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**6th September 2020**

23rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Ez 33: 7-9

Rom 13: 8-10

Mt 18: 15-20

**“There is a shared responsibility in the way of Christian life,”. “Everyone, aware of their limitations and defects, is called to welcome fraternal correction and help others with this particular service.”**  
- Pope Benedict

On this Father’s Day, we thank our Heavenly Father for His boundless mercy and unconditional love towards every one of us; we are grateful for the church ministers and government leaders and, today, all the medical professionals and essential workers who take on the paternal and maternal role in guiding, serving and protecting us. We congratulate and thank our biological fathers by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life and make a lot of sacrifices for the family! **HAPPY FATHER’S DAY** to all the fathers in our parish!

We are to commence the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (first) and Holy Communion next Wednesday. We take utmost care in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of everyone who are going to be a part of this programme, given the COVID19 challenges and directions. I ask the parents and the children to work in collaboration with the Sacramental team, that the children get a clear understanding of the Sacraments and experience the grace of God.

The readings of this Sunday highlight the truth that we are keepers of our sisters and brothers. We have social responsibility in family and in the neighbourhood. Especially, in these troubled times, we have a responsibility for each other’s well being and for the common good. The gospel speaks of the mechanism Jesus advocates in dealing with the internal conflicts and with members who erred. By absorbing the good news of Jesus, we can help each other to goodness, support each other, correct each other and help each other on our way to God and to a harmonious communal life. In this process, Jesus promises guidance and His presence with us. In a culture promoting gossip, scandal and fabrication of stories to the extent of degrading human respect and dignity, Jesus invites us to be counter-cultural which may not be easy, uncomfortable but certainly fruitful. Let the Spirit of God lead us to right judgment and empower us to fraternal correction with understanding.

She lived in the group home next to the church. She was painfully overweight; her clothing didn’t fit. She hadn’t bathed and wasn’t able to breathe or move comfortably. Her medication made it difficult for her to follow the prayers and hymns. She fell asleep during sermons; her snoring, escalated by her breathing problems, echoed through the church. Once or twice, she even forgot where she was and lit up a cigarette right there in the pew. She wouldn’t speak or make eye contact with anyone.

Parishioners began to complain: She doesn’t belong here. She couldn’t be getting anything out of it so heavily medicated. She shouldn’t be allowed to ruin it for everyone. The poor woman was the subject of more than one parish council meeting: Her presence was a serious distraction; she was a deterrent to visitors and someone noted that she ate too many cookies at coffee hour.

Finally, one council member had had enough of the complaining and lack of compassion. She was determined to make a friend out of their troubled visitor. The parishioner left her usual pew and began to sit next to her. When the snoring started, the parishioner gave her a gentle nudge; she helped her find her place in the hymnal; she quietly reminded her to put the cigarettes away and leave enough cookies and sweets for others during the coffee hour after church.

The parishioner’s unheralded kindness was all the visitor needed. She began talking to people. She made eye contact and made a point of shaking hands with the pastor: “Bless you,” she would say.

A few months later, the pastor received a phone call from the woman’s social worker. The social worker explained that the woman had never been accepted by any group or able to sustain a single positive relationship until she started coming to church. She was now making friends in her group home and had begun to bring them to her church.

“Thank you for welcoming her,” the social worker said to the pastor. “I’ve never been to your church, but I know that it is an exceptional place.” After hanging up the phone, the pastor sat for a moment, pondering that word: Exceptional. [From an essay by Erica Wimber Avena in *The Christian Century*, January 4, 2017. A Sampler Connections)

A single parishioner was able to embrace the spirit of the gospel which serves us an inspiration to welcome the stranger, the disrupter, the estranged. By making the work of fraternal correction, and reconciliation grounded in love for the other, we all can make a difference in our lives and make our Church (family, church community) ‘exceptional’.

God’s blessings,

Fr. Vince





### Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,  
you govern and protect your people  
and shepherd them with a father's love.  
You place a father in a family  
as a sign of your love, care,  
and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful  
to the example shown in the Scriptures:  
steadfast in love, forgiving  
transgressions, sustaining the family,  
caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers  
that they may encourage and  
guide their children.  
Keep them healthy  
so they may support a family.

Guide every father  
with the Spirit of your love  
that they may grow in holiness  
and draw their family ever closer to you.  
Amen

Author: This Room

### What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?

As God's stewards, we're entrusted to use the gifts we are given wisely for the greater good of our family, our faith community and God's kingdom. A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During Include A Charity Week, we invite you - after providing for your loved ones - to consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation or a Catholic ministry. Even the most modest gift will significantly advance our Church's works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills)



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### 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

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Preparations for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion will begin very soon. Our introduction and commitment session will be on **Wednesday, 9th September at 6:30pm** in the church. Children will need to be in Year 3 or older and will need to provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. All enrolment papers will be supplied at the meeting. If you have any further questions, please contact our parish office or email [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)



### 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](mailto: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

Elizabeth Seery, Cecily Johnston, Tom Palmer

#### For the dearly departed

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, Francis Allan O'Neill, Claudia Duan, Gregory Duan, Gerson J Dias, Michael Hooper, Rena Hooper, Percy Hooper, Patricia Dawes, Maria Aiossa

#### 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, 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.*



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$811.85

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1383.00

Loose = \$398.00

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

**TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$3781.00**

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

"Jubilee for the Earth" is the theme for Season of Creation this year.

### Mary of the Cosmos

This Sunday is Creation Sunday. Columban Fr Charles Rue has a 7 Days of Creation Reflection Retreat podcast which is on you tube. Caritas Australia has also created a prayer service which can be utilised throughout the Seasons of Creation:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/for-parishes>

Patrice Moriarty is developing a celebration of creation. If you have photos or videos which you've taken of the beautiful gifts of Creation we're blessed with in our diocese and you'd like them to be part of this video reflection, please send to [Patrice.Moriarty@parracatholic.org](mailto:Patrice.Moriarty@parracatholic.org)

*May God who established the dance of creation, Who marvelled at the lilies of the field, Who transforms chaos to order, Lead us to transform our lives and the Church To reflect God's glory in creation.*



### PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:**  
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

**Assistant Priest:**  
Rev Jessie Balorio

**Parish Secretaries:**  
Jay-Ann Gutierrez  
Yvette Jacobs

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

**Weddings:** By appointment

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](mailto:careyanne-moylan@hotmail.com)



### ST MAD'S CARE GROUP

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 or know of anyone who needs assistance, please contact us through Bernadette, 0418245256

## OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

### Positions Vacant:

Sacramental Coordinator – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes –  
Applications close Wednesday 16 September  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early September. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

### 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](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### 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!

The preacher's Sunday sermon was Forgive Your Enemies. Toward the end of the service, he asked his congregation, "How many of you have forgiven their enemies?"

About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. As it was past lunchtime, this time about 80 percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question again. All responded, except one small elderly lady.

"Mrs. Jones?" inquired the preacher, "Are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any" she replied, smiling sweetly. "Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-three," she replied. "Oh Mrs. Jones, what a blessing and a lesson to us all you are. Would you please come down in front of this congregation and tell us all how a person can live ninety-three years and not have an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said "I outlived the old hags."

"To influence our world, we must understand it"  
~ St Madeleine Sophie Barat



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### 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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Suzanne Kingston-Hunt  
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5/6 SEPTEMBER		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	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	Belinda Da Ruos Paul Cashman	Belinda Da Ruos Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christian Maaht Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Already arranged		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold
12/13 SEPTEMBER	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating Belinda Da Ruos	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Belinda Da Ruos Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington		Phyllis Hannah	HJS—Akash Arnold
	READERS	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Tony Hooper Belinda Da Ruos	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang	Thomas Foxall Saniya Arnold
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Donated and arranged by Linda Pellizer		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper