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28th July 2019

17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

***Always have trust in God. Pray to Him and be patient.
He will help us from sources which we never could have imagined.***

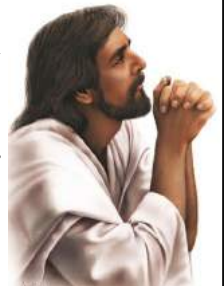


The story is told of a Christian writing to the "Letters to the Editor section" of a newspaper. In his letter, he complained that it did not make sense for him anymore to go to the Church every Sunday. He explained: 'I've gone to Church for thirty years now and heard something like 3,000 sermons. But throughout my life, I can't remember any single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs too by giving one at all.'

"It became a controversial issue that went on for days and even weeks with many people reacting to agree or disagree with his opinion. But somebody wrote an enlightening response. It said: 'I have been married for thirty years now. In that time my wife cooked 32,000 meals. But throughout my life, I cannot recall what the menu was for a single one of those meals. But I do know this—they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be dead today.'

In the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, we can conveniently forget what is truly important to us in our daily lives. One of the many things can be prayer. How often we say, 'I don't have time to pray or go to the Church', or 'I will pray when I am not so busy or when I have time'. But, let us be honest, that time never really comes! We have to find time.

The gospel portrays the enthusiasm of the disciples to pray as they saw Jesus spending much time in prayer each day. They asked Jesus to teach them the modality of praying. In reply, Jesus gives them a model of prayer, which we all learnt as children. The recitation of this prayer has become so mechanical that we fail to realise the radicality and power of this prayer. The prayer that Jesus offers and teaches is not just words or a formula. Through this ancient prayer, Jesus shares with us the personal and intimate relationship that he enjoys with God, whom he calls 'Abba', which simply means 'dad'. Through this prayer we move closer to God and God comes nearer to us. The Lord's Prayer helps us to create and sustain an intimate and personal relationship with God. Through this prayer, we share our solidarity with the entire humanity and this prayer impels us to be concerned about one another by means of sharing and forgiving the wrongs of others and building up His Kingdom.



It is so easy to give up praying on the pretext that our prayers are not answered. Hard as it sounds, prayer is not about filing applications and getting what we want from God, or even changing God. It is the other way around. Prayer is about letting God change and mould us over the course of our whole life. The gospel reminds us that this takes patience and perseverance".

Someone said that "Prayer is an ongoing chatting of intimate communion with God. Through prayer, daily life takes on new meaning. It becomes a classroom of communion. In that classroom we learn the truth about who we are—and who we are becoming—in Jesus. Through prayer we receive new glasses through which we see the true landscape of life. Through prayer darkness is dispelled and the path of progress is illuminated. Through prayer we begin to understand why this communion seems so elusive at times; as we struggle with our own disordered appetites, and live in a manner at odds with the beauty and order of the creation within which we dwell only to find a new beginning whenever we confess our sin and return to our first love. Prayer opens us up to Revelation, expands our capacity to comprehend truth and equips us to change."

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her small daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car. She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened.

The baby sitter told her that the fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been left on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time had locked their keys in their car. She looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this." She prayed to God and asked Him to send her help.

Within five minutes a beat up old motorcycle pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so.... she just kept quiet.

The man got off of his cycle and asked if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened.

She thanked the man and through her tears she said, "Thank you so much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman thanked the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a professional! "

Let prayer be a part and parcel of our life!



God's blessings, Fr. Vince

Update

Thank you to everyone who has given donations for the construction and furnishing of our new church building. If you would like to give your donation, please ring the office for bank details or payment options.



Let us continue to pray for the Lord to bless our plans!



Social Justice @ St Mads

Last week at our women's breakfast we learnt about the organisation Days for Girls, as Monte gave packs to the girls in the Maliana school. www.daysforgirls.org/australia So far, one million packs have been distributed across the globe. We have a local sewing group in Castle Hill, contact Cheryl Landon-Jones if you are interested in joining a sewing session. castlehillnsw@daysforgirls.org This Sunday is National Tree day.

~Sue Martin

It's the men's turn!
(Sign-up sheet in the foyer)

3rd August,
Saturday @ 8:30am
in St Joseph Centre
"Fatherhood"

SPEAKER:
Eugene Moylan

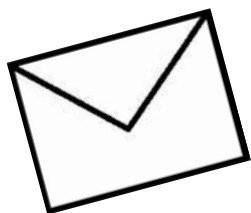


LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = 1639.55
2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$1822.70
Loose = \$ 1059.95
Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107
TOTAL = \$4989.65 (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!



New PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for will be distributed this August. Please fill in a blue registration form (in the foyer) if you would like to -join the planned giving program, or -change your mode of contribution from envelope to direct debit.

Contributions by planned giving are for the upkeep of our parish and its programmes. Thank you!!!

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



The heart of the intelligent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. Proverbs 18:15

We are starting a book club! It's an excellent way of helping people get to know one another, as well as building community in the parish.

Our Mission: To develop spiritual journeys and growth through reading

Lisa Bright from the Parramatta Pastoral Planning Office has given assistance in the book selection, to start. We will look at fiction, non-fiction, theological texts, biographies, scripture and more. If there is interest we can have a group for just spiritual text reading.

Planning to meet monthly on the first **Tuesday 7pm**, beginning **August 6th** in the St Joseph's Centre and later moving to our new church. The plan is to have an online discussion group for those who find it difficult to come.

First novel: *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. (Dymocks \$19.99). Look forward to seeing you on this new parish adventure
Careyanne 0438791813

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The **Information Sessions for First Communion** will be on **Tuesday, 6th August, at 4:30 and 7pm.**

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program **MUST** attend one of these sessions.



This sacrament is offered to Year 3 and older who have already done their First Reconciliation.

For any queries, please feel free to contact Sally Coppini by email: stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd Aug at 4:30-5:30pm** at St Joseph Centre.

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



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Mary Micallef and Douglas Bradford

For the dearly departed

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, Anteo Pellizzon, Eriberto Adah, Costantino Giudice, Joe Vella, Michael Caruana, and Grant Brackenbury

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



Prayer Humour

The chairman of the Finance Committee declared the meeting could not be convened for lack of quorum. He asked one of the ministers present to lead a prayer. Tired of the lengthy wait, the minister intended to help the cause when he prayed: "Lord, we thank you for your Word that says, 'where two or three are gathered in your name, they have a quorum . . .'" The meeting was promptly convened with a full quorum!

A young boy called the pastor of a local "corner" church to ask the pastor to come by to pray for his mother who had been very ill with the flu. The pastor knew the family and was aware they had been attending another church down the road. So the pastor asked, "Shouldn't you be asking Brother Simon down the road to come by to pray with your mum?"
The young boy replied, "Yeah, but we didn't want to take the chance that he might catch whatever this is that Mum has."

Dear Lord, please don't let my husband be home when all my online orders arrive. Amen!



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LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall).

NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory.

Enrolments close on 5 August 2019. Please visit the Parish Office for a form or for more information, contact 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

PRESENTATION: HOW TO DEVELOP AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

Parishioners from all over the Diocese interested in developing the sense of authentic community are invited to attend an enlightening presentation by Fr Ray Sanchez CP, exploring the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in the changing era in our Church today:

6:00pm Mass, Saturday 10 August, John 23rd Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens
8:00am Mass, Sunday 11 August, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Michael's Church, South Blacktown

10:00am Mass, Sunday 11 August, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown
11:15am -12.45pm, Clancy Room, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown
- followed by a shared lunch

Any enquiries, call Parramatta Diocese's Family Group contacts:
Elizabeth and Dennis Farrar 0425 209 840

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION PILGRIM WALK: 15 AUGUST

The Annual Pilgrim Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be held on the Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15 August. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate Mass at 12Noon before the pilgrimage begins. Anyone is welcome to begin walking from any point of the 14km walk. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.

CATHOLICARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM: 8 AUGUST - 19 SEPTEMBER

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is starting a bereavement support program for those whose spouse has died. The programme will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am to 12midday from 8 August to 19 Sept at Mackillop Hall, Granville. An Information session will be held on Thursday, 1 August at 10am. For more information, call Rita at Solo Parent Services on 02 8843 2575.

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: 20 AUGUST

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program - Component 2 starts on August 20. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to ifm.org.au for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: 10 SEPTEMBER

Adult Confirmation for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 10 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7.30pm. A Catechesis Day for Adult Confirmation will be held on Saturday 31 August from 9.30am to 2pm. Any adult over 16 years wanting to be confirmed please ring the Parish Office for information or contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org

'Called to Holiness' Weekend Retreat for Men: 10 - 11 August

Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, is hosting a weekend retreat for men on the theme 'Called to Holiness'. 10 to 11 August from 9am. \$165 all-inclusive or \$55 day rate. RSVP by 1 August. For further enquiries, contact mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au or 0432 487 927.
To book, contact info@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338.

PARISH TEAM

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Sally Coppini

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Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

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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

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

- ◇ Hospitals push back: WA Catholic Health Providers resist Government euthanasia plan
- ◇ Love is grand: Couples celebrate marriage milestones
- ◇ In His service: Priests celebrate Jubilees
- ◇ Chosen: Meet our 7 new priests-to-be
- ◇ Victoria: The dying state
- ◇ Movie review: *The Lion King*

Prayer should be our support;
the relief of our hope.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Phillys Hannah & Zakia Touma	Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Joe Touma	HJS—Josh Fogarty
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Careyanne Moylan Mark Lee	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
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	JUN MINISTERS	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil	Akash & Saniya Arnold	James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Lisa J	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	Belle Craig and Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
FLOWERS	Denis Secco, arr'd by Alice Garratt		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow	

3/4 AUGUST	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Rick & Lesley Gangemi
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder
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	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS		Joan & David	Bobby & Mark	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow