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22nd September 2019

25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

AN HONEST PERSON IS THE NOBLEST WORK OF GOD; HONEST HEARTS PRODUCE HONEST ACTIONS



A few years back, I worked as a prison chaplain at Windsor. When I asked a prisoner the reasons she ended up there, she explained to me that she had defrauded her company of a lot of money entrusted to her care. After a year, she felt that she could falsify documents and make a lot of money for herself. Unfortunately her dishonesty was discovered. The result was to end up in prison. She reminds me of the dishonest servant of the gospel story this Sunday.

The gospel story speaks to our time, for sure. Almost every day we hear of managers and others being accused, being dismissed, or put in prison for squandering money entrusted to them. Accounts of falsified documents, forgery, and misuse of funds ... Wow, Jesus speaks to our time!

We are to exercise caution in interpreting the gospel. Jesus does not praise the dishonesty or fraud of the servant, but he is appreciative of his prudence and timely action as he was found to be mishandling the entrusted job by his boss. The servant uses his imagination creatively to secure his future. Driven by the sense of shame to beg or inability to work, he tries to rectify the mistakes. The steward knew his master would honour whatever decisions he made as he was still acting on the master's behalf. The steward, knowing his master to be a kind and generous man, quickly got the debtors to write lesser amounts to be repaid than were on the original bonds or promissory notes. He hoped by doing this, one or more of the debtors of his master would appreciate what he did and take care of him for helping him. He gears himself for a 'new life' once he is sacked out from the job.

Through this story, Jesus invites us to be decisive and prudent in preparing for our 'after life'. We should never mistake Jesus as if he is endorsing financial cheating, but conversely he invites us to take advantage of life's opportunities to choose 'real life'. God has blessed us with various gifts, whether material or spiritual, and he is inviting us to use them for the benefit of others, especially the less well off. In the theology of St. Luke, taking care of the poor and needy is the best way for us to serve God. This is what the prophet Amos speaks about in the first reading. He condemns those who seek only to make themselves rich by exploiting the poor and the lowly.
(Edited Fr. Jim Kirstein SMA)

The gentleness and generosity of the Heavenly Father is highlighted in this story. The God you and I believe in is not the one who punishes us for our failures to adhere to his commands or the promises we gave Him. Jesus wants us to understand that God's ways are merciful and compassionate. He is incredibly good. Hence, without exploiting the goodness of the Almighty, let us make use of the resources we are blessed with for the good of everyone. As we reflect on using the material resources to concentrate on the more important values that God offers us in the gift of life, let us not forget that creation in all its beauty and wonder is entrusted to the care of human beings. We can't go on damaging or abusing it. We are accountable to God in protecting the planet for the future generations to live in.



"For faithful Catholics, communion is not just a nice ritual: It is the body and blood of Jesus Christ and the ultimate sign of our willingness to be incorporated into the church"(-Maggie Gallagher). Congratulations to the children who receive the Communion this Sunday and may you be always having the joy of being part of the faithful community!

**God's blessings,
Fr. Vince**



9 WEEKS TO GO!

A gentle reminder to everyone who pledged various amounts or items for the new church. Please contact the parish office (96542260) to get the parish bank details. Thank you for your generosity!



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

Social Justice @ St Mads

September 21st is the **UN International Day of Peace**. The theme is "Let us all create Peace Day everyday!" Women matter in creating peace. Globally you can join <https://voicesoffaith.org/>. Nationally, the Bishops Conference has a National Office for the Participation of Women. Director Andrea Dean, in the most recent Women Matter newsletter, shared the good news that their Australian program 'Leadership for Mission', a program for young catholic women, has been selected by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life as an example of good practice for lay formation. It will be featured at the Dicastery's first Plenary Assembly in November. To receive the newsletter email Andrea: director.opw@catholic.org.au

*Faithful God,
Free us from thinking we are indispensable,
Free us from excessive busyness. Amen.
(Andrea Dean)*

~Sue Martin

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

St Mads Book Club

All are welcome to join the Book Club. Our next book, a non-fiction, will be **The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything** by James Martin. (Booktopia \$22.35). Next get together SJC, 7pm, Tuesday 1st October. Careyanne 0438791813



VOLUNTEER CLEANERS FOR THE NEW CHURCH!!!



We would like to start organising cleaning rosters for the new church—mostly to do dusting and wiping.

If you can spare an hour or so on a Saturday morning once a month, please write your name on the sheet in the foyer.



Thank you so much for sharing your time!!!

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!



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Maria Agatha Dias, Patrick McGirr, Cecilia Villanueva, Sr Ellen Conway, John Fenech, Barry Bowden

For the dearly departed

James Mulvihill and the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, Lawrence, Patricia Barbagallo, Fred Barbagallo, Grace Corpuz, Alfonso Juanengo, Giovanni Scarpin, Giulia Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Fulvio Russo, Eduardo Piccoli, Michele Vaccarella

For healing of the sick

Candida Irugalbandra, 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



*We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of
Maria Agatha Dias.
Her funeral will be on Friday, 27th September at 10:45.
We offer our prayers to the family and friends she left behind.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1889.85

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 2381

Loose = \$ 1683.35

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 6171.35 (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!

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship

DISCERNMENT SESSION FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

After over 222,000 people participated in Phase 1 of preparation for the Australian Plenary Council, the committees put together 17,457 submissions! All that everyone has talked about are contained in the six National Themes for Discernment, and we are now being called to pray and discern, as a community, to discover what God is calling us to do.

You are invited to attend a discernment session at our parish on Saturday, 12th October, 8:30-11:30am in the St Joseph Centre

We will pray about the themes of a Church that is:

> Missionary and Evangelising

> a Joyful, Hope-filled and servant community

(*Copies of the theme reports are available in the foyer.)

If you are interested in attending, please write your contact details on the sheet in the foyer. For more information, please feel free to contact:

Sandra Tabone— sandartabone1966@icloud.com

Careyanne Moylan— careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

Sue Martin— sue@kcj.net.au

PLENARY 2020 - National Theme for Discernment #4

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **humble, healing and merciful**? 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 expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a **need for lament and healing** within the Church, **acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis** as a turning point for the Church in Australia. It identified the **need for relationship and reconciliation** among many within the Catholic community, and with the wider Australian society, particularly **with Australia's First Peoples and with all of creation**. A desire was expressed for **stronger prayer and sacramental life** and more effective outreach to those who seek healing, as a renewed openness to and sign of God's mercy.

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

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GIFTS IN WILLS CAMPAIGN

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity? During Include A Charity Week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in Parramatta Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019/20:

The Australian Catholic Bishop Conference has launched its 2019/20 Social Justice Statement: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world,' ahead of Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. The Statement shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. Order the Statement online at bit.ly/socialjusticeshop. For further details about the Statement, visit www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

ALPHA PROGRAM WEEKEND TRAINING: 8 – 10 NOVEMBER

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training course in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. A sample Alpha evening will be held on Friday 8 November from 7pm to 9pm, before full-day training sessions on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL, PERTH: 7 – 11 DECEMBER 2019

Time is running out to register to join Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta at ACYF19 in Perth. ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. If you are a school student that missed out on being selected, you can register to join a diocesan small group with a guardian. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is still available, but for a limited time. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

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

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

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Sally Coppini

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Marian College

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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.

- ◇ We won't forget. Pro-Life protesters warn premier
- ◇ Archbishop Fisher: "Activists threaten religious schools"
- ◇ Confession: Laws take effect in two states
- ◇ The Beat of faith
- ◇ Movie review: *Where'd you go, Bernadette*
- ◇ Burial's changing face

Your example, even more than your words, will be an eloquent lesson to the world.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator:

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

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THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS	Judith & Len Gauci	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil		Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Anne Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Anne Kyngdon	Frances Sanders Eileen Sherlock	Ann & Mark Lee	Tereza Barisic Trish Maidens
	JUN MINISTERS	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Annmarie Duncan
FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Joy Rogers & Carmel Heinrich		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper	

28/29 SEPT	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Margaret Thornton	Teresa Capaldi Maureen & John Burford	Michelle & John Romeo
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Tony Hooper Gerry McArdle	AnnMarie Duncan Marietta Nesci	Simmy Cesamolo Jenny Naglic
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Kathy White Michael Parslow	Sandra Tabone Sue Martin	
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling		James Whittle	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS	NO MUSICIANS	Joan & David	Bobby & Mark	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	Archie & Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Lesley Henry & Ann Varvaressos		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper