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25th October 2020

**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Ex 22: 20–26

1 Thes 1: 5–10

Mt 22: 34–40

“The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved - loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves” –Victor Hugo

In this Sunday’s Gospel, as in last Sunday’s, the Jewish leaders seek to trip Jesus up. The question the lawyer poses was much discussed in rabbinical circles: Which is the greatest commandment? The Pharisees’ intention in posing the question was to force Jesus into a single rabbinical school, thereby opening him up to criticism from all other sides. Jesus’ answer, however, proves his fidelity to both the Jewish tradition and to a spirituality that transcends the legal interpretations of the commandments: the “second” commandment is the manifestation of the first. If we love the Lord God with our whole being, that love will manifest itself in our feeding of the hungry, our sheltering of the homeless and our liberating the oppressed.

Jesus’ command to love our neighbour means seeing one another as we see ourselves: realizing that our hopes and dreams for ourselves and our families are the same dreams others have for themselves and their families. Every one of us, at one time or other, is an alien, outsider, foreigner and stranger. The commandment to “love your neighbour as yourself” is not confined to our “own” people or to a list of specific situations, but should affect every relationship we have and every decision we make.

As our society becomes more and more diverse, as science continues to make once unimaginable advances in all forms of technology, the ethical and moral questions we face become more complicated, difficult and challenging. The Great Commandment gives us the starting point for dealing with such issues: to love as God loves us -- without limit, without condition, without counting the cost, completely and selflessly.

In our e-connected existence, the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel are especially challenging: to love with our whole heart and soul and mind requires us to “unplug” and be present to one another, to engage one another as our loving God is engaged with us, to seek not just images and perceptions of compassion but behold compassion and experience love in one another. The gospel of this Sunday integrates both the love of God and love of neighbour.

Of course, we know that no law of the church, no detail religious observance is above the law of love. Over emphasis of one over the other is a clear contradiction of what Jesus said. We need to understand that loving God is the first and greatest commandment. It is from that relationship with God that the second gets its meaning and importance. The two loves are not meant to be conflicting. It is not a question of either one or the other but ‘both and’ (the source duly acknowledged).

An eight-year-old boy had a younger sister who was dying of leukaemia. His parents explained to him that she needed a blood transfusion and that his blood was probably compatible. They asked if they could test his blood. “Sure”, he said. The results showed that his blood would be a good match. Then they asked the boy if he would give his sister a pint of blood, that it could be her only chance at living. He said he would like to think about it overnight.

*The next day he went to his parents and said he was willing to donate his blood to his sister. So, they took him to the hospital where he was put on a gurney beside his sister. Both of them were hooked up to IVs. A nurse withdrew a pint of blood from the boy, which was then put into the girl’s IV. The boy lay on his gurney in silence while the blood dripped into his sister. The doctor came over to see how he was doing. The boy opened his eyes and asked, “How soon until I start to die?” [Jack Kornfield, cited in *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott.] The little brother, thinking that giving his blood would mean he would die, nonetheless is willing to give his life for his sister so that she might live; in his generosity, he models the great love and compassion of the God who spares nothing to bring us to Him (Connections)*

St Mother Teresa once was asked to suggest one simple way by which an ordinary person can help others. “By smiling at one another”, she said. It is such small acts of love that will transform the world.

What is the climate of love in your family? If every one of you is asked to scale your love for one another from 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself? How would you rate your love for the community and society? In what way do you think you can love our parish community?

God’s blessings,

Fr. Vince



PARISH NEWS

Social Justice @ St Mads

This year's NAIDOC Week is being held the 8-15 November this year. #AlwaysWasAlwaysWillBe The acronym NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. It has its roots in the 1938 Day of Mourning, becoming a week-long event in 1975. Checkout NAIDOC posters available at Woolworths.

Last week, we celebrated Water Week and a challenge was given to see if you could use no taps and one bucket of water for an entire evening. This was coordinated by WaterNight. How would you go?

Last week, the Pastoral Planning office also held a webinar on the Plenary Council theme; How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Missionary and Evangelising?

The writing team have suggested many interesting proposals for inclusion in the Plenary Council now occurring next year, which are all part of the work of our social justice group within the parish. It's an affirming reading. If you would like to receive the reading material, email sue@kcj.net.au. News from Patrice in the Social Justice office - Have you seen the Season of Creation: Community Reflection? <https://thewell.org.au/video/season-of-creation-reflection-2020/> Good luck to those undertaking the Vinnies virtual sleepout this weekend.



BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 7 November 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.



During the month of November, we will offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our beloved ones of our beloved departed. You are invited to write down names of your loved ones in the Book of Life.

Envelopes for Mass intentions are available in the church. Mass will be on All Souls Day, 2nd November at 9:15am.



Book Club is continuing via Zoom. We are reading a thought provoking book called The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr. In this radical message of hope, Rohr shows how "Jesus" + "Christ" reveal the divine wholeness at the heart of things--and what that means for every one of us. Drawing on history, theology, and psychology, Rohr articulates an exhilarating and ultimately more sensible view of Jesus Christ as a portrait, so to speak, of how God works. If you would like to join our zoom group on Tuesday 27 October at 7.30pm send me an email to regis-



Come join us via zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10.30 am for an hour to pray and discuss the coming Sunday's gospel. If you would like to know more about the gospels, what it can mean to your life, pray with others, or just make new friends we would love you to join us. For more info and zoom details contact Careyanne at careyannemoylan@hotmail.com or 0438 791 813



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



Congratulations to the newly baptised!

25th October 2020
Isabelle Harb



Have a bit of a laugh!

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish>

Join us for live-stream Masses on Sunday at 10 am on

ON AIR

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses>

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Albert Herminado, Amanda Gatt

For the dearly departed

Francesco Luca, Warren James, Domenico Franceschina, Carolina Valera, Rosen McArdle, James Leo Houston, Ronald Madafiglio, Francesco Corcoglioniti, Filomena Corcoglioniti, Caterina Musso, Anna Maria Buonsanti, Leslie George Waters, Maria Battaia, Giovanni Scarpin, Leonard Meryment, Teresa Maguire, Daniel Francis Doyle, Pietro Ceccato, Gloria Cabigting, Feliciano & Benito Sabellano, Roberta Alumios, Lamberto Alumios, Marlon Alumios, Ruperta Sabellano, Frank Piperata, Domenico & Aunina Piperata



For healing of the sick

Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, 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, 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.*

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Assistant Priest:

Rev Jessie Balorio

Parish Secretaries:

Jay-Ann Gutierrez

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St Madeleine's Primary School

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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

9:45—10:15 Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the 9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every Sunday at 11:20
(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

Sts Simon & Jude

Feast Day:
28 October

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew

and Mark call him Thaddeus. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-simon-and-jude>



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Call for Nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council

Bishop Vincent is calling for nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Pastoral Council assists with the pastoral governance of the Church. The Council are seeking a cross-section of people from across the Diocese with different backgrounds and experiences. For more information, or to fill out the nomination form, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/. Applications close Monday 2 November.

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

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

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Mass Update

From October 23, new Government regulations will be introduced that affect all public Masses. The maximum number of people who can attend religious gatherings will be lifted from 100 to 300. **This will still be subject to the 4 square metre rule.** *Our parish will only have 100 people inside the church during Mass. If there are more than 100 then we will extend parishioners outside into the courtyard.* The Diocese of Parramatta has communicated these revised regulations to clergy, parishes, staff and the general public via a letter and online communication channels. These Diocesan guidelines are also available on our COVID-19 website at: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19/>

Pastoral Care

In respect to ministering to the housebound, great caution should be exercised. Only the priest or deacon should visit if deemed necessary. In anointing people and visiting for the purpose of Holy Communion, the priest should wash their hands with an appropriate solution both before and after the visit. Home visits should not be performed by any of the Parish Ministries at this time as it may be possible to unknowingly spread the virus from door to door. Only priests and deacons are permitted to carry out home visits for the time being. **If you know anyone housebound who wishes to be visited, please contact our parish office on 9654 2260.**



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

Red Wednesday. On 25 November the Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Find out more: www.redwednesday.org.

It's World Mission Month – the one time in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. The Catholic Mission Facebook page offers daily inspiration, stories and reflection for everyone all year round. Please like this page to ensure that you don't miss out on this wonderful channel and all it has to offer: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicmission/>

To see mission in action today, take a look at this wonderful reflection on gentle leadership from the compassionate Jesuit Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez. Bishop 'Kike' is the driving force behind Catholic Mission's 2020 Cambodia Project appeal. His mission is simple: that everyone has the opportunity to live life to the full, to have hope, joy and happiness. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=247534566329493>





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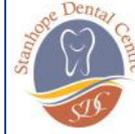
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	FLOWERS	Donated by Nick Ceroli Arranged by Alice Garratt		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech
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	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
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