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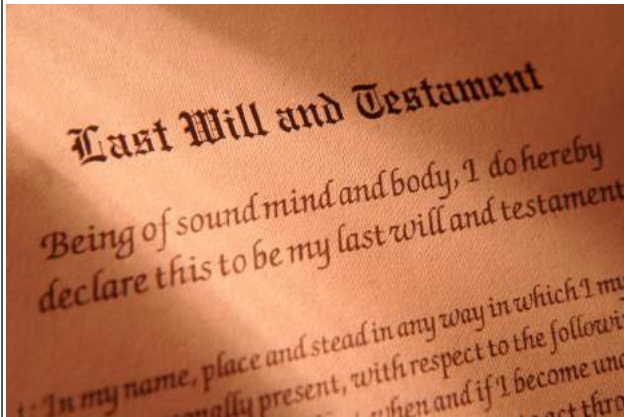
31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

Love is not blind. Love is the only thing that sees.



I suspect many of you have made out a Last Will and Testament. When the present Archbishop of Sydney was here with us in 2013 on Episcopal visitation, he told me that I should make one. I told him that I don't have any valuable things, to which he said, "It doesn't matter Vincent, just make one."

A Will lists the accumulated wealth and property you have and how you want it distributed when you die. Not everyone has wealth to leave behind, but hopefully they leave behind a lot of good memories. My father died 20 years ago, and did not have any wealth to leave us, but the memories he left have been lasting much longer than any wealth ever could. Besides wealth and memories, there is a third bequest that some people leave behind.

And this is called an ethical will. An ethical will or spiritual will is a collection of advice, words of wisdom, inspirational stories, reflections and the like that people write down as their legacy. My dad was a primary school teacher in a state school and he has left behind the passion for learning, opting to reach out to the underprivileged, giving importance to Faith in God and placing Him as the centre of life, and much more. These are part of the ethical will.

The readings of this Sunday highlights the importance of writing an ethical will about loving God, neighbour and oneself. In other words, in a world wrapped up with the darkness of criticism, hatred, anger, revengeful attitudes and many other you could name, seeing the goodness in each other in the family circles and communities is very much needed. I would like to share with you two quotes from an article which might help us to write our own ethical will.

1) Even in the best of families there can be anger, hurt, impatience, resentment and maybe even unforgiveness. This first quote applies here. It was Henry Longfellow, who said, "If we knew the secret history of our enemies we would find their suffering and sorrow enough to disarm all hostility."

I learned the truth of this statement years ago when I listened to the stories of the women inmates of the correctional complex at Windsor. Even now, as I visit the Villawood detention centre, I hear the sad and pathetic stories of the detainees. As I hear them, I have only compassion for them. What else could I ask them other than forgiving themselves and others and God Himself? We are too quick to judge people around us based on what they say and do ... though it is but human to have a different attitude towards such people in the family or societal circles... perhaps getting to know the history would disarm our hostile feelings. Wisely Jesus told us, "Do not judge, lest you yourselves be judged." (Matthew 7:1) We just don't know how free another is, or how aware, or what their motives are. Judging is God's job. Only he knows all. And he is fair and merciful.

Every human person we encounter is imperfect. And the only way imperfect people can live together in a family is with a lot of compassion, understanding, patience and forgiveness. Next time when we feel upset or angry at home, adapt that quote from Longfellow. "If we knew the secret history of our family members we would find their suffering and sorrow enough to dispel all hostility."



2) Even in the best of families, we find people who are suffering from discouragement, disappointment, fear of the future, inferiority feelings and self-doubt. It was Benjamin Disraeli who said, "The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own." Reveal to them their own riches. How do we do that? We do it by giving another time and attention, by listening attentively, by praising and encouraging, and by not judging. I have a dear aunt who I claim has a built-in gift detector. She is always noticing the positive in everybody and complimenting them. She has a knack for revealing another's goodness. If we are going to reveal to another their own riches we have to put aside criticism, insults, put-down, bullying and gossip. We need to look for the goodness and help it come out. It is a challenge indeed.... But, it is not impossible.



God's blessings, Fr Vince

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens, the memory of whom we keep with special reverence, and for whom we are bidden and are bound to pray, and the souls of all our benefactors, relatives and connections, and all the faithful, may rest in the bosom of Thy saints; and hereafter, in the resurrection from the dead, may please Thee in the land of the living. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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During this month of November, we offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our beloved departed, especially those mentioned in the Book of Life.

We offer prayers for the recently deceased

Jesusito Cavestany whose funeral will be on Wed, 7th Nov, at 10:30am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **1st December** at **4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

*Please also ring the office regarding Baptism schedules for the rest of 2018. Thank you.



JUNIOR ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

If you are in Year 3 or higher and have received your First Holy Communion, you can train to be a Junior Altar Server.

Sessions will be on:

8th November, Thursday, at 3:45 OR

11th November, Sunday, at 4:30

***Forms are available in the foyer!**



You are invited to the

Womens Breakfast

on Saturday, 10th November, 8:30—10:30am at the St Joseph Centre.

Listen to guest speaker, Amanda Ladelle, share her experiences in Cambodia.

Sign-up sheets in the foyer.



- ◇ After a few rain day delays, Concrete footings have been poured. YES!!! The remainder of the foundation works will happen rather quickly now.....
- ◇ 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



Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting global mission. Your faithful gifts will help provide for so many people around the world. We invite you to consider continuing being a part of mission and furthering life-giving work with us through a regular monthly gift, by volunteering or simply through prayer.

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Contributions to last week's appeal totalled: \$4578.80

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1302.95

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1507.70

Loose = \$ 1017.70

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4632.40 (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!



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Info Evening- Tuesday, 20th November, 7pm,
St Joseph Centre

We would like to invite adults and families interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and those who have been baptised in other Christian churches who would like to fully commit to the Catholic faith by receiving the Sacraments at Easter.

Come for an informal session on 20th November at 7pm. It will be chance to get an overview of the program and for you to ask your questions.

For more details, please ring the parish office—96542260.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For healing of the sick

Maria, Tricia, Rob, 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, and Charles Vencyel





**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



**for Parish Working Bee on
17th November, Saturday, from 8am.
Sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thanks!!!**



Expressions of Interest -Bus Trip

“The Lights of Christmas”

Bus trip to St Marys Cathedral on Wednesday
19th December 2018

Leaving the Australian Brewery at 6.15pm

To see the choir at 7.30pm

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St Marys Cathedral

Price \$20 per adult and \$15 per child

For more information contact

Sandra Tabone 0413272400

If you are interested in going please sign up
on the sheet provided in the foyer by 12/11/18



**Ordination to the Priesthood:
30 November**

Most Rev Vincent Long van Nguyen
OFM Conv will be ordaining
Deacons Galbert Albino,
Jessie Balorio,
Chris del Rosario
and Jack Green
to the priesthood at 7:30pm
at St Patrick’s Cathedral.
All are welcome.

1 Marist Place, Parramatta.
For more information about the
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or Angelina Sui 9634 1354

ST ANTHONY RELIC PROCESSION AND NOVENA: 6 NOVEMBER

All are welcome to a candle light procession with the first class relic of St Anthony of Padua, ‘the Miracle Worker’ every first Tuesday at 7pm, followed by “bread blessing” and social gathering. St Anthony of Padua Church, 7-33 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie.

**EARTH MINISTRY PARRAMATTA :
‘LAUDATO SI’ IN ACTION’ WORKSHOP FOR PARISHES**

A workshop for parishioners interested in linking, learning and sharing together, sowing the seeds for a green parish.

Saturday December 1 – get ready for Advent!! Holy Family Parish, 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton
Schoenstatt Sisters Room (within the Holy Family Parish Centre)
10:30 – 12:30 (then stay for lunch if you can)

- We hope to inspire participants by breaking open Laudato Si’ with Bernard Holland, Director Catholic Earthcare Australia. We will also have a chance to share our stories of good news. We will hear from Anne Lanyon who has helped create a landcare group in her parish.
 - We aim to do some Action planning for your parish. We have lots of resources to share. Cost: \$20 on the day, to assist with catering coming from Baabayn Aboriginal Corp.
- To register visit the link below, or contact Sue Martin – Earth Ministry Project Officer Parramatta Diocese, Phone 0432-716-577 Email sue.martin@parracatholic.org
www.eventbrite.com.au/o/earth-ministry-office-parramatta-diocese-18062611364

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
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- ◇ East meets West:
Adoration under the stars
- ◇ Red is for the persecuted
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teacher of the year
- ◇ Sinister schools agenda:
Pat Byrne
- ◇ Movie review: *Halloween*
- ◇ Pope’s new book

**Interior spirit compels us to let
our living, breathing and doing
be only in God.**

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinator: 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

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

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	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Adriana Kennedy Roslyn Earl	Gael Carpani
	EUCARISTIC 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	(6 Nov) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
	FLOWERS	Vince Luca, arr'd by Lesley Henry & Ann Varvaessos		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan

10/11 NOV	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Youth Group
	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Adriana Kennedy	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	MUSICIANS	Lisa J & Mark	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(13 Nov) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Peter Tallaridi, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan