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11th August 2019

19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith - Billy Graham

The internet provides so much information that one can assume that the answer to every question is out there, somewhere. We just need to know where to look. Is that true? Or is it a fallacy? The answers to the most important questions, the fundamental questions of life, are not on the internet. They are not out there. The answers to the fundamental questions of life can only be found in faith. If we are honest, we will recognise that this is hard to handle. We would like to find the answers to everything. But we can't. Only faith can point us in the direction of the answers we need. More than that, only faith can provide us with the questions we need to ask. Faith forces us to ask about that which is unseen, that which is spiritual.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen (2nd reading from Hebrews). The perfect and the greatest example of faith is Abraham. . Even in this mind-blowing or heart-wrenching situation, he was prepared to do what God had told him. He simply trusted God and His promises.

Faith demands a way of thinking that is completely opposite to the expectations of people of the computer age. We have to simply trust in God as we are unable to find answers ourselves for all the questions. When you got married, how sure were you that he/she is the right person for you or how sure were you that you were doing the right thing? You took a leap of faith. You trusted in God and many of you are journeying together in spite of the setbacks or adversities of life.

We follow the instructions of the doctors when we become ill; taking medication, treatments etc. Still we realise that in the long run, our lives are in God's hands, not the doctor's. Live or die, we have faith that God will provide.

We are often beset with hardship and failure, pain and anguish, tragedy and disappointment; our dreams, hopes and plans are frequently unsuccessful. Abraham and many men and women of the history, and

even living around us, inspire us to hope in God's love and wait on God in patient trust. Life on earth is a journey in faith and a pilgrimage of hope. May we pray that God might give enough light for us to take the next step.

(Adapted from Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino).

For further reflection:

Dorothy Day died in November 1980 at the age of 84. Reporting on her death, the New York Times called her the most influential person in the history of American Catholicism. Since her death, there has been a movement to canonize her for her personal life and her work among New York City's poor and destitute. In her book "From Union Square to Rome," she describes her conversion to Christ. One of her first attractions came in her childhood. One day she discovered the mother of one of her girlfriends kneeling in prayer. The sight of this kneeling woman moved her deeply. She never forgot it. In the same book she tells how, in the days before her conversion, she often spent the entire night in a tavern. Then she would go to the early morning Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Sixth Avenue. What attracted her to St. Joseph's were the people kneeling in prayer. She writes: "I longed for their faith.... So I used to go in and kneel in a back pew." Eventually Dorothy Day received the gift of faith and entered the Church.



Looking forward to celebrate with you the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday, 15th August!

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince

Update

Thank you to everyone who has given donations for the new church building.
If you would like to give your donation, please ring the office.



The Blessing of the new church will be held on 24th November 2019, 10am on the Feast of Christ the King!

Please mark your calendars.



Social Justice @ St Mads

EarthKin Landcare group begins. Working with Sr Valda at MaryMount Castle Hill, a very new land care group has begun to look after the turpentine ironbark forest on the David Rd-Castle Hill site. A Mercy Works grant is allowing bush regeneration support for volunteers on the first Sunday of the month 1-4pm.

Please let Sue know if you are interested in joining the very new EarthKin Landcare group — sue@kcj.net.au

As the Season of Creation draws near <https://seasonofcreation.com/>



A Blessing May the Spirit surprise you like a dove from above, or a swallow from below, but now and then like a blue wren!

~Sue Martin

Our first book, *Tuesdays with Morrie* looked at life through the lens of dying, to see what was important and how to live.

Such memorable quotes as:

“Accept the past as past without denying it or discarding it.”;

learn to forgive yourself and to forgive others.”;

“learn how to give out love and how to let it come in.”;

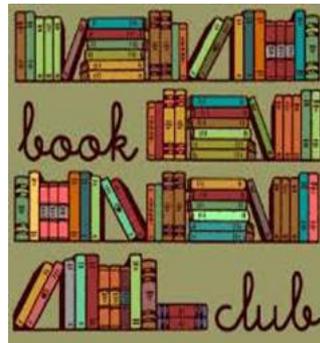
“everybody knows they’re going to die but nobody believes it.”;

“once you learn how to die, you learn how to live.”;

“embrace aging...if you’ve found meaning in your life you don’t want to go back.”.

Next meeting is Tuesday 3 September in SJC. Our new book is *The Abbey* by James Martin (Dymocks \$21.99)

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PARISH PLANNED GIVING

New **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** are now available in the foyer. Please pick up your new box on your way out. If you could deliver envelopes in your area, that would be a big help to the parish.



These contributions to the 2nd collection are used for the upkeep of our parish and its programmes. Your contributions are what keep our parish running! Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to

***JOIN** the planned giving program, or ***CHANGE** your mode of contribution from envelope to direct debit, please ring the parish office or **please fill in a blue registration form (in the foyer).**

You can place the forms in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = 1364.70

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1542

Loose = \$ 785.85

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = 4434.85 (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!

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **7th Sept** at **4:30-5:30pm** at St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260. Thank you.

(Baptisms in September will be on the 29th, not the 22nd.)



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Francis Xavier Sacco, Pietro Colussi, Mary Micallef, and Douglas Bradford

For the dearly departed

Theresa Caruana, Anthony Vella, Nenu Zammit, Laurie Keating,

Maree Weisemes, Maria Aioffa, Sarah T Murray, Mary E Bradley, Dan Doyle, Ivan Ceccato, Estela Juanengo, Helena Culligan, Norman & Chahade Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahede Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, Marcello Pellizzon, and Anteo Pellizzon

For healing of the sick

Sheila Cañabano, 10-mo old Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, 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, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

Special prayers for Joan Carroll





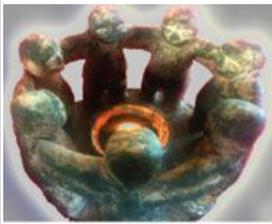
Masses for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on Thursday, 15th August will be at 9:15am (with the primary school children) and at 7pm.

PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION HAVE STARTED

Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers as they attend their preparation sessions. For any questions about the sacramental programme, please email Sally Coppini—stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

All are invited to a session on **“Christian Leadership”** with Fr Paul Roberts of the Institute for Mission, **on 4th September, Wednesday, from 6:45pm at the St Joseph Centre.** (All ministry volunteers are expected to attend.) Supper will be provided. To confirm numbers, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

LISTENING CIRCLES



The Northern Deanery invites all parishioners of St Madeleine’s to join our first Listening Circle at **2:00pm Saturday 24 August 2019, at Our Lady of Lourdes’ Parish Centre, 1 Canyon Rd Baulkham Hills.** Discussions will be confidential. Fr Vincent and the Parish Pastoral Council are supporting this initiative.



A personal statement: ‘I attended the Listening Circle in my parish in 2017. I had certain misgivings prior to going to the gathering, but during the session, I found it so different to any meeting I had attended. We were seated in groups of six people with a facilitator. I held a talking piece and so could not be interrupted. I paused to find my words. I wept a little. It was liberating.’ (Peter)

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

AN AFTERNOON FOR FAMILIES - SUNDAY, 18TH AUGUST 11 AM TO 3 PM, MT SCHOENSTATT, 230 FAIRLIGHT ROAD, MULGOA

You and your family are invited to our August Covenant Sunday celebration, which is being led by one of the Schoenstatt family groups. Take some time out for your family in a beautiful environment. We'd love to see you there. To meet your family and have you meet ours. All noisy and crazy families are welcome :) No RSVP needed.

If you need more info feel free to email families@schoenstatt.org.au

Historical Surprises with trusting Faith in God and readiness for action:

Who would have thought that relatively powerless persons could bring shifts in history?
Gandhi, an unsuccessful lawyer, adapted the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount and the writings of Tolstoy and became the key to bringing independence to India, because he was ready.
Rosa Parks, in refusing to move to the back of the bus in Montgomery, sparked the beginning of the Civil Rights movement of the '50s and '60s. She was a rather inauspicious person to take such a critical action, but she was ready.
Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison. He was released to bring a shift in the politics of South Africa at a critical juncture when many thought, either that change would never come or if it did, it would be accompanied by a vast bloodbath. The transition to a more just society came relatively peacefully under his leadership after he was unexpectedly released from prison. Prison had prepared him, made him ready.
Mother Teresa, a rather unpretentious nun, has been canonized a Saint for her simple act of trying to rescue people from the streets who might otherwise die. She was ready!
 [William E. Keeney, Preaching the Parables (CSS Publishing); quoted from Kayala].

PARISH TEAM

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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



Issues of The Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each.

- ◇ Seven new priests
- ◇ Thousands stand up for Life
- ◇ Meet Teresa—a confessor for the faith
- ◇ Fighting slavery in Sydney
- ◇ Movie review: *Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw*
- ◇ Art that’s Divine

How must we pray?
With faith, with love,
with earnestness.
-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
FLOWERS	The Bennetts		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan	
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	COUNTERS	John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
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