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24th October 2021
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Hebrew 5: 1-6

Mark 10: 46-52



FAITH IS SEEING LIGHT WITH YOUR HEART WHEN ALL YOUR EYES SEE DARKNESS

We have all experienced to a greater or lesser degree the effects of any physical infirmity. Physical infirmities not only limit our activity, but also limit our range of options. The greater one's physical infirmity, the greater one can feel marginalized.

The blind man in the gospel was just such a person marginalized by his blindness- a truly serious physical infirmity. There were no social security or government programs for him to fall back upon and therefore we could imagine how limiting his disability really was. Moreover, his parents did not leave him any inheritance and so he was expected like everyone else to earn a living somehow. He was of no value in society. He found himself at the bottom rung of society, so much so that he had lost even the human dignity. His situation was desperate; there was no choice for him than to go begging in order to find a living. He lived at the mercy and generosity of others. You can just imagine heaps of mixed feelings this particular person went through!

Jesus was passing by and he recognized his presence and sensed that he was the only source of hope- the same source of hope that the Prophet Jeremiah in the first reading foretold that God would gather the blind and the lame from the corners of the earth. He did not miss the chance... he expressed his great faith despite the crowd trying to silence him. His perseverance resulted in regaining his eye sight. The blind man in the gospel opens himself in faith to new possibilities and thereby he acquired a new meaning and a new direction for his life.

"Father William Bausch in a beautiful essay on the Bartimaeus story suggests that there are three things we would want to see differently: (1) relationships, (2) the overlooked and (3) the hints of God's grace in our lives.

The first thing Fr. Bausch says what we would want to see differently is what our heart has always told us is true: that relationships are the most important part of life. This would lead us to ask ourselves why we allowed the madness of individualism and consumerism to get ahead of our relationships? Why did we allow our careers and our schedules, our entertainment and our desire to accumulate things push the people in our lives to the side? When we look at our lives, all too often our most important relationships— the relationships between husband and wife, children and parents, and friends—are not as treasured as we know they should be. We don't eat together; we don't take time for the people we love. Yet, in our most sober moment we know that nothing is more important than our relationships. Then why don't we see it?

In 1917 during the Russian Revolution, thousands of unsuspecting and bewildered subjects were randomly gathered together and executed with a bullet in the back of their heads. An eyewitness of those executions said that when it became clear to the victims that they were going to die, most of them made the same request. They wanted to say goodbye. And because no one else was available, many of them ended up saying goodbye and kissing their own executioners. Isn't that a sad story? But does it not emphasize that in the end relationships are what count. When we face a bullet in the back of our head, what we want to do is remember and honour our connectedness to each other. If it is so clear then, why is it not clearer now? Why don't we see it? I would imagine that if we are given a second time around, we would pray to see more clearly the primacy of relationships in our lives.

The second thing that Fr. Bausch says we should ask to see what is overlooked. You know who the overlooked are: the poor, the needy, the troubled, the non-persons who suffer because they have value in the eyes of so few. The overlooked are the people who tried to love us and we did not love in return, the people who cried out to us and we did not hear, and every person we did not treat with the value that they deserved.

We should include ourselves in the list. Because there are some parts of our lives that we have overlooked: our attitudes, ideologies, behavioural patterns, addictions and so on. None of us can become the person that God wants us to be unless we are willing to admit that there are flaws and faults in our life that we have overlooked. Therefore, if we had a second time around, would we not pray to see the people we have overlooked and the flaws in our own life that we were unwilling to face?

The third and final thing we would be called to see is the presence of God in our lives, the hints of God's presence that surround us. God is always present in our lives, living in every moment and every breath. The beauty of God pulses through our daily routine. Yet how infrequently do we see that presence and take comfort and strength from it. How much deeper, how much more rewarding our life would be if we could have increased sensitivity to the ways in which God is present in our lives. The promise of the gospel is that the second time around can begin today". (Edited from the homily of FR. GEORGE SMIGA)



God's blessings

Fr. Vince

PARISH NEWS

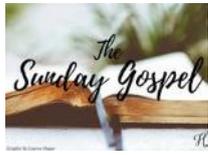
WE ARE OPEN



COVID Safe practices for indoor venues including 4 square meter rule, wearing masks, maintaining physical distancing and hygiene requirements and record keeping/sign in using QR Codes will be maintained.

Please note: Sunday 10 am mass will be live streamed.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses-113377783718546/>



SUNDAY GOSPEL

Come join us via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am 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 on 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

Sacramental Program - Holy Communion

Given the easing of restrictions for Churches, we are commencing our preparation sessions for Holy Communion in November. Enrolment & Commitment meeting **Wednesday, 10 November** at 4.30pm and 7pm. One parent only is required to attend this meeting. Preparation Sessions: **Sundays, 14, 21 and 28 November** at 3pm or 4pm. Each child is to attend with one parent. Please contact Sandra for further details and to confirm your attendance. Mob 0410 587 735 stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



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. Come and be part of our beautiful community!

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MADS

12 November marks the 30th anniversary of the Dili Massacre in Timor-Leste, which killed 271. Unarmed and peaceful protesters were violently attacked and killed by Indonesian troops at a Santa Cruz Cemetery while they advocated for justice after the death of Sebastiao Gomes two weeks earlier. This is a place I have visited many times, and talked with the journalist Max Stalh an English journalist who secretly got footage of the massacre out to the wider world. Max is still based in Dili. ACCRATH Human trafficking: Placing the person at the centre of our Christmas shopping: Wednesday 27 October Cuppa at 11.15 am, Conversation 11.30 am to 12.00 noon office@ACRATH.org.au

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" & "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. Please email Maria Kervin on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org for training dates, registration and for Zoom meeting details - Fr Vince

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



ST MADS ROSARY

Join us to pray the rosary led by Kay Brooks and Lydia Ceccato. They will lead us in prayer after mass on Thursdays and continue on zoom on Monday nights at 7pm. Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Please join with us in growing our faith community.



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.

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.



ST MADS BOOK CLUB

This work revises, restructures, edits, augments, and develops the early works into a single coherent case for belief. It does not shy away from the biggest challenges to faith inside and outside of the Church but outlines a contemporary and accessible response to the issues that confront and sometimes confound believers today. **27 October 2021, 7.30pm.** To join our Zoom group, email careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

Maria Bernado, Joe Martins, India Spink, Aureen Dunn, Filonila Cruz, Sr.Mary Conway, Fatima Lizi, Engracia Corpuz, Barry McBride

For the dearly departed

Francesco Luca, Leslie George Waters, Leonard Meryment, Giovanni Scarpin (30th anniversary), Giuseppina Scarpin, Giulia and Fulvio Russo, Eduardo and Maria Piccoli, Maria Battaia, Domenica Scarpin

For healing of the sick

Eduard Affolter, Don Khoury, Margaret Doyle, Josh Kennedy, David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Imelda Pellison, Jasminka Medak, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, 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, Giuseppi Grasso, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Patrick, Faye Willing, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bource, 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 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

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones

Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

Finance Committee Chair: Aaron Cauchi

Welcomes Coordinator:

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretaries:

Anastasia Abdipranoto
Susie Lee

Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

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

Saint Peter of Alcantara

Feast Day: 26 October

Peter was a contemporary of well-known 16th-century Spanish saints, including Ignatius of Loyola and John of the Cross. He served as confessor to Saint Teresa of Avila. Church reform was a major issue in Peter's day, and he directed most of his energies toward that end. His death came one year before the Council of Trent ended.

Born into a noble family—his father was the governor of Alcantara in Spain—Peter studied law at Salamanca University, and at 16 he joined the so-called Observant Franciscans, also known as the discalced friars. While he practiced many penances, he also demonstrated abilities which were soon recognized. He was named the superior of a new house even before his ordination as a priest, was elected provincial at the age of 39, and he was a very successful preacher. Still, he was not above washing dishes and cutting wood for the friars. He did not seek attention; indeed, he preferred solitude.

Peter's penitential side was evident when it came to food and clothing. It is said that he slept only 90 minutes each night. While others talked about Church reform, Peter's reform began with himself. His patience was so great that a proverb arose: "To bear such an insult one must have the patience of Peter of Alcantara." continued-



<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-of-alcantara>

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ST MADS LAUDATO SI CIRCLE

"Each of us has a personal responsibility to care for creation...which God entrusted to us." Pope Francis

A Laudato Si' Circle is a small group of people who gather to be rooted in prayer, reflection on lifestyle, and communal action

Join us as we journey together to implement the Laudato Si Platform in our community. Meet for prayer, reflection, action. Bring your ideas

Who: All

When: 27 Oct 21 Time: 7-8pm on Zoom atm

ID: 895 1620 0459

More info: Sue 0432 716 577. Careyanne 0438 791 813

To get started reading, you can find a free PDF version of Laudato Si' here: <https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-fran->



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

As we approach the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/Masses



October IS World Mission Month

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

As NSW reaches its 80% double dose vaccination target, parishes across Western Sydney and Blue Mountains are opening their door for private prayer, Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check Mass and liturgy times and the COVID-Safe arrangements in place. Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#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

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

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.

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. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.



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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo		Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Maria Baldi, Vicky Hooper & Parish Team			CHILDREN'S LITURGY
FLOWERS	Donated by Vince Luca Arranged by Alice Garratt			ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman

30/31 Oct	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating Belinda Da Ruos	Maureen & Rick Jones	Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah		
	READERS	Mary Sammut	Anthony Hooper Gerry McArdle	Marietta Nesci	Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato	
	JNR MINISTERS					
	MUSICIANS					
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold			CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS				ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman