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1st September 2019

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility

- Rabindranath Tagore

Seat reservation for air travel or at the cinemas, sport stadiums and other entertainment places costs us extra. Those who are able to afford VIP or premier seats do so, maybe for their convenience or for many other reasons. In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus warns about this attitude of self-importance. Being a follower of Jesus is not about power, prestige, status or demanding the seat of honour in the community. In God's love, we are all created equal and He invites us to the table of the Lord as equals. In the four walls of the church, we are one family, sharing the same faith and the bread of life—the Body and Blood of Christ.

A minister was invited to preach one weekend at a large New York City church. The pastor offered him the use of his apartment for the weekend. He arrived on Saturday and settled in. He found a note on the refrigerator door: If you usually eat breakfast, you can go to the church, we have a breakfast for the homeless.

Early Sunday morning, the visiting preacher walked down the street to the church, in a dangerous part of New York, and stood in line with maybe two hundred people, waiting to be served. He struck up conversations with those waiting with him. "Well, what's put you in this situation?"

"Well," one man said, "it's alcohol. Might as well be honest with you, it's alcohol. But I'm dry now." Another said, "It was a woman. She took it all."

Several people shared their stories of illness, financial disaster, unemployment, divorce, broken relationships. Then someone who did not know he was a minister asked him, "What put you here?" Not knowing what to answer, he said, "I was invited." Not wanting to create any distance, he sat with them for breakfast, ate what they ate, talked with them, and got to know them a little more before heading to the church.

Later that morning, dressed in his preaching robe, he stood in the pulpit of the beautiful church. As he listened to the magnificent choir and looked out at the congregation, he said to himself, who am I? I'm a guest, a guest of God, a guest of Christ, a guest of the church.

(Fred Craddock, Craddock Stories- A Connections Sampler)



Being a follower of Jesus is about humility. This is not to be confused with weakness or meekness. Humility speaks of an inner quality of recognising and appreciating who we are, the place of God in our lives and our relationship to other people. We are all privileged to sit at the table with Jesus as honoured guests. We learn a lesson of putting others first and serving them from the way that Jesus relates to us. In each celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus feeds us and nourishes us that we may be able to share the richness of God's life with the less fortunate and the neglected. God challenges us to have an honest assessment of ourselves without being proud, aggressive, and arrogant.

George Washington was riding near Washington city with a group of friends and they came to a place where they had to leap over a wall. In the process, one horse knocked off a number of the stones from the wall. Washington said, "We better replace them." His friends told, "Oh, let the farmer do it." But Washington didn't feel right about that. When the riding party was over, he went back the way they came. He found the wall and dismounted. Then he carefully replaced each of the stones. His riding companion saw what he did and said, "You're too big to do that." His only response was, "On the contrary, I am the right size."

St. Augustine once said, "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men (and women) as angels."

We are called upon to be humble, gracious and generous towards others. Happy Fathers' Day!

**Humility is not thinking less
of yourself, it's thinking of
yourself less.**

Rick Warren

BrainyQuote

God's blessings, Fr. Vince

Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, a community of faith and service, strives to be a witness for Christ's love far and wide, reflecting the humility and wisdom of St Madeleine, the Patroness of the parish.



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.

12 WEEKS TO GO!



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

All are invited to the next meeting of the Book Club on **Tuesday 3 September, 7pm** in St Joseph Ctr. Our new book is *The Abbey* by James Martin (Dymocks \$21.99) Would love to see you there!



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.** The venue has been changed—the session will be held **in the church** (All ministry volunteers are expected to attend.) Supper will be provided. You can still book in! Please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

FROM INVISIBLE TO INVINCIBLE Embracing God's gift of years A WORKSHOP WITH THE FEEL OF A MINI-RETREAT (for the over 50s)

Tuesday, 24th September, 10am-1pm
at the St Joseph Centre

LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS

(a light lunch will be provided)

to book, please email: careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
or ring 0438 791 813

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1281.30

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1951

Loose = \$ 1198.25

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 5256.25 (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!

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

Thank you for contributing to the annual father's Day Appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, held to support the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese. Please make your donations through the Appeal envelopes or if you wish, you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name. Please send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

Social Justice @ St Mads

Season of Creation begins this Sunday with September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for Creation. Parramatta Diocese will be holding a **Creation Mass September 14th** at Holy Family Emerton.

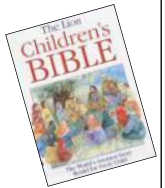


This week the launch of the 2020 Social Justice statement is occurring on Tuesday, 3rd September at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. **"Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world"** will be the theme for our social justice activity across the 2020 church year. Any suggestions on how our parish can "make it real" are welcome.
~Sue Martin

COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL IN THE CHURCH FOYER!



Beautiful items are available at our piety stall for First Communion, Baptism, Confirmation, even anniversaries and birthdays! The stall is open after the 8am and 10am Sunday Masses, and during sacrament preparation sessions!



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

Barry Bowden, Margaret Holden, Laurie Patterson, and Peter Kelly (Co Monaghan, Ireland)

For the dearly departed

Barry Bowden, Patricia Barbagallo, Fred Barbagallo, Grace Corpuz, Alfonso Juanengo, Giovanni Scarpin, Giulia Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Fulvio Russo, Eduardo Piccoli, Michele Vaccarella, Keith Byrne, John Hennessy, Immacolata & Oreste, Amministratore & Rosa Maria & Francesco Nati, Theresa Caruana, Anthony Vella, Nenu Zammit

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

Special prayers for Joan Carroll



PLENARY 2020 - National Theme for Discernment #1

As we move into this second stage of the Plenary Council journey, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

We are invited to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation in order to discern the answer to this question: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **missionary and evangelising**? The fruits of what is discerned during this time will help shape the agenda of the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020.



This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire **stronger support, involvement and formation** among all the baptised who make up the Church. The data also identified the **need to reach out and communicate more effectively** and to **find new ways of living and proclaiming the Gospel** in Australia today.

There was a call for the **strengthening of leadership and ministries in parishes and schools**, training to equip leaders for ministry, pastoral support for various groups within parish and faith communities, and a desire for a **unified voice in engaging social issues** such as life and religious freedom.

More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/themereports>

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

DIOCESAN FORUM RESOURCES:

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

SPANISH CHAPLAINCY CELEBRATION: 8 SEPTEMBER

Sydney's Latin American Catholic Community will celebrate its Santa Maria Festival on 8 September at Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton. Bishop Rolando José Alvarez Lagos from the Diocese of Matagalpa, Nicaragua will be the main celebrant. Rosary begins at 9.30am with Mass at 10.30am and celebrations to follow.

A SCRIPTURE NIGHT - FAITH NOURISHMENT OPPORTUNITY AT THE IFM

Our IFM Team would like to invite you to join us for a Scripture Evening with Dr Laurie Woods. This is one of the sessions of the Reflective Ministry Program that is offered to anyone who would like to attend.

Taking place on Tuesday 10 September, we will begin at 6:45pm with some refreshments and nibbles followed by the session at 7pm. The location is here at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown (just off Flushcombe Rd, next door to Patrician Brothers College in Blacktown).

Come along, be welcomed and allow Dr Laurie Woods to unpack some treasures from the Gospel according to Matthew.

To register, please click here or contact our Team at the IFM on (02)9296 6369 or by email connect@ifm.org.au

RSVPs close on Friday 6 September. We hope to see you there.

SILENT GUIDED RETREAT - "REMAIN IN ME"

Would you like to spend a weekend away with God? Join us, for this weekend retreat run by Verbum Dei Missionaries, at Hartzer Park, Bowral, on 20-22 Sept. For more info email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com or Maria: 0402 452 342

OLMC EPPING 40 YEAR REUNION: 7 SEPTEMBER

Did you graduate from OLMC Epping in 1979? If so, you are welcome to the 40 Year Reunion at the Chats Room, The Ranch Hotel, North Ryde on 7 September from 12 to 4pm. \$25 per person for cocktail food, drinks pay as you go from the bar. RSVP to rsvpolmcepping@gmail.com (please include maiden name).

YEAR 10, 1969 CATHERINE MCAULEY WESTMEAD

We are organising an informal 50 year anniversary Year 10, 1969 Catherine McAuley Westmead 22nd September 2019 at 11am at Dooleys Lidcombe

Meet in the larger section of the Bistro.

Contact Gail née Folley at desmondg@tpg.com.au

Bring any school photos for some laughs and good memories.

Spread the word to anyone that you might still be in touch.

GERMAN CATHEDRALS AND OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE 2020

Fr Chris Dixon is leading a pilgrimage titled "German Cathedral Pilgrimage and the Passion Play at Oberammergau", for 13 days leaving 25th August 2020 and returning 6th September 2020.

For more information and further details, contact Fr Chris at annangrove@hotmail.com

PARISH TEAM

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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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are available in the foyer
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- ◇ Where to from here?
- ◇ Cardinal Pell appeal
- ◇ Dear Premier,
we feel betrayed
- ◇ Anna Krohn:
Yes He is really there!
- ◇ Fr Flader: Rogue
Catholic politicians
- ◇ Movie review: *Brian Banks*
- ◇ Cronulla Installation

Pride scourges Jesus Christ;
humility scourges the devil.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves		Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	From the Primary school Anne Kyngdon	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil
	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Eileen Sherlock Michael Parslow	Careyanne Moylan Bob Burke	Lesley Gangemi
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS	Lisa J	Joan & David	Bobby & Mark	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
FLOWERS	Linda Boffo-Pellizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold	

7/8 SEPT	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE		Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo Jan Schroder
	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Marie Coddington	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Alice Garratt		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper