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**Twenty-fourth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
16th September 2018**

Isaiah 50:5-9;

James 2:14-18;

Mark 8:27-35

**“THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF
IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS”- GANDHI**

Simple Maths: ‘2get’ and ‘2give’ creates many problems. So, just double it ... ‘4get and ‘4give’ solves many problems (Message from my friend).

“Giving up” is part of life – you give up your time and money for your children and grandchildren. Parents say it was worth it for the joy in their faces. A person goes to work for the poor and gives up a better job. You want to do more study and know you have to leave some leisure aside that you like. In sport we sacrifice a lot to train and to do well. But something else comes through for us in place of what we give up. If it’s real and true, we get back a lot. It seems strange for Jesus to say – lose your life to save it. He’s talking about losing good things, to get better things.



This can be a big challenge in a culture today that is very ‘me’ conscious. We can find that personal concerns take total precedence, without enough care for others. But as long as one person on this globe is hungry or homeless or seeking refuge, the work of Jesus is never done. Losing life and saving life with Jesus is a call to community, to neighbourhood and the world, to make our part of the world a better place.

My own life may be my main concern, my circle of care may extend just as far as myself, ignoring care in a sustained way for the stranger or the outcast, then I am called to the challenge of the gospel to lose selfishness, and find the generosity given in my heart by God”. - Donal Neary SJ

There was a selfish rich man who liked everything to be his own. He could not share his belongings with anyone, not even with his friends or the poor. On a certain day, the man lost thirty gold coins. He went to his poor friend’s house and told him how he lost his gold coins. His friend was a kind man. As his friend’s daughter was returning from an errand, she found thirty gold coins. When she arrived home, she told her father what she had found. The girl’s father told her that the gold coins most probably belonged to his friend and he sent for him. When the selfish man arrived, he told him how his daughter had found his thirty gold coins and handed them to him. After counting the gold coins the man said that ten of them were missing and had been taken by the girl as he had forty gold coins. He further commented that he will recover the remaining amount from him. But the girl’s father refused. The man left the gold coins and made a court case out of the issue. On the appointed day, the judge asked the girl how many gold coins she found. She replied thirty gold coins. Consequently, he asked the selfish man how many gold coins he had lost and he answered forty gold coins. The judge then told the man that the gold coins did not belong to him because the girl found thirty and not forty as he claimed to have lost. The judge then told the girl to take the gold coins and that if anybody were to look for them, he would send for the girl. The judge told the man that if anybody reports that they had found forty gold coins, he would send for him. It was then that the man confessed that he had lied and had lost only thirty gold coins but the judge did not listen to him. (Anonymous)



The story is centred on the ill of selfishness and challenges us to come out of ourselves to reach out to the people around us and that way be altruistic. The second reading of this Sunday specifically reminds us of our responsibility to take care of the less fortunate in many spheres of life.

God’s blessings! Fr. Vince

Sacrament of FIRST COMMUNION



Prayerful wishes to all the children who receive Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday! As you receive Communion, remember that God's love will always be there to guide you, to comfort you and to bless you! Continue to trust God and grow in His grace!

I would like to thank the Sacramental team and the parents of the children who prepared them for this august occasion! May I ask the parents to continue to journey with their children and make them grow in Jesus and His values!
~Fr. Vince



- ◇ There's lots of digging is happening on the site and concrete has already been poured into some of the piers!
- ◇ We are thankful for the great turnout at the parish meeting on Thursday, 13th September. Members of the different parish committees gave updates regarding the finances, construction, and the numerous ways we can become more involved in making our parish grow. It was truly an evening of community coming together. Handouts are available in the foyer.
- ◇ 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

Sharing the joy of Christmas 2018 in Sri Lanka

Like last year, we would like to send food items such as sugar, coffee, tea, biscuits, toiletries such as soaps, detergent soaps, school supplies, and clothes (No winter clothes please!) for all ages. We can also send some money so they can buy rice and flour locally. We also need money to meet the cost of the cartons and the freight charges. **Kindly drop the goods in front of the parish office before the end of September** so the items can reach the families before Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1467.10

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1886

Loose = \$ 1300.65

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 5293.65 (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!

***Father's Day Appeal total = \$ 5123.35**

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **6th October** 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.



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!



Please come to our next **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** on **Saturday, 22nd September, 8:30am** in the St Joseph Centre.

The speaker will be our very own, Angelique Easton.
TOPIC: **"Are You being Authentic?"**



For catering purposes, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK

The first lot of 5-year WWCCs will be expiring soon. Please update your email address with the Office of the Children's Guardian to receive a reminder when you are due for renewal. Alternatively, you can ring the parish office to check if it is time to renew.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Patricia Barbagallo, Fr Eric Burton, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Doreen Farrow, Patricia Mervin, Shirley Wilcockson, Phil Sworden, Maria Aiossa and Maree Wiesemes

For the dearly departed

Ross, Norma and Colin Sattler, Eleonora Nikolik, Engracia Corpuz, Norman & Chahade Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahade Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, Jim Mulvihill, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Alfonso Juanengo, Giuseppe La Macchia, and Silvana Carosso Provini

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, 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, Giuseppi 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. Our voices are needed and we are invited to engage with family, friends and colleagues in this time of renewal.



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The next upcoming Information and Training Session is **on Thursday, 20 September, 7pm to 9.30pm** at the Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta).

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.

***Feel free to ring the parish office—96542260—if you want to organise to go to the session together with the other participants from our parish!**

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

LITURGY CONFERENCE 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale.

For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

POSITION VACANT

Aid to the Church in Need is hiring! Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney. For all details visit, www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

DAD'S SUPPORT GROUP: 25 SEPTEMBER

D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm – 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit playgroupnsw.org.au or mytime.net.au. Tea & Coffee provided.

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



Many thanks and prayers for our parish catechists and volunteers from Marian College, here shown with Coordinator, Maureen Jones, at the Diocesan Catechists Mass held at the Good Shepherd Parish at Plumpton on 7th September.

Thanks for your hearts of gold!

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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- ◇ Fight for the church: Editorial

The union that the spirit of charity maintains in the family of God's Heart is the well-spring of the good it does, and the source of its strength.

-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

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia

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THIS WEEKEND

	5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Margaret & Michael Foley
ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
READERS	Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil	James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Matt, and JMJ	Youth Group
COUNTERS	(18 Sept) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
FLOWERS	From the Barbagallo family and Linda Pelizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Pat Brush

22/23 SEPT

WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo	Helen Ross
ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
JUN MINISTERS	Brosnan Leahy	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
MUSICIANS	Lisa J	Joan & David	Doug	Youth Group
COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
FLOWERS	Linda Pelizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman