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**4th August 2019**

18th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

## **“God offers you three things that money cannot buy: joy, love, and life.”**

— Matshona Dhlwayo

If clutter is taking over your life, if your many possessions possess you, you need a touch of “Kondo magic.”

“Kondo” is Marie Kondo, a Japanese expert in the science of — no kidding — tidying up. She has written four best-selling books, including *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*. Her name has become a verb among her millions of fans around the world: “I *Kondo-ed* everything” means you have purged your house and home of every non-essential thing cluttering up your life. This 30-year-old mother of an infant, who first became interested in tidying things when she was only five, has brought the principles of *feng-shui* to a whole new level, in everything from folding T-shirt to filing documents.



Marie Kondo’s approach to keeping and disposing of possessions centre on three principles:

First, she advises that you pick up each item you own and ask yourself if that thing “sparks joy.” It takes time and thoughtfulness, but asking that question of every possession can be liberating. If done correctly, you find yourself living happier with less.

Second, Marie Kondo points out that the hardest things to get rid of are the things that make you feel guilty. An example: the expensive dress you bought five years ago and wore only once because it made you feel dumpy, or the ugly but expensive knickknack given to you by a close relative or friend. Let it go — to some charity that can see that it’s put to good use.

And, third, Marie Kondo writes, “If you’re having a hard time getting rid of something, thank the item for the role it has already played in your life.” For example, say, *Thank you for giving me joy when I bought you* or *Thank you for teaching me what doesn’t suit me*. Then you’re free to let it go.

It may all sound a little ridiculous, but Marie Kondo’s charming if slightly insane tips can bring great peace of mind. You approach what you own as the means to joy and not joy in themselves; in new ways, you realise how blessed you have been in what you have.

Marie Kondo’s quirky approach to decluttering, like the parable of the rich man’s barns, challenges us to look at all the “stuff” we possess and to realise the real valuables in our lives. Often something’s true worth has nothing to do with its monetary value or the momentary pleasure it gives us. Its value is in the memories it preserves, in the time it saves us for more important and joyful pursuits, in its enabling us to experience the selfless and affirming love of God in the good we are able to do for family and friends. Jesus calls us to take inventory of our lives and the things that “clutter” them and refocus our attention on the things of God: compassion, mercy, forgiveness, consolation. (A Connections Sampler)

The main thrust of this Sunday’s readings is that our time on earth may be very short and that our sweet home is in heaven as St Paul would say. The real riches that we take with us to heaven are those we have given to the poor or whatever we have shared with others and especially with the poor and needy. In the face of many significant matters of life, money may become devalued quickly. The secret to inner joy is sharing what we have (not necessarily material though) with others.



**God’s blessings,**

**Fr. Vince**



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

This week we noted World Day Against Trafficking in Persons in the Social Justice calendar.

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) <https://acrath.org.au/> have resources to help us to understand the issue here in Australia. It is modern slavery including forced labour, forced marriage, organ trafficking and many other injustices. We place before you today the pain and anguish of the trafficked who are deprived of land, language, culture, family and the hope of justice. Amen

~Sue Martin

### PARISH PLANNED GIVING

An enormous thank you to everyone who has been supporting our parish through our planned giving program by envelope and direct debit. 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!



New PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES will be distributed this August.

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 them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office by 11th August.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = 1360.95

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1508.50  
Loose = \$ 1004

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = 4619.50 (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!**

### PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The **Information Sessions for First Communion** will be **this 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](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)



*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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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

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### 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.



### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### For the recently deceased

Pietro Colussi, Mary Micallef, and Douglas Bradford

#### For the dearly departed

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

#### 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



There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man begged the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules. The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him.

The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with pure gold bars and placed it beside his bed. Soon afterward, he died and showed up at the gates of heaven.

An angel greeted him. Seeing the suitcase, the angel said, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" The man explained to the angel that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with God.

Sure enough, the angel checked it out, came back and said, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through." The angel opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You brought pavement?"



## OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

### "PARENTING FOR WELLBEING" TALK BY DAN HAESLER

Date: Friday 9 August 2019, 7.30pm  
Tangara School Multi Purpose Hall  
All welcome!!! Free entrance.

### 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](mailto: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 enlivening 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.

### CATHOLIC CARE 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.

### 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](mailto:mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org)

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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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,  
or during 10am Masses

#### Weddings: By appointment

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- ◇ Aussies walk the way
- ◇ Grief to Grace
- ◇ Economics as if people matter

The union that the spirit of charity  
maintains in the family  
of God's Heart is the well-spring  
of the good it does, and the source  
of its strength.  
-St Madeleine Sophie

### PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

#### Welcomers Coordinator:

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

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SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

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<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		5:30pm	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Rick & Lesley Gangemi
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Sam Ursino	Joe Touma	HJS—Tiago Gregory
	<b>READERS</b>	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Jan Schroder Marian Piper
	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Deb & Paul Copperfield	Careyanne Moylan Bob Burke	Lesley Gangemi Trish Maidens
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Hannah Tran
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev	Joan & David	Bobby	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Sally Coppini
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Denis Secco, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Jan Parslow	

<b>10/11 AUGUST</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Vince Luca		Phyllis Hannah	Joe Touma
	<b>READERS</b>	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo
	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Marie Coddington	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Doug	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Kim Parslow
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	The Bennetts		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Peg Grogan