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10th February 2019

**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 6:1-8

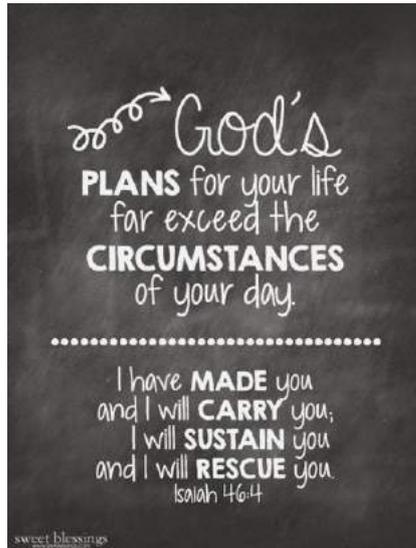
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Success is not final, failure is not fatal:

It is the courage to continue that counts – Winston Churchill

We tend to judge ourselves or others severely and harshly to be failures or useless or unproductive or good-for-nothing based on our past or present unpleasant and painful memories, disappointments, mistakes, limitations or shortcomings or even addictions and many more. There can be memories of times of terrible doubts. Perhaps, we had such high hopes, such promising futures back in those days of beginnings when we began our careers, entered into our marriages, and started our families. They were such seemingly happy days, days of happy anticipation over all that we were going to accomplish, all that we were going to do. All of that was before life dealt us its cruel blows causing us to enter into moments of depression, feelings of loss, and days of living in failure.



From time to time, you and I are presented with the problem of failure. And failure raises questions, questions about ourselves and questions about God. If God is so good, we are asked, why is there such terrible suffering in our world? Why did God allow the Holocaust? Or terrorist groups to exist? Why does God allow babies and young children to die? Why should my family face insurmountable problems and difficulties? And then we are told: "I can't imagine a God that would allow evil and pain to afflict innocent people." God can never be limited by our puny little human imaginations, our evaluations and our standards. The problem is with us not with God.

In the gospel we see Peter who was offered a window of opportunity that came to him when he would have least expected it, after a night of failure. He took the chance, gave God what he did have, namely hope and trust, and suddenly defeat was transformed into victory. Peter, admitting he was a sinner, became the Rock

upon which Jesus would build his Church. Jesus was saying to Peter: "Look, I know you are brusque, impulsive, strong-willed, and even a racist bigot. But you have given me your best. Now I'm going to give you my best." God offers various opportunities through our parents, friends, colleagues, and our church community and above all through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Winners never quit and quitters never win. If we try to limit God by our own limitations we will only succeed in limiting ourselves. The great Jewish prophet Isaiah was, like Simon Peter, given a window of opportunity in the midst of failure. He took the opportunity and said: "Here I am Lord, send me." Peter, having confessed that he was a sinner, heard Jesus respond: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be a fisher of men." Peter responded to the challenge, the opportunity, and became the chief of the apostles.

It is true that people who have been wounded become great healers. Recovering alcoholics become the best rescuers of active alcoholics. Slow learners become great teachers. There are great athletes who were told that they had no talent. Beethoven wrote his greatest symphony when was stone deaf.

How then, do we respond to failure? Do we see it as a challenge and then at a deeper level see that every challenge is but an opportunity? Do we respond as did Isaiah and Simon Peter? We cannot limit God by our own limited little imaginations. It is a challenge of faith, for faith is not simply our adherence to a creed or to a set of doctrines. Faith is how we act in life, the arena in which God comes to us.

You may think that everything depends upon you, but you would be very wrong-headed in thinking that way. And you may think that you are a failure and will never make a difference in the world. You would be equally wrong-headed in thinking that way. The only way to face life is with the belief that "with God, all things are possible," and then live our lives while depending on Him. We may be the cracked pots...but God knows what to do with the cracks... are we willing to accept our cracks and surrender to Him? (Sources duly acknowledged)



God's blessings, Fr Vince

Update



For information about the construction, please feel free to ring Angelo Roia on 98991948, or email the construction committee: stmadsconstruction@gmail.com

If you are interested in contributing financial assistance for the new church, please ring the office—96542260—to have a chat with Fr Vince, or send an email to stmads@yahoo.com.au

Thank you for your generosity!

A warm welcome to the families of those baptised in 2018 and new families who joined our parish in 2018!

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **2nd March at 4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre. To book, please call the parish office on 96542260. Thank you.



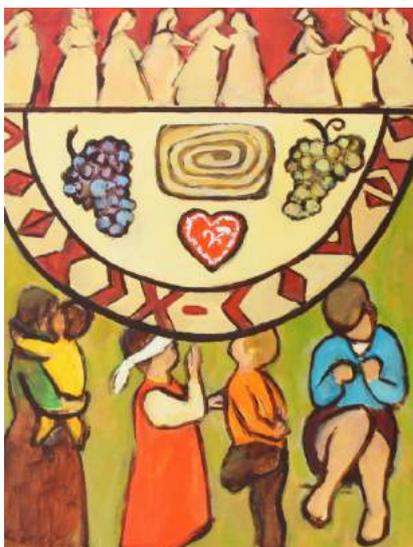
All are invited to listen in and participate on **Wednesdays at 7PM at the ST JOSEPH CENTRE**
TALK 5: The Holy Spirit



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

SLOVENIA

'Come—Everything Is Ready'



Friday, 1st March 2019; 10am
St Madeleine's Parish



More than 30,000 people have generously shared their stories and experiences of life, faith and the Church with the Plenary Council. Those stories will help shape this historic process by forming the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

This first stage of preparation will continue until 6 March, Ash Wednesday. There is time for your response to be shared. Reflect on the question;

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

To upload your response, visit: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

If you would like to find out more about what is happening with the Plenary Council, Sue Martin Northern Deanery Pastoral Council rep for St Madeleine's, can help. Contact through sue@kcj.net.au or 0432-716-577

All are invited to the **NORTHERN DEANERY ST PATRICK'S DAY PICNIC** on 17th March, Sunday, at 11:30am in the school oval!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1528.50

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$ 1761 **Loose** = \$ 1095.95

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4963.95 (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!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Gloria Gotauco

For the dearly departed

Shaju Xavier, Giulio Ceccato, Colin Sattler, Norma Sattler, Ross Sattler, Michele Vaccarella, Patrick Joseph Bradley Snr, Domenico Papandrea, and Estela & Alfonso Juanengo

For healing of the sick

Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, 4-mo old Florence Smith, 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, Giuseppe Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel



Many years ago, a little boy in the USA, was badly burnt in a schoolhouse fire. So severe was the damage to his limbs and muscles that doctors predicted that he would never walk again. To his good luck, however, that little boy had a mother who, though illiterate, was staunch in her Christian faith. Against all odds, she believed that God could heal her son. Day after day, sometimes for hours, that devoted mother would massage the scarred, seemingly lifeless legs of her little boy, even as he cried with pain, and she would say to him: "Don't worry, my boy, you will not only walk someday, but you will run." To the cynical and the pessimistic, that was mere wishful thinking, in fact, absolute nonsense. The noble mother firmly believed her son was going to be victor not the vanquished. And he was - in 1934 he set the world's record in running a mile in 4 minutes 6.7 seconds. His name?



Glenn Cunningham!

"Launch out into the deep!" said Jesus to the crestfallen Peter after his failure in catching any fish during the night, and to us. "Be not afraid!" said a certain Jim Vorsas: "The Lord gives us friends to push us to our potential -and enemies to push us beyond it."

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

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COMMUNION TO THE SICK AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via at George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration. Visit www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry for more information and to register online or call 02 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.

RED MASS: 13 FEBRUARY

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be hosting the Red Mass on Wednesday 13 February at 7:30pm. This Mass is held in thanksgiving for the work of those who serve the law and is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. The colour red refers to the vestments worn by the celebrants to signify the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

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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

9:15am - 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.

- ◇ Marie Kondo's gift to Vinnies
- ◇ Bishop slams Teacher's Union
- ◇ Legendary Port Macquarie priest passes away
- ◇ Charismatic leader visits Sydney
- ◇ Movie review: *Roma*
- ◇ To excommunicate ... or not

Jesus will supply
for all that we lack
if our confidence in his help
is without limit.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

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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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	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Jhun Javier	Joe Touma
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo Laura Romeo
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Marie Coddington	Eileen Sherlock Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Adriana Kennedy	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Doug , Mark & JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(12 Feb) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
FLOWERS	Linda Boffo-Pellizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow	

16/17 FEBRUARY	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Isaac Zambrano	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Marian Piper Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Alex	Joan & David	Merle	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(19 Feb) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Alice Garratt		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow