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27th September 2020

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Ez 18: 25-28

Phil 2: 1-11

Mt 21: 28-32

“PEOPLE WITH GOOD INTENTIONS MAKE PROMISES BUT PEOPLE WITH GOOD CHARACTER KEEP THEM”

There are many people in our midst who broadcast every good thing that they do. Their forum is public esteem and opinion. On the other hand, there are also people who do good deeds, but quietly, with no thought of public approval in mind. All they seek is to do God's will and to please Him. Which one am I? The one message that stands out in today's gospel is that God is delighted with the repentant sinners over the so-called righteous people who put a mask on themselves.

Some commentators have compared this passage in Matthew to the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke; both stories revolve around two sons, and a choice, and change. It is clearly a theme that Jesus wanted to drive home again and again to his listeners, the notion that there is another way, a better way. The Father's way. The Father's will. He is calling.

I want to share a story I read in a commentary. *“Twenty-five years ago, a young man named Peter Day was embarking on a career as sportswriter in Australia. “Sports,” he once said, “was my religion.” He didn't pay much attention to his faith. “I had your standard boring Catholic upbringing,” he said, “and usually went to Mass just at Christmas and Easter.” As he was climbing up the career ladder, he got a job working for Australian radio. One Sunday, with nothing else to do, he wandered into a church. He found a seat near the back. Mass was underway. But it was unlike any he'd ever experienced before.*

It was a Mass for the homeless. All the people around him had no place to live, no place to call home. “I remember sitting there among all these poor homeless people,” he said, “And the gospel just came alive for me.” That moment was transformative. He knew he couldn't keep doing what he'd been doing. He'd found another religion besides sports. A year later, he entered the seminary.

During his formation, he asked the archbishop for a special assignment: he wanted to live and work among the homeless. The archbishop agreed. For eight months, Peter Day lived at the bottom of a stairwell with nothing but a mattress. He showered in a public toilet. He lived among the lonely, the fearful, the depressed, the mentally ill. When he was ordained a deacon, the ordination took place where he often volunteered: at a Matt Talbot centre for recovering alcoholics.

A few months after that, he was ordained a priest. Today, Fr. Peter Day runs a charity for the homeless in Australia. A guy who once seemed destined to have everything he wanted serves those who have nothing. He has never felt more fulfilled. “This is why I was ordained,” he says today, “to walk alongside those who are most vulnerable.” It's a far cry from what he was doing 25 years ago. But at a critical moment in his life, like the son in the gospel, Peter Day changed his mind. Now, working with the homeless, he is himself an agent of change. Changing lives. Changing circumstances. Changing minds” (source duly acknowledged).

God is summoning us, calling us, challenging us—just like the father did with the two sons. He is asking us to do his work in the world. Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman put it beautifully: “God has created me to do Him some definite service,” he wrote. “He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another... I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.” Jesus in this story seems to accept that we will not always do good willingly. It takes time to build up good habits and ways of behaviour. He would prefer that we do good unwillingly than do nothing at all. This is called by someone as spiritual and human realism.

A story to reflect: A story is told about a businessman who was ordering 500 ballpoint pens from an office equipment salesman. The latter was writing the order in his notebook, when suddenly the buyer exclaimed: “Hold on! I'm cancelling the order.”

The salesman left the store wondering why the wholesaler suddenly changed his mind. “Why did you suddenly cancel that order of ballpoint pens?” asked the surprised bookkeeper. The businessman angrily answered, “Because he talked about ballpoint pens to me for half an hour, using every convincing argument and then he wrote out my order with a pencil! His practice did not agree with his profession.” A man's words must be followed out by actions. (*Justmehomely*)

Wishing all the families and children to have a safe and joyful break!

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



Refugee Food Drive

The Northern Deanery needs your help

Matt. 25:35-45

I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and fed you or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?" ... "Truly I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me."



When: 27 September 2020

How: Drop goods at the church into the box.

Shopping List:

Cooking oil (vegetable/canola 750ml or 1 litre containers), Rice (Basmati is the most popular), Tinned chickpeas and kidney beans, Tinned diced tomatoes,

Breakfast cereal (Cornflakes are popular!) up to 500g packs, Condiments (honey, jam), Coffee (instant), Dried fruit (apricots, prunes, dates), Dried lentils (red or green)

Long life milk (1 litre containers), Noodles (instant)

Pasta (spaghetti, penne, spirals etc), Pasta sauce, Tea (black or green), Tinned or instant soup, Tinned corn

Tinned fish, Spices (chilli, curry powder, turmeric etc, small packets or bottles, Tinned fruit.

Other items: Deodorant (for men & women)

Shampoo, Nappies (for over 10kg babies only), Razors, Sanitary pads (no tampons), Shaving cream, Shower gel / body wash, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste.



BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 3 October, 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.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$499.05

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1074.00
Loose = \$599.30

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$3673.30

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

Thank you for your generosity!



World Mission Month is just around the corner. We focus on **Catholic Mission** and the life-changing work of the **Church in Cambodia's Battambang Province**.

The Arrupe Centre, established by **Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez SJ** in 2001, is home for children with a disability, providing them with the support and opportunities to live a flourishing life. Bishop Kike created a unique place for children, where the love of God is demonstrated through caring and empowering those in need, reminding us that *"...we are here for the common good; to be a more inclusive society and to bring the joy of life everywhere...we look with a positive vision, hope, joy and happiness"*.

To hear more about this **Catholic Mission** project, the community in Cambodia and be inspired by stories from the residents of The Arrupe Centre, please register for the webinars via these links:

Thurs 8th Oct at 6pm - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q15BetkkTmmmaeDIHw3_Tg

Fri 9th Oct at 1pm - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vhUkeOmpSjakDdBnN26nw



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Amanda Gatt, Serena Spina, Elizabeth Seery

For the dearly departed

Pietro Ceccato, Gloria Cabigting, Feliciana & Benito Sabellano, Roberta Alumios, Lamberto Alumios, Marlon Alumios, Ruperta Sabellano, Frank Piperata, Domenico & Aunina Piperata, Pedro, Sidro, Antonio, Lourdes, Juana, Salvador, Maria Dias, Howard Langham, Antonio Votano, Michelle Vaclarella, Louis Sammut, Charles James Bradley, Michael Francis Houston, James Mulvihill deceased members of Mulvihill and Culligan families, Engracia Corpuz, Christine Mendoza, Norman & Chahide Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahade Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, John Baynie, Yousef Moit, Teresa & Michael Caruana, Anthony & Maryann Vella, Diann Caruana, Angelo Vella, Nenu Zammit, Fred Muscat, Scarpin Family, Russo Family, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Giovanni Desanti, Matteo Desanti & Maria Desanti, Maria Battaia & Giacomo Battaia



For healing of the sick

Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aureen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowski, June Brennan, 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, Tricia, 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, Giuseppe 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.*

Social Justice @ St Mads

Next Sunday, October 4th on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the newest encyclical from the Vatican will be released called Fratelli tutti, on fraternity and social friendship. The Italian translation is "All Brothers", "Since it is a direct quotation from St Francis (taken from the Admonitions, 6, 1: FF 155), the Pope has obviously not changed it. But the formulation of the title in no way intends to exclude women, that is, more than half of the human race," wrote the editorial director for the Vatican Dicastery for Communication.

"On the contrary, Francis chose the words of the Saint of Assisi to initiate a reflection on something he cares about very deeply: namely, fraternity and social friendship. He therefore addresses all his sisters and brothers, all men and women who populate the earth: everyone, inclusively, and in no way exclusively."



The Faith and Ecology Network is hosting a webinar Monday October 12th 4:30pm. Deep Listening to the Natural World: Insights from Science and Faith
www.faithecolony.net.au/deep_listening2020

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 careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



We call parishioners together to pray the Rosary as we ask Our Lady to intercede for God's blessing on us. Prayer helps us to slow down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. Through Mary, we are led to a closer relationship with her son, Jesus. The Rosary is an invitation for us to present our needs to God and to love Him more. In this time of uncertainty, dealing with COVID restrictions, ill-health, financial concerns and anxieties, we turn to Mary. We will be using Zoom. Date: 10 October 2020; Time: 10am; Contact: Kay - 0429965858; Lydia Ceccato - 0400372561; careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



Our parish is a community gathered to worship God, bring His light to the world and care for his body. We have responded to this by creating the *St Mads Care Group* whose mission is "to bring Christ's light through giving hope and service to others." Our aim is to "provide to members of our parish practical support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance". If you are interested in joining us, would be willing to cook an occasional meal for those in need or know of anyone who needs assistance, please contact us through Bernadette, 0418 248 256

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – The Well. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', The Well is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

Natural Fertility Services is still open

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine via email catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Office for Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

Have a bit of a laugh!

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the lion saying a prayer: "Thank you, Lord, for the food I am about to receive..."

"Be kindled with holy ardour, and may others see in your actions the fire of divine love"
St Madeleine Sophie Barat

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish>

Join us for live-stream Masses on
Sunday at 10 am on
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses>

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Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black
Marian College
Phone: 9654 6700
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

<p>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</p>	<p>Playgroup Coordinator: SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan</p>	<p>Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle Finance Committee Chair: Aaron Cauchi</p>
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	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Belinda Da Ruos	Sandra Tabone Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle	
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers Anne Kyngdon	Patrick McNeil	Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced	
FLOWERS	Donated and arranged by Linda Pellizer		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt		
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	READERS	Paul Cashman Belinda Da Ruos	Gerry McArdle Nigel Saunders	Jacqui Nisbet Michelle Eamer	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani	
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran	
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced	
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