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30th August 2020

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jer 20: 7-9

Rom 12: 1-2

Mt 16: 21-27

“SUFFERINGS ARE THE KISSES OF JESUS IN OUR LIVES”

~ St. Mother Teresa

Last week, Peter was highly praised for revealing the identity of Jesus and as a sign of appreciation Jesus told him that the Church would be built on him and he would be given the keys of the kingdom. This week he finds himself downhill... he is labelled ‘a stumbling block’ to Jesus - ‘Satan’. Why? He was not ready for the bumps and curves and the speed of following Jesus.

Jesus has to make it clear. Following him is a choice which entails endurance in the midst of difficulties and discomforts of life. Following Jesus is going to take them through a wild and scary ride at times. Following Jesus demands ‘losing’ one’s self centredness; following Jesus means to be grounded in the love of God and to reach out to those in pain and suffering to bring healing and hope to them; following Jesus makes one uncomfortable at times in one’s life.

In the lives of each of us, there is a cross. The cross can be caused by somebody else, or we may bring a cross on ourselves due to our choices or sometimes the cross is neither the fault of others nor ourselves, but because of the accidents of life, or simply because we are human, and do not have the perfection of God.

What is my attitude towards the suffering of my life? How and what do I do when my boat is tossed about?

There was once a woman whose happiness was shattered by the loss of her brother. He was a good man, dearly loved, and she was torn by anguish. And she kept asking God why: “Why him, why me, why?” But hearing only silence, she set out in search of an answer.

She had not gone far when she came upon an old man sitting all alone on a bench and he was weeping. And she said to him, “Why are you weeping, old man?”

“Because,” he said, “I have suffered a great loss. You see, all my life I’ve been a painter, a painter of lovely pictures, and now, I know not why, I’ve lost my sight.”

He, too, was looking for an answer to the question “Why?” The woman invited him to join her, and taking him by the arm, they trudged down the road together.

Soon they were overtaken by a young man walking about aimlessly. He had lost his wife, the source of all his joy. And, even more unfortunately, he did not lose her to death but to another man. He, too, joined in the search of an answer to “Why me? Why?”

Shortly, they came upon a young woman sitting on her front doorstep and she was sobbing into her hands because she had lost her child, her only child. She, too, joined this little company, and nowhere could they find an answer to the question “Why?”

Suddenly, however, they came upon Jesus and each confronted him with their questions. But Jesus was silent and he gave no answer. Instead, he began to weep and through his tears he said, “I bear the burden of a woman who has lost her brother, the burden of a young girl whose baby has died, a painter who has lost his sight, a young man who has lost a love in which he delighted.” And as Jesus spoke, the four moved closer and then they embraced each other. They grasped Jesus’ hands and held him to them. Jesus spoke again. Jesus said, “My dominion is the dominion over the heart. I cannot prevent pain but only heal it.” “How, then, do you do that?” said the woman. He answered, “Only by sharing it with you.” And, suddenly, he was gone from their sight. And what of the other four? Out of pain can come compassion, sharing and selflessness. Learn to love by loving, learn how to heal by healing, and, in the end, in the end, the only thing left is love. (The story is from Fr Hanly’s sharing).

The life of the true disciple of Christ is one of generous, selfless and sacrificial service to others in order to bring the joy and hope of the resurrection into our lives and others.

An ancient Indian proverb says that before we can see properly, we must first shed our tears to clear the way.

Stay safe and well and let us be united in prayers.

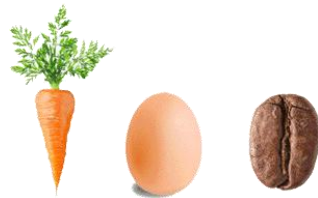
Gods blessings,

Fr.Vince



The Story of The Carrot, The Egg, and The Coffee Bean

A young girl went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed that, as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes, she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," the young girl replied. The grandmother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The granddaughter then asked, "What does it mean, grandmother?" Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened! The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. "Which are you?" the grandmother asked her granddaughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?" Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong but, with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit but, after a death, a breakup, or a financial hardship, does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, do you get better and change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level?



Church Flower Roster

Thank you to those who donate and arrange flowers for our church! The roster for Sept—Dec 2020 is now available. If you are unable to make your commitment for the arranged date, please contact Maureen Meryment on 0408 288 711 or Mari Gregory on 0424 396 453.



CHURCH FLOWERS ROSTER 2020 (PART 2)

for this Sunday	Flowers by	Delivery date	Arranged by
13 September	Linda Pellizer	11 September	Linda Pellizer
20 September	Linda Pellizer	18 September	Linda Pellizer
27 September	Linda Pellizer	25 September	Linda Pellizer
4 October	Teresa Capaldi	2 October	Maureen & Mari
11 October	Nick Ceroli	9 October	Rita Vumbaca
18 October	Nick Ceroli	16 October	Teresa Boemi
25 October	Nick Ceroli	23 October	Alice Garratt
1 November	Diane Bennett	30 October	Already arranged
8 November	Vince Luca	6 November	Maureen & Mari
15 November	Vince Luca	13 November	Rita Vumbaca
22 November	Vince Luca	20 November	Teresa Boemi
29 November	Teresa Capaldi	27 November	Maureen & Mari
6 December	Denis Secco	4 December	Alice Garratt
13 December	Denis Secco	11 December	Rita Vumbaca
20 December	Hills Family Funerals	18 December	Teresa Boemi
Christmas - 27 Dec	Cosimo Murdocca	23 December	Cosimo Murdocca

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all our candidates who were confirmed over the past few weeks!

Confirmation certificates are available to be collected from our parish office.



BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 5 September, at 4:30pm** in the function centre.

Please ring or email the office to book in: 9654 2260 (Tue-Fri, 10am -4pm)

stmads@yahoo.com.au

Families who completed their preparations are welcome to get in touch with the office to schedule their child's baptism.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Tom Palmer, Donald Martin, Juliano Uy

For the dearly departed

Cecilia Johnston, Francis Allan O'Neill, Claudia Duan, Gregory Duan, Gerson J Dias, Michael Hooper, Rena Hooper, Percy Hooper, Patricia Dawes, Maria Aiossa, Joseph Njay, Sarah T Murray, Alegria Ricafrente, Marcello Pellizzon, Ubaldo Turcato & family, Isaias Navea, Emanuel Galea, Sarina Spina, Angelina Adan, Marcel Desnoux-Frane, Joseph Conti, Helena Culligan, Ivan Ceccato, Eriberto Adan, Pablito Corpuz, Louis Sammut, Costantino Giudice, Mary Ellen Bradley, Milio Kazzi, Michelle Kazzi, Pietro Ceccato



For healing of the sick

Aureen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowski, June Brennen, John Spencer, Keith Dawson, Joe Fuda, India, Vince Luca, Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Sheila Cañabano, Candida Irugalbandra, 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, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Giuseppi Grasso, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

**If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please let us know by email, phone call, or by dropping a note in the locked box outside the parish office.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$525.75

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1054.00
Loose = \$938.00

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$3992.00

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 9654 2260.

Thank you for your generosity!

Social Justice @ St Mads

This weekend is Social Justice Sunday, a time to reflect on this year's statement 'To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia'.

Patrice Moriarty, Social Justice Coordinator in the Diocese, is leading a workshop this coming Monday around mental health and the everyday tools you can use in your life and ministry—patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org. The Social Justice video message from Bishop Vincent can be found: http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Caritas is calling on our help for their 'End Covid for All' campaign. Please sign the pledge www.caritas.org.au/end-covid-for-all because the COVID crisis is not going to end for anyone, until it ends for everyone. Our Hills Reconciliation group had a great beginning during the week and will be meeting again the 22nd September via Zoom. The Pacific Calling Partnership held a great webinar during the week; a dialogue between our Bishop Vincent and Ante Tong, former President Kiribati, on the climate emergency in the Pacific. Next Tuesday is the beginning of the Season of Creation <https://seasonofcreation.org/> 1st September is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.



This September we are reading, *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom (Dymocks \$19.99), which examines life through the lens of dying, to see what was important and how to live. Such memorable quotes as: "Accept the past as past without denying it or discarding it."; "learn how to give out love and how to let it come in."; "everybody knows they're going to die but nobody believes it."; "once you learn how to die, you learn how to live."; "embrace aging...if you've found meaning in your life you don't want to go back.". Next meeting is Tuesday 29 September on Zoom. Contact Careyanne Moylan: 0438 791 813 or careyanne-moylan@hotmail.com



We had a terrific time on Wednesday evenings with 18 participants joining in. They were great nights spent discussing issues of faith, relationships, our church, discernment and sharing our lives. New friendships were formed, and no one wanted the evenings to end! Many have been inspired to continue their journey in other ways. We are now starting an Online Day Alpha on Wednesdays at 1.30 pm for an hour, beginning 2 September 2020 for 11 weeks. If you are interested in joining us please contact Suzanne Kingston-Hunt 0410 936 108 or Suzannekingston@gmail.com or Careyanne Moylan on 0438 791 813 or careyanne-moylan@hotmail.com



OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

ACBC Social Justice Statement Diocesan Workshop: 31 August

Join with people from across the Diocese to break down the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21 on 31 August from 7pm to 8.30pm via Zoom. Hear from the experts on Mental Health and the everyday tools you can use in your life and ministry, what resources are available in the diocese and how we can work together. To RSVP, please contact patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 13 September

Due to the global pandemic, Pope Francis moved the annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land from Good Friday to Sunday 13 September. This collection helps to provide welfare assistance to local Christians in the Holy Land in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on 13 September and please also keep them in your prayers.

54-Day Rosary Novena for the Coronavirus

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a nation-wide 54-day rosary novena to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness. The novenas will be run between 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption through to 7 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.

Have a bit of a laugh!

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

"Assist the ones least well-off. I assure you, to set up young people in life, if they need help, is a far better work than you think"
~ St Madeleine Sophie Barat

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

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Sacramental Coordinator

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Marian College

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Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

TBA

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

10-10:30 Fridays - Adoration

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

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator:

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Anthony Hooper Gerry McArdle	AnnMarie Duncan Marietta Nesci	Simmy Cesamolo
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christopher Kang	Thomas & James Barker
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Hills Family Funerals Arranged by Maureen Meryment & Mari Gregory		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold

5/6 SEPTEMBER	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Rosa & Tony Carlino Helen & Charlie Harb	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina Belinda Da Ruos
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS		Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Already arranged		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold