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27th March 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

“The gospel is distinct from the other two approaches: In its view, everyone is wrong, everyone is loved, and everyone is called to recognize this and change.” – Timothy Keller

The gospel passage has different names, depending on which person in the story we refer to. If our focus is the elder son, then it is a parable of a Complaining Son; if the younger son, then it is a parable of a Prodigal Son. But if our focus is the father, who is the centre of the parable, it is viewed as a parable of a Merciful, Loving Father.

Now, let us take some moments in the story for our further reflections.

First, let us begin our reflection on the two sons. The two sons are self-centered. Both demonstrated their desire for satisfying themselves. On the one hand, the younger son is a squanderer, a wastrel. He took what is rightfully his, and spent everything. Well, it tells us of ourselves, that is, our greed or tendency to be greedy; inclined to be frivolous. On the other hand, the elder son is a complainer. He had the reason to complain to his father. This attitude also tells us about ourselves, that is, our own envy, jealousy, and resentment.



Second, it is the younger son who underwent a process of conversion. The virtues of humility and repentance are very much present in the younger son. As we have seen, the key to repentance is the humble admission of sin and guilt. At first blush, we find the younger son as more wicked than the elder son. But later, we can appreciate him for his sincere humility that he has committed a sin. I think we all agree that the humble admission of sin is something difficult for us to do because of pride. In relationships, whether in friendship, sibling relationship or husband-wife relationship, this is usually the case. There are small problems which become worse because no one admits that he or she is sinning. Our tendency is to show and prove that we are perfect. If ever there is a problem, most people often blame others for the problem or for the sin committed.

Two families lived nearby. One family had constant quarrels and the other one lived quietly and friendly. One day, feeling jealous about the nice atmosphere that flourished in the neighbouring family, the wife told her husband: Go to the neighbours and look what they are doing for such well-being.



The husband went, hid and started watching. He saw a woman who was wiping the floor in the room. Suddenly something distracted her, and she ran to the kitchen. At that time her husband rushed into the room. He did not notice the bucket of water, occasionally kicked it, so the water overflowed. Then his wife came back from the kitchen and told him: I'm sorry, honey, it's my fault because I did not remove the bucket from the pass. No, I'm sorry, honey, it's my fault, because I did not notice it. The man returned

home, where the wife asked him: Did you understand the reason for their well-being? I guess that I did. You see, we always seek to be right, while each of them takes the blame on himself.



The first man (Adam), caught in the first sin, turns to blame his wife (Eve) and he extends the blame to God as well! He implies that he would have remained innocent if God hadn't put Eve in the garden with him. The blame-shifting in the Garden continues today. Our proud hearts send us desperately looking for someone else to point to every time we're confronted with our own sin. There must be someone else-our spouse, sibling, parent, boss, co-worker, pastor, friend, or God himself. We have to look for the good attitude of the younger son, that is, the humble admission of sin. We look for the capacity of the person to be humble.

Third, the father's attitude is something that we look forward to in the process of conversion. Pope John Paul II describes the Father as Rich in Mercy. This is something that he wants us to experience. If the Father is very merciful, then, repentance or conversion should be part and parcel of our day-to-day life. Moreover, if the Father is lovingly merciful, then, the sacrament of reconciliation should be one of the most loved sacraments for us. When was the last time that we received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? **Shall we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year on Wednesday, 6th April in our parish?** It will be an experience of being embraced with fatherly love. (Reflection Source duly acknowledged)

God's blessings, Fr. Vince

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

The Sunday Gospel reflections	Tuesday at 10.30 am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
Prayer Group	Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre
St Mad's Book Club	To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
RCIA	For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office
St Mads Care Group	Provide parish support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance to members of our parish Contact Bernadette 0418 248 256
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass & Monday and Wednesday nights at 7pm Via Zoom: Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Contact Lydia Ceccato & Kay Brooks
Baptism Preparation	First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260 (Tues-Fri 10am-4 pm or stmads@yahoo.com.au)



LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

Wednesday after Morning Mass 10am at St Madeleine Centre
Friday morning 10.30am at St Madeleine Centre
Sunday evening after 5.30pm Mass

LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, 2 April 2022

Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813
or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

LENTEN REFLECTION

Date: Wednesday, 30 March 2022
Time: 7pm
At: St Madeleine's Centre
Presenter: Deacon Michael
Topic: Self Care and Self Denial

Our condolences and prayers with the Harb family over the demise of their mum Daad Antonios Khoury Harb

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. You can drop off the envelopes at the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,224.05
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$1,207 Loose = \$945.90
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,855.76

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

This weekend the diocese celebrated coming together to have a Diocesan Leaders Conversation: "Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Asylum" hope to share some of the outcomes from the day. This week I did join with Caritas Australia Parish Project Compassion Conversations learning from Janice on her story to keep Indigenous culture alive, <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/support-janice/> Laudato Si' tip is a claim the date for Laudato Si' week <https://laudatosiweek.org/> Journeying Together-22-29 May 2022 <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/03/21/laudato-si->

'the only way we are going to put out this fire is to get on the social justice bus and heal our wounds, because in the end, there is only one bus.'
Paul Hawken Blessed Unrest

PIETY STALL Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? We are open after every weekend Mass. Contact: Sandra Tabone on 0413 272 400

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday 9 April Saturday 5.30pm Vigil
10 April 8am, 10am and 5.30pm Mass

Holy Thursday

14 April 7pm
Good Friday 15 April
10am Stations of the Cross
3pm The Passion of Our Lord



Holy Saturday 16 April Easter Vigil 5.30pm
Easter Sunday 17 April 8am and 10am Mass

CONGRATULATIONS to Emily and Vincent on their wedding

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED:

Aston Barecca, Francesca Viscomi,
Matteo & Giorgio Lum, Patrick Martin,
Tyler Zancanaro and Aaliyah Fragogianni

HOLY WEEK ROSTER

Please place your name on the draft Roster at the entrance of the Church

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased: Daad Antonios Khoury Harb

For the dearly departed: David Jurd, Daniel Francis Doyle, Erminia Vumbaca, Raymond Caruana, Francesco & Filomena Corcoglioniti, Giuseppe & Caterina Musso, June Brennen, R.Eugenio Locciso, M.Teresa & Pasquale Locciso, L.Pietro & Giorgio Fudo, Giusseppino & Rosa Murdoca, Rita Franceschina, Eriberto Adan, Giuseppe Musso, Benito Sabellano, Cescilita Villavert, Vince O'Neill, Thomas Farrell, Vicky Caruana, Mary Fatima Ovans, Domenico Franceschina, Alegria Canseco-Ricafrente, Sr Mary Eufemia Buhagiar, Patrick Joseph Bradley, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Maria & Giacomo Battaia, Olive Burns, Theresa Alphones, Joe Galea, Norah Theresa Joy, Marian Adorni, Neville Hannah, Engracia Corpuz, Sheila Lopez, Michele Vaccarella, Shaju Xavier, Barbara Wood, Karen Draddy, Elizabeth Graby, Thea Crowe, James D'arcy, Keith Okey, Marguerita Rigby, Michele Vaccarella, Pablito Corpuz, Felician Sabellano

Please pray for the sick: Kenneth McLachlan, John Dal Ben and Jennifer Burgess

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 Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekmann

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Welcomers Coordinator:

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

Susie Lee

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Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Dr Gavin Hays

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

St Peter Regalado

Feast Day: March 30

Peter lived at a very busy time in history.

The Great Western Schism (1378-1417) was settled at the Council of Constance (1414-1418). France and England were fighting the Hundred Years' War, and in 1453, the Byzantine Empire was completely wiped out by the loss of Constantinople to the Turks. He became part of a group of friars who wanted to lead a life of greater poverty and penance. In 1442, he was appointed head of all the Spanish Franciscans in his reform group. Peter led the friars by his example. A special love of the poor and the sick characterized Peter. Peter was canonised in 1746.

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



CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for various ministries in our parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, singer, sacristan or with cleaning.

Could all existing volunteers please email the Parish Office: a form will be provided to you—or you can use the QR Code—to update your details and confirm your availability.



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page:

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Position Vacant

Administration Support – Formation for Mission, Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta –
Applications close 10pm Monday 28 March

Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Sunday 10 April More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Mentoring Couples to be Married: 9 April

Following the success of the Masterclass on Mentoring Engaged couples for Marriage, we are offering an additional Zoom for those who missed out on recent face-to-face training. Are you a married couple looking to accompany Engaged couples preparing for Marriage using the SmartLoving Online program? This time limited commitment of 4-9 weeks can be undertaken in your own home. To learn more and register for the Zoom Session on **Saturday 9 April at 10am**, please call Marisa on (02) 8838 3460 or email met@parracatholic.org.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

World Meeting of Families: 22-26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022.

Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series: Starting 29 April

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com

Diocesan, Deanery & Parish Pastoral Council Formation and Training: 30 March

The next Parish, Deanery and Diocesan pastoral council formation and training session will be held on Wednesday 30 March at 7.30pm via Zoom. This session will be on 'Formation for Mission and Professional Development' with Sr Grace Roclawska – Head: Formation for Mission, Diocese of Parramatta. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8h68xd>. For any further information, please contact Tanya Quinn on met@parracatholic.org or call 0459 133 665.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please pray for all our children as we continue the process for **Confirmation**.

Confirmation takes place on Friday, 13 May and Sunday 15 May.

Enrolment forms are available online stmadeleine.org.au - under Sacraments for **Reconciliation and Holy Communion**.

Sandra m.0410 587 735

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26/27 Mar		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Brendan Ford	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Lidia Ceccato
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Darren McNeill	Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders	Sandra Tabone	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers	Patrick McNeill	Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler		
	COUNTERS	Maria Baldi & Vicky Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper

2/3 April	WELCOMERS		Rose & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christian Maaait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
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