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**Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**8th July 2018**

Ezekiel 2:2-5

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

**There are two kinds of pride, both good and bad.  
'Good pride' represents our dignity and self-respect.  
'Bad pride' is the deadly sin of superiority  
that reeks of conceit and arrogance.**

-John C. Maxwell

*On one sunny afternoon a man was walking along the beach and sees another man fishing in the surf with a bait bucket beside him. As he drew closer, he saw that the bait bucket had no lid and had live crabs inside. "Why don't you cover your bait bucket so the crabs won't escape?" he asked. "You don't understand," the man replied, "If there is one crab in the bucket it would surely crawl out very quickly. However, when there are many crabs in the bucket, if one tries to crawl up the side, the others will grab hold of it and pull it back down so that it will share the same fate as the rest of them."*



This is very typical with human beings and we see this happening in our communities.

Jesus was Himself a victim of this mentality. After Jesus taught in the synagogue, those who heard Him were astonished (Mk. 6:1-6). They wondered at the origin of His wisdom and miraculous powers. The town mates became hostile towards Jesus and they could not digest that this person of humble origins was the Messiah others claimed Him to be.

Hearing all this, Jesus exclaimed, "A prophet is despised in his native place, among his own relatives and in his own house." Thus apart from curing a few sick people, Jesus "was not able to perform any mighty deed there." Why? Because as was true before, is and will always be, for Jesus to work any miracle, faith in Him is needed. This is so since a miracle is a sign of the presence of the Reign of God in our midst. Due to their "lack of faith," Jesus left His hometown - never to return again. He then went around teaching from village to village, with Capernaum as his new "home."

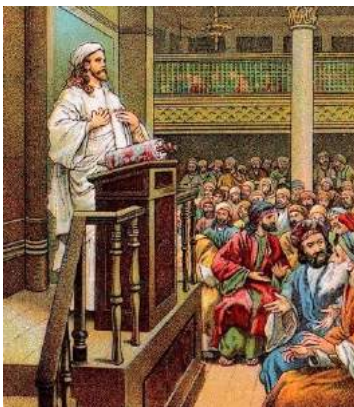
From the above, we can see that our so-called "crab mentality" was already present in the people of Nazareth when they put Jesus in His "proper" place.

Certainly, such an attitude will not be of help to us as we make our house into a home, our communities into caring ones. Neither will it be of help in building our local church into a community of believers. The sad fact though is it is prevailing in our churches. At the root of all this is our wounded pride and self-esteem.

If this is true at the community level, it is also true at the personal level. We even see this manifested in our prayers. When good fortune happens to someone whom we categorize as "bad," we ask God in our prayer, "Why him and not me?" And then we rattle off to God his faults as we extol our virtues to show that we are really more deserving. Again, such a prayer proceeds from a deep hurt in one's pride.



This attitude reminds me of the Pharisee who prayed in the temple thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity--greedy, dishonest, and adulterous--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income." On the other hand, the tax collector prayed thus: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." But who went home justified before God? Not the Pharisee but the tax collector. (Lk. 18:10-14)



Pride was what led to the rejection of Jesus by the people of Nazareth. So that this will not befall us, let us learn not only to see but also to accept the good qualities of others instead of considering them as threats to our self-esteem. Then Jesus will not leave us as He did Nazareth. Instead, He will help us become better persons as well as build caring and united communities.

I believe this is what Jesus did for us last Sunday ... [continued on next page]

## 1st July 2018—"Turning of the Soil"



I don't think we could have asked for a more perfect day! After a beautiful celebration of the 10am Mass with Bishop Vincent Long, our parishioners gathered together at the site of our future church. Bishop Vincent led us in a prayer of blessing and then performed a ceremonial turning of the soil to mark the beginning of construction.

Everyone could feel the positive energy of the day in the prayers, the hymns, the ceremonies, the smiles, the laughter, the FOOD, and most of all in being together as a community. The Bishop expressed how happy and excited

he was for our parish. Mr Geoff Officer, CEO of the Diocese of Parramatta, was present and remarked that we are a real worshipping parish and that he really enjoyed the celebration. As we brace ourselves for the next phase, I would like to thank



all those who have given so much of themselves to make this day historic and remarkable! May we work together to make our dream a reality.

Let us continue with our prayers!

**God's blessings,  
Fr Vince**



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

*Congratulations to Lily Thorne  
as she receives the sacrament of Baptism  
this weekend.*

**WEEKDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
While Father Vincent is away, we will not have weekday (Tues-Fri) Masses at 9:15. We will instead have **Communion Service in the chapel.**  
**All are welcome to attend.**

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the world either on 29 June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity.

This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

We will have our collection **next weekend - 14/15 July.**

Thank you for your generosity.

### 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.



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1527.70

**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 2010

**Loose** = \$ 1218.75

**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107

**TOTAL** = \$ 5335.75 (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 COMMUNION



The **Information Sessions for First Communion** will be on **Tuesday, 7th August, at 4:30 and 7pm.**

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program **MUST** attend one of these sessions.

This sacrament is offered to Year 3 and older who have already done their First Reconciliation.

For any queries, please feel free to contact Sally Coppini by email: [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### For the recently deceased

Frank Wurtz, Rosaria Alfia "Sarina" Iannazzo, and Edward Francis Rodrigues

#### For the dearly departed

Martin Mileto, Paris Hamper, Joe Vella, Maria Ceroli, Michael Caruana, Alfred Muscat, Tom Mulvihill, Pablito Corpuz, Mary Ellen Bradley, Frenk Piperata, Tato Piperata, Caterina Musso, Filomena Coreoglioni, Francesco Coreoglioni, Pietro Ceccato, deceased of the Ferraro family, and Jed Manning

#### 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.



**FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER  
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the Office for Worship will be conducting  
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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

You can get an enrolment form from the parish office.



**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

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**SYDNEY WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS: 20 JULY**

July 20 2018 will mark 10 years since the Archdiocese of Sydney hosted World Youth Day 2008. To this day, WYD08 remains one of the most powerful demonstrations of faith our country has seen, welcoming Pope Benedict XVI and 500,000 pilgrims from around the world to our city. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, Catholics from across Sydney are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher for a special Mass followed by food and cultural performances plus the announcement of a number of new initiatives for youth ministry. Co-hosted by Sydney Catholic Youth, the event will also include the launch of Archbishop Fisher's new book for young people My Dear Young Friend: Forty letters on youth, faith and future. Friday July 20 for 5:30pm Mass followed by WYD08 event at 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. WYD08 event at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall. All welcome.

**OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN MORNING TOUR**

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**CATHOLIC MEN'S SEMINAR: 3 AUGUST**

The 2018 'Faith in Marriage' Seminar address is entitled 'Marriage & Men in Contemporary Society' and will be given by Robert Falzon co-founder of menALIVE. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this free event on Friday 3 August at 7.30pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Please RSVP to [lmf@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org) or phone 02 8838 3460.

**ST PHILOMENA ASSOCIATION HOLY MASSES: 11 AUGUST**

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at midday with Confession from 11.30am: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. C Elizabeth0423154463, epeoples9@gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

**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 from the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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

**Weddings:** By appointment



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Draw down the Holy Spirit by  
prayer, recollection and  
dependence on grace;  
with these dispositions God  
can work through you.

-St Madeleine Sophie

**PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS**

**Welcomers Coordinator:** Amira Campo

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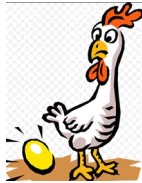
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**THIS WEEKEND**

	5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
<b>READERS</b>	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Youth Group
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone	
<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
<b>COUNTERS</b>	(10 July) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Marian Piper

**14/15 JULY**

<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Margaret & Michael Foley
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Neil John	Sam Ursino
<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Monica & Dom Bruggeling Annabelle Rogers	Jack & Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle	Youth Group
<b>COUNTERS</b>	(17 July) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Dianne Bennett		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Vicky Hooper