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24th February 2019
7th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

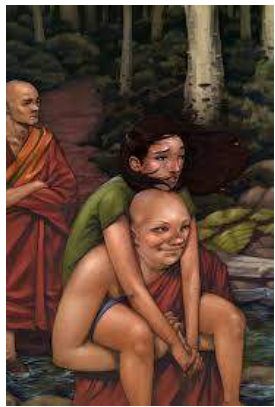
1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

The weak can never forgive.

Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong-

Mahatma Gandhi

The gospel for this Sunday highlights the quintessential qualities of a Christian: love, forgiveness, doing good, not judging others and praying for others including the enemies. Quite at the outset, we might ask if this is viable for today's world. The Word of God is alive and true and it never fails. Moreover, we witness people who exemplify these values in their lives and testify to the truth of the Word of God. It would be a good exercise for the heart to examine ourselves frequently if we are able to adhere to the values pronounced by Jesus in our day to day lives. Elaborating each of the above mentioned qualities is highly impossible and so, let me leave it to your pursuit. However, I would like to underscore the importance of speaking the language of forgiveness and letting go of the anger, ill feelings towards ourselves and others. The following stories might illustrate what Jesus is saying in the gospel.



Two travelling monks reached a town where there was a young woman waiting to step out of her sedan chair. The rains had made deep puddles and she couldn't step across without spoiling her silken robes. She stood there, looking very cross and impatient. She was scolding her attendants. They had nowhere to place the packages they held for her, so they couldn't help her across the puddle.

The younger monk noticed the woman, said nothing, and walked by. The older monk quickly picked her up and put her on his back, transported her across the water, and put her down on the other side. She didn't thank the older monk; she just shoved him out of the way and departed. As they continued on their way, the young monk was brooding and preoccupied. After several hours, unable to hold his silence, he spoke out. "That woman back there was very selfish and rude, but you picked her up on your back and carried her! Then she didn't even thank you!" "I set the woman down hours ago," the older monk replied. "Why are you still carrying her?" (Zen Story)

"Letting go does not mean forgetting or whitewashing the other person's behaviour. It would mean protecting ourselves from the corrosive effects of staying stuck. Chronic anger and bitterness

dissipate our energy and sap our creativity. Each of us has a certain amount of energy that fuels our spirit. If five percent or seventy-five percent of that energy is directed toward carrying someone who has wronged us, then that same percentage is unavailable for other pursuits" If anger keeps us stuck in the past, we won't be fully in the present, nor can we move forward into the future with our full potential for optimism and hope." Jesus has shown us very practical ways for a happy life.

In his autobiography, "The Story of My Experiments with Truth," Mahatma Gandhi mentions the "Sermon on the Mount" as one of the main religious works that inspired him to search for ways of bringing about political freedom for India by non-violent resistance to oppression. He writes: "I came to see that the Sermon on the Mount was the whole of Christianity for one who wanted to live a Christian life. It is that sermon that has endeared Jesus to me." In 1947, when British India was divided into Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan, Mahatma Gandhi went on a hunger strike to end the communal violence which had erupted between Hindu and Muslim fanatics in the Indo-Pakistani Border States. During this time, a Hindu fanatic came to him and confessed, "I will surely go to hell and no one can save me." Gandhi asked the man why he thought he was doomed to hell. The man replied that he was a Hindu, and that Muslims had killed his child during a riot. In revenge, he had slaughtered a Muslim child and his parents, but felt very guilty afterwards. Gandhi said, "I know one way to save you from going to hell. "Find a Muslim child who has lost his parents, take him home, bring him up and educate him so that he grows up as a Muslim in your Hindu family. Then you won't go to hell." When Mohandas Gandhi was gunned down in 1948, his last gesture was to press his palms together and raise his folded hands to his lips in the Hindu sign of forgiveness. Martin Luther King was a great admirer of Gandhi. When a gang of racial fanatics set fire to King's house, an Afro-American mob gathered, ready to take revenge. But he told them, "When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,' you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people." Then he led the gathering in prayer for the white brothers who had burned his house (Toni's homilies). That is what the "Amazing Grace" of forgiveness, the central theme of today's readings, is all about.



God's blessings

Fr. Vince

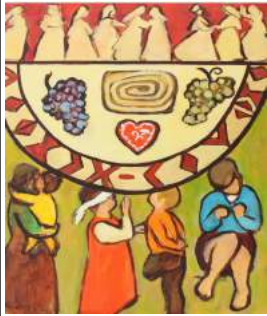
ROAD CLOSURE: 1-4 MARCH

On Friday 1st March after school to Monday 4th March morning the builders will be marrying the new car park asphalt with the existing roadway and also repairing the driveway to the Parish House.

The first driveway will be closed.

Vehicles need to enter and exist through the 2nd driveway.

Update



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

SLOVENIA

'Come—Everything Is Ready'

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

World Day of prayer is an annual ecumenical day and this year we are hosting it.

Apart from learning about the issues the women in Slovenia are facing, it is an opportunity to meet other Christians in our area and following the directive that "all should be one". It is open to men and women and we are looking for people to participate by reading small passages and intercessory prayers. Also please bring a plate to share at a morning tea.

Contact Careyanne Moylan for details and RSVP 0438791813.

LENT 2019

Expressions of Interest -Bus Trip



Annual Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa on Saturday 30th March, leaving St Madeleine's Parish Church at 9am .

We will be having a prayer session at 11am and then we will be sharing a meal together afterwards and return back by 3pm the latest.

Please bring a plate to share.

If you would like to come and reserve your seat on the bus, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer by 24th February 2019.

For more information please call Sandra Tabone on 0413272400.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1354.60

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1327.20

Loose = \$ 911.60

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$4345.80 (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!

*Let us offer our prayers for
Isla Murphy and Hugo Upton Polito
as they receive the sacrament of Baptism
this weekend!*

Catholic Foundation Appeal:

Your gift will provide pastoral, sacramental and social support for the disabled and the vulnerable in the Diocese

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

This year's Sacramental Programme will begin with a Parent Information Session on Tuesday, 12th March at 4:30 OR 7pm in the church for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for Year 5 and older who have already received First Communion).

For more information, check the parish website or email Sally Coppini at stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

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:
WEDNESDAYS, 7PM at the ST JOSEPH CENTRE
TALK 7: The Liturgical Seasons

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Edwina Myrtle Gardiner, Bruno Boratto

For the dearly departed

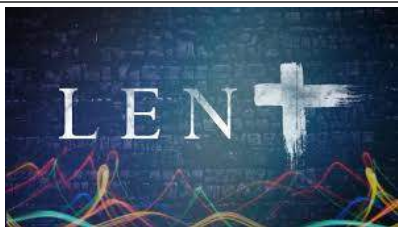
David Piper, Andy Fisherr, Engracia Corpuz, Norman & Chahide Hajje, Shedly & Chahid Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Maait, Yousif Maait, Michele Vaccarella, Doreen Byrne, Anthony D'Anastasi, Shaju Xavier, Giulio Ceccato, Colin Sattler, Norma Sattler, Ross Sattler, Patrick Joseph Bradley Snr, and Domenico Papandrea

For healing of the sick

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 Bifford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

Special Prayer : Paul Spina





*Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 6 March
Masses at 9:15 (with the Primary School)
and at 7pm.

*Stations of the Cross
every Friday of Lent at 7pm

***Join our Lenten Discussion Groups**

> Wednesdays, after the 9:15 Mass, in the chapel—reflection on the Sunday gospels with Christ's Catholic Community Prayer Group

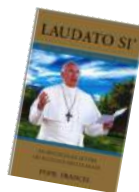
> Thursdays at 10am, at Mountainview Retirement Village—discussions guided by "Trust" Lenten program



> Fridays at 7:30pm, after the Stations of the Cross—discussions following "All I Have is Yours" Lenten program



>Sundays at 6:30pm, with supper after Mass, in the chapel—Unpacking the Pope's 2015 environment encyclical Laudato Si' Care for our Common Home. A group discussion for youth and all interested in learning more about the call to grow our green hearts.



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OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

ST MADELEINE'S PRIMARY OPEN DAY

is on Thursday 7th March at 9am - 10.30am in the library.
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SOCIAL JUSTICE OFFICE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING: YOU'RE INVITED

6.00 pm on Thursday March 14 2019, nine days before the next NSW election, join 2000 leaders and citizens at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good. Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians. Parramatta Diocese Social Justice Office, Vinnies NSW Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly hosting the Assembly. Register now to be part of making a difference for the Common Good..

Register at <https://register.eventarc.com/41575/march-2019-assembly>

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/

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Lisa Echevarria

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Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

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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

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- ◇ The beauty of God through the lens
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- ◇ Marriage prep worth its weight in gold
- ◇ Students' legal win

*Let us hand all our cares to Jesus,
praying that he will act for us.
Then everything will take care of
itself. -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

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Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

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	JUN MINISTERS	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Lisa J	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Pax & the Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(26 Feb) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Gerrard
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Mari Gregory & Maureen Meryment		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan
2/3 MARCH	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
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	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Eileen Sherlock Michael Parslow	Careyanne Moylan Bob Burke	Lesley Gangemi Gael Carpani
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	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(5 Mar) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Ann Marie Duncan
	FLOWERS	Nick Cerloi, arr'd by Joy Rogers & Carmel Heinrich		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan