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## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

### The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.

~Bob Marley

Who is an authentic follower of Jesus? Who can be a disciple of Jesus? Or in what ways could one receive Jesus in one's life? Today's gospel gives an answer: One who is powerless, one who is last, one who serves others and one who is like a child.

The context: Jesus journeying towards Jerusalem to accomplish his mission! He predicts his passion, suffering, death and resurrection for the second time! The disciples could not understand nor digest what he was saying because their idea about the Messiah was political—having more power to topple down the Roman empire, and to exert influence on the people so as to embrace a liberated life. Money, position, status were the locus of power as it is now. But Jesus reverses the conventional standards and creates a new philosophy: powerlessness, service, being humble. Placing a child in front of them, Jesus makes his manifesto as to who can be his follower, and who would be the greatest in the eyes of God.

In the ancient world children were powerless (even today), had no rights....totally dependent on their parents.

That's why Jesus said that an authentic follower is one who is powerless....one who is totally dependent on God.... The expression "little child" can be taken literally. As often in the gospels however, we can give it a wider meaning. We can apply it to those who are "little" in any sense at all. These are society's (our community's) drop outs. They are what the Bible calls 'tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners'. The one who sees greatness in such little ones of the community (the downtrodden, the neglected, the victims of the unjust socio-cultural, economical and religious systems) and reaches out to them in love and service is the greatest in the kingdom of God. Jesus addresses each one of us today that we should be great in our caring for others and sharing our blessings.

*"At the screening of the film Mother Teresa during the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1983, the Secretary General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, rose from his seat to introduce Mother Teresa to an elite gathering of the representatives of all member countries of the U.N. He needed only one sentence for his introduction: "I present to you the most powerful woman in the world". Hers was the power of humble, sacrificial, Christian service and agape love.*



*On March 3, 1976, conferring Mother Teresa the highest honour of India's Vishwa Bharati University, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, who was at that time Prime Minister of India, said, "I feel myself dwarfed when I stand before this holy and mighty woman who heroically showed the world how to practice Christian love in sacrificial and humble service." For many years, the world watched, admired and honoured this weak and elderly nun, always dressed in a blue-bordered white sari, as the incarnation of humble and sacrificing Christian service. She was the living proof of Jesus' words in today's gospel that the real greatness lies in serving others with love and compassion." (Tony Kadavil).*

A little child was asked to name the Seven Wonders of the World. She skipped over the ancient seven and said, "to touch, to taste, to see, to hear, to run, to laugh and to love are the Seven Wonders." True enough, the child's reply captures the quintessential teaching of Jesus!

We are all very aware of the drought in Australia affecting the farmers specifically and the enormous stress and financial hardships impacting all aspects of rural life. This drought, according to a scientific study, affects the mental health and well-being of the young people. In the light of the Gospel, the farmers are the 'little ones' who need our support drastically. [Vinnies are conducting a Disaster Appeal](#) in view of supporting the farmers. I earnestly request you to take an envelope from the foyer to make a tax deductible donation, or donate directly to Vinnies online at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au). Your donations will be forwarded to the Vinnies agencies in the affected areas. Thanks for being 'great' in reaching out to these 'little ones'.



**God's blessings! ~Fr. Vince**

## ROAD CHANGES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

New hydraulic services will be installed under the roads and this will affect the driveway leading up to the church. Entry and exit will be via the "exit" driveway. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**There will be no 9:15 Mass on Monday, 25th September. We will instead have a Communion Service. All are welcome to attend!**



### FUNDRAISING PROJECT: ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!

We are in need of your help. We are having a cake/sweets fundraiser for our new church on Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st of October.

If you are able to help, please call Lita after 4pm on 0410341550 or send a text to let her know what kind of sweets you are able to donate. And for the non-bakers, it's your lucky weekend to stock up on yummy treats!

- ◇ Thank you very much for your continuous pledges and contributions for the new church building. There are updated sheets in the foyer for anyone interested in pledging particular items.
- ◇ 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](mailto:stmadsconstruction@gmail.com)
- ◇ If anyone is interested in tendering for work at the Church project, you can email FAL Construction, [info@falgroup.com.au](mailto: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) = \$ 1936.30

**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1828.80

**Loose** = \$ 1523.70

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

**TOTAL** = \$ 5459.50 (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 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

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.



## WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK

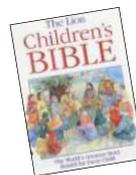
The first lot of 5-year WWCCs will be expiring soon. Please update your email address with the Office of the Children's Guardian to receive a reminder when you are due for renewal. Alternatively, you can ring the parish office to check if it is time to renew.

## COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!

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

The stall is open after most of the weekend Masses.

For special orders, please feel free to ring Sandra Tabone—0413272400



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

### ***For the recently deceased***

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

### ***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, and Alfonso Juanengo

### ***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, 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.





As a community, we will be praying for the students who will be sitting their HSC exams beginning this October.

Please write the names of the HSC students you would like us to pray for in the book provided in the foyer.

## OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

### PLENARY 2020 INFORMATION AND TRAINING

Learn about the Australian Catholic Bishops Plenary Council's impact on you. Receive support to share the Plenary invitation with parish, friends and family.

29 September, 10am-12.30pm, St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd)

29 September, 2pm-4.30pm, Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street).

RSVP: [marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org) / 8838 3460 with date, time and parish/agency.

### LITTLE MOTHER EILEEN O'CONNOR: 13 OCTOBER

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish would like to invite all women to join an evening retreat focused on the spirituality and the life of Little Mother Eileen with renowned author and researcher of Eileen's life, Jocelyn Hedley. This is a free event and Jocelyn's books will be available for purchase for \$15 on the night.

Please send RSVPs or any dietary requirements or questions to [events@stpatscathedral.com](mailto:events@stpatscathedral.com). Saturday October 13 from 7:00pm until 9.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Function Room, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

### 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](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018). Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - ENGLISH TEACHERS, YOUTH WORKERS & YOUTH MINISTERS

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2019 departure. Our volunteers placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We have multiple volunteer opportunities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Thailand and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers in order to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer, but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an inquiry, follow this link:

<http://cagliari.org.au/> Applications close October 15, 2018

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliari Project

Email: [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

### JOB VACANCIES

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 Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney.

For all details visit: <https://www.aidtochurch.org/work>

### 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](mailto:susan@itravel-au.com)



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

- ◇ Fencing his way to the Olympics: Robert Ciccarella
- ◇ Parishioners snag \$12,000 for their country cousins
- ◇ Tech savvy: 10 year olds win national title
- ◇ Aged care review welcomed
- ◇ Movie review: *God bless the broken road*

The Spirit of Jesus, who always inhabits an interior person united to the divine Heart, will enable us to know exactly what to say, to decide or to advise.

-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

Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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	5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm	
<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo	Helen Ross
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Parents of Children receiving First Communion	Amira Campo Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Sandra Tabone	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Brosnan Leahy	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Lisa J	Joan & David	Doug	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(26 Sept) Sandra Tabone		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	From the Aiossa and Murdocca families		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman
<b>29/30 SEPT</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Rosa Carlino	Teresa Capaldi Amira & John Campo	Michelle & John Romeo
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Eileen Sherlock Gerry McArdle	AnnMarie Duncan Marietta Nesci	Simmy Cesamolo
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Berenice Hart-Gerometta	Kathy White Eileen Sherlock	Marian Piper Sue Martin	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Monica & Dom Bruggeling		James Whittle	Thomas & James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan & David	Bobby, Matt & Mark	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(2 Oct) Kay Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Linda Pellizer		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman