the foyer. These will be distributed to warm the homeless this winter.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,

the Office for Worship will be conducting Liturgy Ministry Formation Courses beginning this August.

Compulsory Introductory Session—16 Aug

Ministers of the Word (2 sessions):
23rd and 30th August

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
(2 sessions): 13th and 20th September

Communion to the Sick and Dying:
27th September

Sessions are held Thursday, 7:00pm,
Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown
The enrolment form can be downloaded from the website:

- <http://parracatholic.org/office-for-worship/>
or from the parish office.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1350.75

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1400

Loose = \$ 1176.50

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4683.50 (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!

Sacrament of FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation sessions for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are underway. The celebrations of First Reconciliation will be on Tuesday, 26th June at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.



Let us pray for the children and their families on their journey of faith.

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



COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!

Beautiful items are available at our piety stall for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, even anniversaries and birthdays!

The stall is open after the 8am and 10am Sunday Masses, and during Sacrament preparation sessions.



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

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

- > Walk with Christ—special souvenir liftout
- > New movie on Pope Francis
- > Obituary for Ireland
- > St Anthony comes to Toongabie
- > Youth Editorial—A letter from a young Catholic husband

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Jimmy Curtin, Ross Sattler, Antonio Tallaridi, Rosaria Nucifora, and Marylyn Ayoub

For the dearly departed

Angelina Cice, Joseph Culligan, James Mulvihill, the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, Bill Gray, Peter Sebire, Sam Dominello, Frenk Piperata, Domenico Piperata, Annena Piperata, Anna Bonsanti, Ubaldo Turcato & family, Marcello Pellizzon & family, Faraj Ayoub, Setna Mulvihill, Herman Estacio, Emerita Estacio David, Giovanni Cristaldi, Orazia Cristaldi, Santo Cristaldi, and Salvatore Campo

For healing of the sick

Ivan Ceccato, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, 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.



OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH FR VINCENT—16 NOVEMBER 2018

If you are interested in joining, please contact Susan Clark
P—90998035; M—0405429988; E—susan@itravel-au.com

GRANNY FLAT FOR LEASE

One bedroom granny flat with kitchen, bathroom and lounge area available. Including 1 car garage on 5 acres in Kenthurst. \$400 per week. Contact Dee on 0412911195.

THE POPE FRANCIS MOVIE: 10 AND 16 JUNE

Playing at the Sydney Film Festival this 10 and 16 of June – Pope Francis: A Man of His Word. Wim Wenders' (Buena Vista Social Club) new documentary is a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a traditional biography. Selected for the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. Tickets at: www.sff.org.au

PENTECOST PASTORAL LETTER

A Pentecost Pastoral Letter from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council can be found here: www.catholicoutlook.org/pentecost

RELIC OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

Parishioners and friends of St Anthony of Padua are invited to join the celebrations commencing with Mass and 9 days of Novena on St Anthony's Feast day, Wednesday 13 June 2018, culminating in the reception of the Holy Relic on Thursday 21 June and Masses and public veneration of the Relics on Friday 22 June. See St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie website www.stanthonyschurch.org.au or phone 02 9631 3316 for full details.

BISHOP VINCENT LONG

You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about "the New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne', the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 16th June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

PILGRIMAGE FROM PRAGUE TO DUBROVNIK IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A three-week pilgrimage - The Shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe - from Prague to Dubrovnik in the September-October School Holidays will be led by Fr John McSweeney from St John 23rd Parish, Stanhope Gardens. For more information contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com for more information.

REFUGEE WEEK: 17-23 JUNE

Jesuit Refugee Services are requesting parishes, community groups and individuals to join in a unique fundraising event - Cook2Connect - during the upcoming Refugee Week, to support asylum seekers and refugees living in the community. The fundraising event will enable JRS to continue and extend the help they now offer to our suffering brothers and sisters. To register, call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or email Joanna.brooke@jrs.org.au or visit www.jrs.org.au.

CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK: 21 JUNE

On June 21, Catholic women from the Diocese of Parramatta will be given the chance to share their views on the opportunities and barriers to their participation in the Catholic Church at 'Catholic Women Speak,' a special consultation session organised by the Council for Australian Catholic Women. RSVP by June 18, 2018 via director.opw@catholic.org.au or Andrea 0487 388 873. Starts from 5.30 pm at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta (enter via Ross St).

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Everyone Has a Story in Life

A 24-year-old boy looking out from the train's window shouted, "Dad, look the trees are going behind!"

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24-year-old's childish behaviour with pity. Suddenly he again exclaimed, "Dad, look the clouds are running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man, "Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The old man smiled and said, "I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today."

Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

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

POSITIONS VACANT

Administrative Assistant -

CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

Financial Counsellor -

Richmond & Blacktown offices

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

Parish Bookkeeper - St John 23rd

Parish, Stanhope Gardens

More details at: www.john23rd.com

Head of Property Development Services - Diocese of Parramatta

More details at:

www.parracatholic.org/employment

Communications & Stakeholder Officer

More details at:

www.csnsw.catholic.edu.au

Vocations Officer (part-time) -

Diocese of Broken Bay

More details

at: recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

Casual Housekeeper -

Mount St Benedict Centre,

Pennant Hills

More details at: Natalie Acton

nacton@goodsams.org.au

Is it not our blindness that deceives us without cease in all that pertains to ourselves? Thus let us often say to Jesus: Lord, that I may see!
-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinators:

CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud

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

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THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS		Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phyllis Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Stephen Kinchington Paul Cashman	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Roslyn Earl Adriana Kennedy	Youth Group
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Tricia Spencer	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(12 June) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Peter Tallaridi, arr'd by Joy Rogers & Carmel Heinrich		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow

16/17 JUNE					
	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Teresa Capaldi	Margaret & Michael Foley
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer		Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling Annabelle Rogers	Jack & Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Matt, and JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(19 June) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
FLOWERS	Peter Tallaridi, arr'd by Joy Rogers and Carmel Heinrich		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan	