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**Twenty-second
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
2nd September 2018**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

James 1;17-18, 21-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Faith gives you an inner strength and a sense of balance and perspective in life - Gregory Peck



Heartfelt wishes and prayers to all the Dads of our community! This Sunday, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- ◇ Our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life.
- ◇ Our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life
- ◇ Our fathers who have gone back to the Heavenly Father
- ◇ And God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

The scriptures this Sunday invite us to look within ourselves and within our families, community and society, and consider whether we have our values in order – whether our priorities are right.

Moses exhorts the people to be sure that they heed to God and follow His instructions (First reading). James in the second reading reiterates that we must be “doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding ourselves” and further he defines religion as “to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

In the gospel Jesus is challenging the religious hypocrisy of some of the religious leaders of his time who robbed religion of its meaning by focusing on laws and appearances. Jesus is angry with them because their idea of religion is false. Their teaching does not take people deeper into their faith and causes others to turn away making them cynical about religion. In many ways Jesus is reminding us that our religion has to be better than mere externals. It's really about an inner conversion, calling us to a change of heart where necessary. It's about deepening our personal relationship with Jesus, with God. This means placing our trust in him as completely as we can.

For me the easier part of my religion is celebrating Mass and praying. Forgiving those who hurt me or living in community with people who have another way of seeing things which are equally valid is much more challenging. All of you who are married know this. Life is not always easy and enjoyable. Jesus' message today is very simple and clear, though not always easy: Do our religious practices or lifestyle lead to a greater loving service of our families and neighbours? Do they lead to forgiving our enemies, help us to be non-judgmental etc. Do they, above all, help you to come to an ever deeper awareness that God is our loving Father and will give us all the gifts we need to make us happy, free and at peace.



Jesus is speaking to us today: where am I unfree? What practices from childhood, family, Church still enslave me? What church traditions did I grow up with that do not give me peace, joy and help me to come to love God and my neighbours better? Jesus is saying that one way to water down the gospel message is to transform it into a series of formal rules which are observed only externally. Rules are good only if they lead to true interior freedom. True cleanliness consists in putting the Word of God into practice, a word of encouragement or a deed of love for others when it is possible even at the expense of one's own comfort. Let us ask God's help (Fr. Jim Kirstein, SMA)

In a world of extremes, finding a balance between our Faith and our day to day life may be very difficult. There is always a tension in finding both an inward prayerfulness and an outward sensitivity to charity and justice. Yet, with the Love of God, we can try to live a balanced life.

God's blessings, Fr. Vince



- ◇ It's all very exciting. A drilling machine is on site and some of the bored piers are in place!
- ◇ Pledges for various items in the new church continue to come in. If you would like to make a donation towards a particular item, feel free to have a chat with Fr Vincent.
- ◇ 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

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND THE PARISH MEETING ABOUT THE NEW CHURCH ON THURSDAY, 13th 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.

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. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2018.

Thank you for your generosity.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1355.35

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1530.40

Loose = \$ 1219

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4856.40 (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!

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.



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.

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!



COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!

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

*We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Doreen Farrow**, mother of our parishioner **Sandy Jacobs**, and for **Patricia Mervin**, mother of parishioner **Lisa Gerrard**. Our thoughts and prayers go to the familie they have left behind.*

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Doreen Farrow, Patricia Mervin, Shirley Wilcockson, Phil Sworden, Maria Aiossa, and Maree Wiesemes

For the dearly departed

Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Alfonso Juanengo, 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, 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. 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.



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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).

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.

***There are already some from our parish who will be attending this session. Feel free to ring the parish office—96542260—if you want to organise to go together.**

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

LAWN AND GARDEN SERVICES: HELP CATHOLICARE TO HELP DISABLED WORKERS

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website www.ccss.org.au

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN: 8 SEPTEMBER

Join us in celebrating Our Lady's Birthday on Saturday, 8th September 2018, at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa; 9:30am—3:00pm

WALKING WITH REFUGEES: 8 SEPTEMBER

Walking with refugees and people seeking protection: the Diocesan journey continues with a celebration lunch on 8 September from 11:45-2:30pm. To be held at Patrician Brothers, Blacktown. Come together to hear stories and share our stories and successes, learn about what's happening right now for refugees and people seeking protection and explore what we can do together over the next 12 months. For more information call the Social Justice Office on 02 8838 3458 or visit: <https://bit.ly/2nCTrWA>. The House of Welcome Asylum Seeker Social Enterprise are catering for this event Payment \$25 Cash on the day as a donation and to cover cost to House of Welcome.

RCIA: HOW IT CAN GROW YOUR PARISH'S FAITH LIFE

Wednesday 12 September – Part 1; Wednesday 19 September – Part 2
To be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown from 7.00–9.00. To register contact the Office For Worship: ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 02 8838 3456.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2018

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 6th October, 9.30am – 2.00pm at IFM (Institute For Mission) in the Downstairs Room, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road). A light lunch will be provided on the day.

It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis.

Please contact the parish office—96542260—if you are interested in attending.

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.

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 TEAM

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Marian College

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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.

- ◆ Catholics gather with Francis in Dublin
- ◆ The awkward blessing of natural family planning
- ◆ Taste & believe—The monks who brew beer
- ◆ The joy of religious life
- ◆ Movie review: *Christopher Robin*
- ◆ Families celebrate with Francis

An abyss of blessings must draw forth an abyss of gratitude, fidelity and love.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinators:

CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud

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Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

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	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	Elizabeth Cauchi
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(4 Sept) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	From the Aiossa family		ALTAR LINEN	Frances Sanders
8/9 SEPT	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Youth Group
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	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	Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli—arr'd by Joy Rogers & Carmel Heinrich		ALTAR LINEN	Pat Brush