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19 September 2021
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

“I think it's important to get your surroundings as well as yourself into a positive state - meaning surround yourself with positive people, not the kind who are negative and jealous of everything you do”- Heidi Klum

Are you jealous? Who and what are you jealous of? Psychology would say that jealousy is a sign of insecurity or one's low self-esteem. The fact is that jealousy is as damaging to others as it is to ourselves. It causes a lot of traumas to our relationship. As someone said, 'jealousy is more like a point-blank shotgun to the face'. When we are envious, or even ambitious for the purpose of outdoing others, it knocks us off our centre and we lose our orientation towards Christ. James in today's second reading clearly states that disorder and every foul practice are the result of jealousy and selfish ambition. Let me share with you some of the thoughts of Rev. Mark Suslenko.

“Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?” James asks this timeless question this weekend. There is an intimate link among selfish ambition, jealousy, passion, and war. Contemporary psychological science even confirms this connection. Yet, we still justify violence and war and see it as a viable means to solving conflicts and problems. Has it ever really accomplished what we hoped it would?

Violence is ugly and awful. War is ugly and awful. These are facts. Pope Francis even goes so far to say that “war is the suicide of humanity because it kills the heart and kills love.” Even St. Pope John Paul II stated emphatically that “war should belong to the tragic past, to history: it should find no place on humanity's agenda for the future.” In a powerful letter to the U.S. President George H. W. Bush and Saddam Hussein in January 1991, Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote: “It is not for us to destroy what God has given us. Please, please let your mind and your will become the mind and the will of God. You have the power to bring war into the world or to build peace. Please choose the way of peace.” We are often so pretentious and self-focused that we even ask God to defend us in battle and bless our wars! Do we realize how contrary this thinking is to the Gospel we have accepted?

One does not have to take up actual arms to be violent and wage war. We can do violence by our words and often by standing behind the facade of some self-righteous conviction we feel we are resolved to defend. Self-righteousness is simply another form of selfish ambition that is often hidden under the guise of religion. It is strange that we are still arguing about who is the greatest even after all these years of listening to Jesus tell us it is not important. The answer lies in the playfulness and innocence of a child! The right and the left, the progressives and the liberals, the haves and the have-nots, the mines and the yours. Even with all that is before us, we still think that we are going to win the ping-pong match of truth when one or the other side admits defeat. Children crave love and live to return it. There is something profound here that we are missing both in secular and religious life. Dialogue, consensus, and discernment are the true ingredients of successful conflict resolution.

Meanwhile, we continue to pay lip service to the unconditional call for compassion and mercy, give a wink to the vision outlined in the Beatitudes, and save being peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy, and cultivating good fruits to times when it is convenient. When you live your life pursuing these virtues, it no longer matters who is in and who is out or who is right or who is wrong. Jesus never cared about this stuff. What upsets him is injustice and seeing people being neglected and hurt. Developing a clean and humble heart and putting our relationships in proper order are paramount. Taking responsibility for our actions both past and present is the key to healing and renewal. There is no system in need of defence when we realize who we really are and what we are called to do.

We need to replace our jealousies, unbridled passions, and selfish ambition with a pursuit of love, justice, and peace. We have stumbled over the other way for centuries. Perhaps it is time to really turn to the One who upholds our life and to live the way our Creator envisions.

Once a guru called all his disciples and said, “bring a bag of potatoes with you when you all come to discourse tomorrow but, remember that each potato you bring should have the name of the person whom you envy or are jealous of”. Next day, all the disciples came with potatoes in a bag. Some brought less, some brought more.

Now, the Guru said to his disciples, “for the next seven days, every one of you should keep these potato bags that you brought with you wherever you go, while eating, drinking, sleeping, walking and whatever you do. These bags should always be with you”.

The disciples did not understand anything, but they knew they had to follow the Guru's command. After three or four days, the potatoes started to rot, and the disciples started to get disturbed by the smell of those potatoes. Somehow, the disciples spent seven days with those potatoes.

After the 7th day, all went to the Guru with those bags. One of them said, “Guru ji, why did you ask us to keep these potatoes with us? They started rotting and smelling, it was difficult to keep them with us every minute” At this Guru ji smiled and said, “when you start feeling the burden of these potatoes in just 7 days, then think how much burden will be on your mind when you envy other people. This journey puts an unnecessary burden on your mind and rotes your mind with negative thoughts just like these potatoes. So, you should remove such wrong feelings from your mind. If you can't love everyone, then at least don't hate. This will help keep your mind clean and light”. Hearing this, the disciples threw jealousy out of their hearts along with those potato bags”.

“Jealousy in natural but it is not necessary”

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



PARISH NEWS

SUSPENSION OF MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

All public Masses & Sacraments are temporarily suspended due to the current lockdown. Join us for live streamed mass at 9am (Tues—Fri) and 10am on Sunday
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses-11337783718546/>

ST MADS 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, 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



PARISH ZOOM ACTIVITIES

Activity	Date	Time	Zoom Meeting ID / Contact Info
Sunday Gospel	Every Tues	10:30am	Contact Careyane on 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
Rosary	Every Mon Every Thurs	7:00pm 9:45am	Meeting ID: 840 2707 2956 Meeting ID: 884 0505 6508
Book Club	28 Sept 21	7.30pm	Get your free copy at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html Contact Careyane on 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

ALPHA PROGRAM

Get ready. **Alpha** is starting again on Zoom from **21 Sept 2021, at 7pm**. It includes a short, day retreat; still to be decided whether it can be in person or not.

Wanted: People to pray for the success of Alpha, before and during the sessions. Call Suzanne on 0410936108 or Careyane on 0438791813 to let us know.



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. We continue to pay off the loan towards the construction of our beautiful church. May we ask of your generous contribution towards the upkeep of the parish with its various incidental expenses. You can drop off the envelopes at the parish office or you can do it electronically to:-

Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic Church
BSB : 067950
Account Number : 00000388

Please, include your name and envelope number in the reference description or simply state 'donation' if you have not joined the Planned Giving Program. You can specify if it is for the first collection (to the diocese for the maintenance of clergy) or second collection (for the upkeep of the parish). Your good will and support are very much appreciated.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new set of Planned Giving envelopes for the year (Sep 2021 - Aug 2022) are now available for pick-up from the parish office (Tue-Fri, 10am–4pm). Your continued generosity in supporting our parish is greatly appreciated.

Collections during lockdown as on 14 Sept 2021

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$255.00

2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$1,555.00



Our Parish Winter Appeal will be held once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, those who love to contribute may do so by dropping in your contributions at our Parish Office

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

Aureen, Filonila Cruz, Sr.Mary Conway, Fatima Lizi, Engracia Corpuz, Barry McBride, Doris Jacobs, Kevin Cook, Joseph Galea, India, Fr Peter Caruana, Fran Sanders, Edith Irwin, Jim Shipley, Philomena Beresford, Lenard Gauci, Maureen McCartney, Romano Bandiera.

For the dearly departed

Marine & Mansour Nasri, Jack, Vincenzo Tonitto, Matty Maguire, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Mulvihill and Culligan family, Dermot Murphy, Emmanuel Galea, Ivan Ceccato, Helena Culligan, Laurie Riley, Tm Mulvihill, Maria Ceroli, Costantino Giudice, Sr Rona Collins.

For healing of the sick

Margaret Doyle, Josh Kennedy, David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Imelda Pellison, Jasminka Medak, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aureen Dunn, Joe Fuda, Keith Dawson, Aura Krakowszky, Nancy Anne Kazzi, 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, Pat D, Anis Nicholas, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Dorothy Green, 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, Patrick, Faye Willing, 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

Raising Peace Festival 16th to 26th Sept with 33 events to choose from

<https://raisingpeace.org.au/>
 This Saturday is Uluru Statement
<https://raisingpeace.org.au/event/uluru-statement/>

Marian College has been involved in the Action for Afghanistan with CAPSA and the Jesuit Refugee Service. Sept 27th is World Day for Migrants and Refugees Sunday with the theme, towards an ever wider “we”. The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has published its 2021 resource kit for World Day for Migrants and Refugees.

<https://css.org.au/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees/>



PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator:

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

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PARISH TEAM

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Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

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

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

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

ON AIR

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ON-LINE DIOCESAN TRAINING COURSE: SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

Could I please request everyone who has a particular role in the parish to participate in the **Mandatory** Safeguarding Training conducted via Zoom by the Diocesan Professional Standards Office. The training relates to two diocesan documents: "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" and "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children" The training aims to ensure that all those who work with children and persons in positions of responsibility in our Parish have read and understand the documents. I do appreciate your readiness to resume serving our Parish community once the Covid restrictions are eased. Training dates presently available are 9th, 16th & 23rd Nov at 9:30am or 2pm. Email Maria Kervin on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org to register and for Zoom meeting details - Fr Vince

CATHOLIC TEACHING AND THE COVID-19 VACCINE



Dr. Ruelia Clapham, Emergency physician; Graham Connolly, General; Bishop Richard Lambert, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney; Host Quayne Guerin, Catholic Youth Parramatta

Perspectives from a Catholic doctor,
a Catholic lawyer and a Catholic bishop

8PM FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
[facebook.com/parracatholic](https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic)

READERS ROSTERS

19 SEPTEMBER 2020

Tony Hooper
Sally Coppini

26 SEPTEMBER 2020

Sandra Tabone
Phyllis Hannah

Kindergarten 2022

We are still accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2022 and welcome your application. Please check the school's website www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au to download the application and forward it to the school office as soon as possible.



DEANERY, DIOCESAN AND PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING

Who is the neighbour that Jesus says
we are called to love?
How can I listen to them and the signs
of the times in our parish?

Being held on Wednesday, 22nd
September 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm via
Zoom

Please call 8838 3441 or contact Tanya Guinn
at tanya.guinn@parracatholic.org for more
information

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in the Local Neighbourhood

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Seeing how distressed his parishioners were at being locked out of their church, Fr Joseph (Joe) Lam, parish priest of St Finbar's Parish in Glenbrook has written a book of reflections to help them cope and even find goodness that might come from the pandemic. He's also donating the proceeds of the book, *I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live: Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic to the Diocese of Parramatta's Clergy Support Foundation*. For over 15 years, Fr Joe has lectured theology in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Africa, the US and Australia. He has authored six monographs & over 60 peer-reviewed articles in German, English, Italian and Spanish. **Costs \$AUD9.99 plus postage. It can be purchased directly from Fr Joe. To order a copy, email Fr Joe at joseph.lam@parracatholic.org.**

"I cause my spirit to enter you, and you shall live"
(Exodus 37:3)

Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic



Joseph G. Lam

Saint of the Day : St Pio of Pietrelcina Feast Day: 23 September

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity." Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease. Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles - *con't* - Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pio-of-pietrelcina>



Thank you for caring for our Retired Clergy

Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the Clergy Support Foundation can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well. The Clergy Foundation Committee is very grateful for your generous donations over the last few weeks, both via online portal or by mail, which have raised just over \$60,000 as of Thursday 9 September, about a third of our way to our target. Hopefully we will soon be able to hold the appeal in our parishes. Thanks again and if you haven't yet made a donation and would like to, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close 30 Oct 21. Visit www.cagliari.org.au



One million children praying the Rosary

ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity & peace in the world on 18 Oct.

Register and learn more at

www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

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Resources for young people in the
Diocese of Parramatta during these
difficult times

parracatholic.org/withyou



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

'The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

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Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

"I am with you always" – Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

World Day of Prayer for Creation & Season of Creation

Pope Francis has designated September 1 as the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*. Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying for and taking action for our common home on 1 September and during the Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation

Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

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