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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th August 2018

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are all shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our dear and committed parishioner and loving friend, Maria Aiossa. It is an irreplaceable loss for the entire community. Everyone has expressed how hard it is to believe as she was so present in our parish. We saw that she was filled with great joy as her ardent prayer and passion of having a free-standing church was coming true. She was so enthusiastic to bring our community together, to be involved in the church projects so that everyone would be able to say that "this is our church", and she tirelessly worked towards this goal. She will be incredibly missed but as we fill her shoes, surely she will be very much alive with us. I am sure she will have wonderful and spirited discussions with Jesus up there for our community! Making her dream come true is one of the best tributes we could ever give. We will have a **prayer service with Maria's family on Tuesday, 28th August at 7pm.** **Maria's funeral will be on Wednesday, 29th August at 10:30am.** May I ask you to be a part of this prayer service to give thanks to God for such a wonderful blessing of having her in our midst! May we remember her lovely husband Joe, and her children Anthony (Karen his wife and children), David and Michael in our prayers, that they may be able to deal with this loss with the grace and strength of God!



We all agree that our life is a reflection of our choices. There are some choices we regret making and some that bring us joy, however, every single one of those choices leads us to this exact moment. As Eleanor Roosevelt says, "I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday". The gospel of today reflects these ideas, challenging us and inviting us to make the right choice in following Jesus.

For the last six weeks, we have been reflecting on the 'food for life' that Jesus offers, i.e. his own body and blood. He was very strong and firm in telling the people "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood you will not have life in you". This weekend we see the response of the people to this immortal truth. The hearers were stunned at this statement and they could not stand this truth. They are being asked to make a choice, as we are, to choose to follow Jesus or not. Most of the hearers opted to be out of the company of Jesus. Turning to the chosen disciples, he asked "Do you want to leave too?" Fortunately, Peter as the representative of the team, responds that "Lord, to whom we shall go? You have the words of eternal life". The same question is posed to us, believers, if we choose to adhere to Jesus and His Church or opt out of him. Given the drought and shameful situation of the church in a wider level, there may be many reasons to turn away from Jesus: the scandal of the sexual abuse and cover up by the ecclesiastical ministers, be they ordained or lay people; the powerful and fascinating attractions of today's world which are not compatible with the teaching of the church and Christian vision; or peripheral understanding of the gospel and Jesus and many others which might prompt one to opt out of the Church and Jesus. I view such reasons as real challenges for the community of believers. Given the trajectory of the church in the world today, the words of Jesus may be hard and demanding for us. Yet, based on our relationship with Jesus and the Church, are we ready to stick around our faith in Jesus and create a new world for our children and the generations to come?

The Jews found it abhorrent when Jesus said that they had to eat his flesh and drink his blood for them to have life. It was such an unfathomable statement for the listeners at that time. At least, we are fortunate to understand that by eating the flesh of the Son of Man and drinking His blood, we are accepting Jesus totally: his values, attitudes, his life-giving service and love for the well-being of others, his outlook on life etc. In receiving the Eucharist, we experience the boundless and unconditional love of Jesus for us despite our defects, limitations, and thoughtlessness and so on. It all boils down to our choices! A right choice leads us to a life of joy even in the midst of life's demands and difficulties. If we don't like where our life is going, we don't like the script, then we can change it. With one choice our entire life can be set on a new path. Just an analogy! We are going along for a ride on the road, we will come to lights, stop signs, crossroads, and many other traffic situations that require us to make a choice. How we choose, and what we decide will ultimately determine our destination. If we allow Jesus to be a part of every choice that we make, we shall really enjoy the journey and life will certainly be good. It is Jesus who gives the meaning for our lives here on earth!



God's blessings, Fr. Vince

There will be
NO MASS at 9:15 on Wednesday, 29th August
as we will be having the funeral of Maria Aiossa
at 10:30am.



YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND
THE PARISH MEETING ABOUT THE
NEW CHURCH ON

FRIDAY, 14th SEPT at 7pm

IT WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
TO ASK YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE PROJECT AND TO SEE HOW YOU
CAN GET INVOLVED IN MAKING OUR
COMMUNITY'S DREAM A REALITY.

- ◇ If you have any questions about the construction, please feel free to ring Angelo Roia on 98991948, or email the construction committee: stmadsconstruction@gmail.com
- ◇ If anyone is interested in tendering for work at the Church project, you can email FAL Construction, info@falgroup.com.au

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 1-2.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January. can send a receipt.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1391.25

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1286

Loose = \$ 1169.65

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4562.65 (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!

Congratulations to
Jasmine Isla Bou-Abbse
Mia Graham
and Oscar James Morrell
as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend!

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on
Saturday, **1st September** 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.



Sacrament of FIRST COMMUNION

Let us pray for the children and their parents as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on the 16th and 23rd of September.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

are available in the foyer. To save on postage and delivery costs, we'd appreciate if you could take your box home with you and maybe deliver a box or two to your neighbours.

If you would like to join the envelope system OR if you would like to change your method of giving from envelopes to direct debit, please fill in one of the blue registration forms in the foyer or get in touch with the office—96542260.

NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS CATCH-UP OVER COFFEE

All our dear volunteers to the nursing homes and retirement villages (Lady of Grace, Arcare, Carinya House, BUPA Dural, and Mountainview) are invited to get together for coffee on **Thursday, 20th Sept, 11:30am**, at "The Cosy Nook" Café at Round Corner. Please let Suzanne know if you're coming!



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Maria Aiossa, Maree Wiesemes,
Pilita Urbina Trillo, Ivan Ceccato

For the dearly departed

Giuseppe La Macchia, Silvana Carosso Provini,
Michael & Theresa Caruana, Anthony Vella, Angio Vella,
Sarah T Murray, Thomas A Murray, Santo Cristaldi,
Giovanni Cristaldi, Orazia Cristaldi, and Salvatore Campo

For healing of the sick

Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace,
Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas,
Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden,
Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Karen Bligh,
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, Giuseppe Grasso,
Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz,
Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina,
Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.



UPCOMING Plenary 2020 Information and Training Session

Plenary 2020 is the name given to a process initiated by the Australian Bishops who are inviting people to engage in listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia ahead of a Plenary Council in 2020. Significantly, a process such as this has not happened in Australia since 1937. Our voices are needed and we are invited to engage with family, friends and colleagues in this time of renewal.



Information and Training Sessions have already been held. There is a growing interest in Plenary 2020, and so we are now repeating these earlier sessions.

All parishioners are invited as the sessions assist with both a parish level response as well as helping individuals share the Plenary invitation with friends and family. Our next upcoming Information and Training Session is **on Thursday, 20 September, 7pm to 9.30pm** at the Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta).

We strongly encourage you to participate in this session and to invite others to attend. This is a unique and exciting time. Our voices are important. Let us speak boldly and with passion and listen with an open and humble heart.

Please email with your RSVP to marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org with date and time and parish or agency as soon as possible.



We have been advised by FAL that it is necessary for them to move some fencing & bunting near the second driveway and will result in the narrowing of the in/out drive & access.

Further, **as of Monday 27th August the second driveway gates will be locked daily at 4pm.** If you are expecting to be at Marian College, St Madeleine's or the Parish past 4pm you will need to move your car to another parking location within the school grounds. This will mean you need to exit the second driveway and come into the main driveway to repark. Should you be locked in you will need to call Highland Security on 1300 445 263 for them to come and let you out. A call out fee of \$55 will apply.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

WE'RE HIRING!

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>

SAVE THE DATE - LITURGY CONFERENCE 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. To register your interest go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/
Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when)

LAWN AND GARDEN SERVICES: HELP CATHOLICARE TO HELP DISABLED WORKERS

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL DROUGHT APPEAL

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- Provide immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments
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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

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

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia

Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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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

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

THE CHURCH. ALL OF IT.

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

- ◆ Pray, fast against abuse: Pope's letter to the whole Church
- ◆ One step closer: Eileen O'Connor's cause progresses
- ◆ Faith freedom warning: Archbishop delivers Warrane lecture
- ◆ Safe for now: Euthanasia defeated
- ◆ Little known WWII NZ martyr priest

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	5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
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ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Gerry McArdle Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Careyanne Moylan Phillys Hannah	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
JUN MINISTERS	Brosnan Leahy Finn Sebire	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	Clarissa Vumbaca
MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
COUNTERS	(28 Aug) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Mari Gregory & Maureen Meryment		ALTAR LINEN	Frances Sanders

1/2 SEPT

WELCOMERS	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Margaret Foley Gael Carpani
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Eileen Sherlock Michael Parslow	Marian Piper CareyAnne Moylan	Tereza Barisic
JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Maait	Tiago Gregory Elizabeth Cauchi
MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
COUNTERS	(4 Sept) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Gerrard
FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Lesley Henry & Ann Varvaressos		ALTAR LINEN	Frances Sanders