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29th September 2019

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

**“THE MOMENT WE CEASE TO HOLD EACH OTHER,
THE MOMENT WE BREAK FAITH WITH ONE ANOTHER,
THE SEA ENGULFS US AND THE LIGHT GOES OUT”**

- James Baldwin

She was quiet and painfully shy, overwhelmed by the more outgoing personalities of the family she married into years before. She was devoted to her husband; at family gatherings, she stuck to her husband's side, stroking the family dog, as the nieces and nephews buzzed around them. Her conversations were little more than, “Hi, good to see you. How are you?” She always baked for family gatherings — but except for the tarts and cookies, she barely registered.

She and her husband lived only a few neighbourhoods away. When they sent birthday and holiday presents, they received thank-you notes when the recipients could easily have walked over. One Christmas she knitted sweaters that quickly found their way to the bottom of closets. She and her husband gave generously. The family responded minimally.

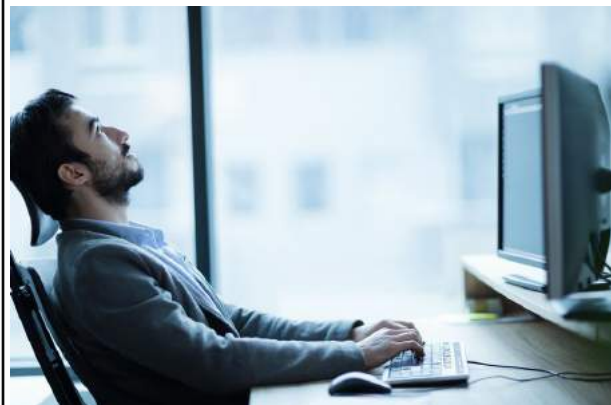
Not that they were mean or inconsiderate. Just busy with their lives!

Her husband died first. She continued to live in the house nearby, but without his connection, she saw the family less and less. One niece had grown fond of her; the rest drifted away as they grew up, went to school, got married and had children of their own. When she died, rather suddenly, the niece took it upon herself to pack up the house. At a Sunday family dinner, she came with mementos: photos, paintings, small pieces of furniture. She also brought a large stuffed envelope. She poured its contents on a table: their thank-you notes. She had saved them. We often realise too late what we mean to one another.

[Inspired by the essay “A small token, a memento” by Elisa Ely, The Boston Globe, October 2, 2010.]



Jesus' story about Lazarus and the rich man seems to belong to a time long ago and a place far away — but the fact is that there are many Lazaruses at our own gates, whom we overlook, ignore, dismiss. Lazarus may be sitting at the desk right next to us; Lazarus may even be sitting at our dinner table every night. Today's Gospel challenges us to remove the blinders of self-centredness from our eyes and hearts to see God in our midst, in the poor, the forgotten, the isolated, the marginalized; to realise the dignity of every human being as created in the image of God; to possess the humility that enables us to embrace one another as brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of God. (A Connections Sampler)



This story about Lazarus and the rich man teaches us that some of the most serious offenses against God are not the sins we commit, but the acts we omit; **Apathy, blindness, absence, neglect.** Today, and every day God is trying to remind us that the present unequal world is not His creation, but our own.

God's blessings, Fr. Vince

8 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 Dedication Mass of the new church will be held on 24th November 2019, the Feast of Christ the King, beginning with a procession from the current church at 9:30am. There will be no 8am Mass so everyone can be part of this joyous occasion.

Social Justice @ St Mads

Social Justice Sunday has a focus on the 2020 Social Justice statement -

"The digital world is a public square, a meeting-place where we can either encourage or demean one another, engage in a meaningful discussion or unfair attacks. Access to digital networks entails a responsibility for our neighbour whom we do not see but who is nonetheless real and has a dignity which must be respected. ... The encounter between communication and mercy will be fruitful to the degree that it generates a closeness which cares, comforts, heals, accompanies and celebrates."

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion. Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy;

May our words be seeds of goodness for the world: Where there is shouting, let us practice listening; Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity; Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity; Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; Where there is hostility, let us bring respect; Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

(Pope Francis—Communications Day 2016)

~Sue Martin

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



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 2056.45

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1785

Loose = \$ 1851.65

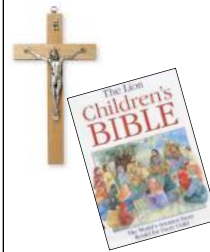
Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 5743.65 (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!

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DON'T MISS THE PIETY STALL MOVING SALE on the weekend of 5th and 6th October.

Buy our beautiful gift items to make room for new stock!



Please come to our next **Men's Breakfast** on **Saturday, 19th October, 8:30am** in the **St Joseph Centre.**

"Why I Became Catholic" by Brendan Ford



Congratulations to these children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend: *Daniel Ryan Larsen, Elle Preston, Charlie Grace Peterkin, Olivia Kate Peterkin, and Heath Weatherall*

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

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

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



We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Howard Langham. His funeral will be on Friday, 4th October at 11am. Let us offer our prayers for his wife Ann and the family.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Howard Langham, Maria Agatha Dias, Patrick McGirr, Cecilia Villanueva, Sr Ellen Conway, John Fenech

For the dearly departed

Giovani Cristaldi, Orazia Cristaldi, Santo Cristaldi, Salvatori Campo, James Mulvihill and the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, and Lawrence

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



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 theme of a Church that is **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:

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Careyanne Moylan—careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

Sandra Tabone—sandartabone1966@icloud.com

PLENARY 2020 - National Theme for Discernment #4

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a **joyful, hope-filled and servant community**? 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 yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to **celebrate together**, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be **loved unconditionally by God**. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia – **particularly for refugees and asylum-seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk**. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for **strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries**.

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

If you know of anyone who is interested in how to become a Catholic, please let them know of the **INFORMATION SESSION for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** on 23rd October, Wednesday, 7pm, St Joseph Centre



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!!!



OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate information and resources can be found online at: www.millionkidspraying.org.

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

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Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

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

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

- ◇ Rome Sweet Home: Wollongong couple's story
- ◇ Darwin: Trafficking Central?
- ◇ Yes, He's Here! Bishop on Eucharist
- ◇ Getting the Plenary right
- ◇ Movie review: *Ad Astra*
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Repay our God
love for love,
heart for heart.

-St Madeleine Sophie

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		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
THIS WEEKEND	WELCOMERS	Jenny Puleo	Margaret Thornton	Teresa Capaldi Maureen & John Burford	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phyllis Hannah	HJS—Tiago Gregory
	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	Trish Maidens Lydia Ceccato
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling		James Whittle	Vincent Musolino
	MUSICIANS	NO MUSICIANS	Joan & David	Bobby & Mark	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	Archie & Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	FLOWERS	From the Dias family		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper
	5/6 OCT	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy
ACOLYTE		Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	HJS—Akash Arnold
READERS			Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
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JUN MINISTERS		Kerstin Grima		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
MUSICIANS		Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby & Mark	Youth Group
COUNTERS		Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FLOWERS		Charlie Mifsud		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman