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## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45,47-48

### **“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”** – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Inclusiveness is a modern virtue widely spoken of but seldom practiced! We are told of the importance of ‘inclusive language’ practically in every sphere of life! But, to our surprise and shock, ‘exclusiveness’ seems to be a virtue in reality: “an exclusive holiday destination’ is where only a few, ‘the better people’ – just like us, go. In an exclusive resort there will be no riff-raff! An ‘exclusive offer’ for this or that comes with every postal delivery: it means we, just a few of us, are special. Unlike the great-unwashed mass of humanity, we appreciate such an exclusive opportunity and, indeed, being the special sort of people we are, we deserve this exclusive offer. Exclusiveness is even a desirable quality in tinned fish: ‘It is the fish John West rejects that make John West salmon the best’. We see the prevalence of this attitude in the way the countries are governed, churches are run and agencies are operated.



God's inclusive love invites us into an exclusive relationship through His son Jesus Christ.

We see this sort of attitude at work in today's gospel. The reply of Jesus clearly shocked the disciples: he who is not against us is for us. This is the very opposite of exclusiveness, this is true inclusiveness- not simply a facade to make an impression. This is the inclusiveness that is based in the infinity of God's goodness and love, and it is that openness and generosity that we are called to imitate. We may not think of ourselves as perfect, but we do (however unconsciously) consider our perspective of the world and our own belief and value systems to be the standards that others would be wise to embrace. To “act in Jesus' name,” however, means to reach out to all without condition, without prejudice, without judgment. Thomas Merton put it this way: “As soon as you begin to take yourself seriously and imagine that your virtues are important because they are yours, you become the prisoner of your own vanity, and even your best works will blind and deceive you. And the more unreasonable importance you attach to yourself and your work, the more you will tend to build up your own idea of yourself by condemning other people. Sometimes virtuous people are also bitter and unhappy because they unconsciously believe that their happiness depends on their being more virtuous than others.”



*A certain man had been brought up thinking that only the Catholic Church possessed the truth and was the only group used by God to witness to him. He was involved in a car accident in a foreign country where the great majority of people were not Christians. At the scene of the accident some Muslims and Animists took him to hospital in their own poor form of transport. It meant they had to leave their farm work. Furthermore some stayed with him the three days he was in the hospital, bringing him food and caring for him until they could contact his embassy which then arranged to get him back to his own country. For that man it was a great conversion experience. He realised that these people had never asked if he were Christian, Muslim or Animist, whether he was divorced or not, did he even go to church. He was entirely convinced that God worked through these uneducated and poor people in a way he would never have believed.*

God is just not interested in labels: Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist etc. He is underlining the great truth that the essence of following Jesus is found in the way we live love. Very simple, but how very demanding. Labels are no guarantee of whether we allow God to work through us or not. Love alone counts. In a faction-riven humanity, we are challenged to reflect inclusive love in being tolerant and celebrating the differences. The ‘inclusive vision’ of Jesus shall we embrace in our strenuous effort to follow Jesus which is to automatically be reflected in our religious observance and day to day living.

(edited Kayala Ministries and Fr. Jim Kirstein, SMA)

**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.



## Cake & Craft Fundraiser



We are having a cake and craft fundraiser for our new church on Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st of October.



Please take a cake box from the foyer and bring your goodies to church from 5pm on 20th October.

If you would like to donate craft items to sell that weekend—hangers, throws, tea cosies, etc—please bring them also on the 20th.

For any questions, please call Lita after 4pm on 0410341550. It would also be great if you could send Lita a text to let her know what kind of sweets you are able to donate.

- ◇ 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)

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

All are welcome to bring a plate to share to a session to start the Plenary 2020 conversation at St Mads!  
18th Oct, Thurs, 7pm  
St Joseph Centre

I want a church that ...  
I would like to see ...  
I feel ...



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1859.05  
**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1756  
**Loose** = \$ 2062.45  
**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107  
**TOTAL** = \$ 5925.45 (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  
Maxwell Spillane and Alannah Sandra Pupo  
as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism  
this weekend.*

## BAPTISM PREPARATION: CHANGE OF DATE

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **13th 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.



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.

## 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, and Angelina Pardo-Adan

### For the dearly departed

Frederick Salmon, Aldo Joseph Tallon, Charles James Bradley, Feliciano and Benito Sabellano, Teresa Maguire, Ross, Norma and Colin Sattler, Eleonora Nikolik, Engracia Corpuz, Norman & Chahade Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahade Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, and Mary Merhi

### For healing of the sick

Michael Foley, Trish Takahashi, 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.



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME  
reminder  
for next Sunday**

\*move clocks forward  
one hour



**OUR COMMUNITY AND**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE**

The Diocese of Parramatta has organised a raffle to support delegates to the World Youth Day in Panama in January 2019. Raffle tickets are available in the foyer. Please take as many booklets as you like to sell to your family and friends. Ticket stubs and cash are due back in the parish by 15th October in order to be included in the raffle draw on 27th October.  
1st prize: Mazda2, 5-door automatic  
2nd prize: Cosmos Coach tours \$2000 voucher  
3rd, 4th, and 5th prizes: New iPhone X (check the posters for other prizes)



**LIFELINE BOOK FAIR: 13/14 OCTOBER**

Lifeline is holding its annual Giant Book Fair at Oakhill College, Castle Hill on Friday 12 October, Saturday 13 October and Sunday 14 October from 8am to 5pm each day. The sale will include over 50,000 second hand books including quality novels, literature, history, study aids and many other categories, all at very attractive prices.

**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.

**JOB VACANCIES**

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To donate towards the Vinnies Drought Appeal, please take a Vinnies disaster appeal envelope from the foyer. You may place your donation in the collection basket or in the Vinnies box.

Donations of \$2 and more are tax deductible.

**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)



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CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud  
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**PARISH TEAM**

**Parish Priest:**  
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**St Madeleine's Primary School**  
Phone: 9654 6751

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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**


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Interior life is the bond which binds  
together all other religious virtues  
and ensures the strength of the  
spiritual building.

-St Madeleine Sophie



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<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		5:30pm Sar	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Rosa Carlino	Teresa Capaldi Amira & John Campo	Michelle & John Romeo
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phyllis Hannah	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Gerry McArdle	AnnMarie Duncan Marietta Nesci	Simmy Cesamolo Patrick Tuttle
	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Berenice Hart-Gerometta	Kathy White	Sue Martin	
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Monica & Dom Bruggeling		Christopher Kang	Thomas & James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev	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

<b>6/7 OCT</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Rick & Lesley Gangemi
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Amira Campo Roslyn Earl	Gael Carpani
	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Deb & Paul Copperfield	Marian Piper CareyAnne Moylan	Tereza Barisic
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Maait	Tiago Gregory Elizabeth Cauchi
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Lisa J	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(9 Oct) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Teresa Capaldi; arranged by Rita Vumbaca		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Barbara Madafoglio