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1 May 2022

**3rd Sunday of Easter
Year C**

**Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19**

Love is always freely given. Love cannot be demanded. We can request things of each other, but we must never demand anything. Requests give direction to love, but demands stop the flow of love”- Cary Chapman.

Marriages fall apart for many different reasons, but one of the most common and challenging to overcome is the discovery that one partner has cheated on the other.



It can be a fatal blow to most marriages — but not always. Marriage counselors and therapists are finding that more and more couples are choosing to remain together, that couples who choose to work through issues of trust often end up with a stronger, more loving and mutually understanding relationship than they had previously.

Many spouses care deeply for the well-being of their partners even while lying to them, and just as many of those betrayed continue to love the ones who lied to them. They find a way to stay together. Betrayal cuts to the bone, but the wound can be healed.

Writing in The New York Times [January 23, 2018], health columnist Jane E. Brody recounts the experience of a friend who found herself in that position when she discovered her husband’s affair.

“At first, I wanted to kick him out, but I realized that I didn’t want to get divorced. My mother did that and she ended up raising three children alone. I didn’t want a repeat of my childhood. I wanted my son, who was then two years old, to have a father in his life. But I also knew that if we were going to stay together, we had to go to couples counseling.”

About a dozen sessions later, the woman came away from the experience with life-changing insights:

“I know I’m not perfect. I was very focused on taking care of my son, and my husband wasn’t getting from me whatever he needed. Everybody should be allowed to make mistakes and learn from them. We learned how to talk to each other and really listen. I love him and respect him, I’m so happy we didn’t split apart. He’s a wonderful father, a stimulating partner, and while our marriage isn’t perfect — whose is? — we are supportive and nurturing of each other. Working through the affair made us stronger.”



It’s hard work: to forgive and to seek forgiveness, to restore trust and rebuild a shattered relationship, to recognize the brokenness that led to estrangement and to commit together to mending the cracks. But Jesus gives us a model of such reconciliation in today’s Easter Gospel. Jesus’ lifting up of Peter’s love and commitment transforms Peter’s utter failure into understanding and wisdom that enables Peter to take on his role in the post-Resurrection story. It is the same movement from brokenness to healing, from betrayal to trust that couples in crisis undertake to stay together. The Easter Christ calls Peter and his brothers and now all of us to take on his work of reconciliation: to possess — despite our doubts and disappointments — the heart of the Risen Jesus to forgive and seek forgiveness, to be the means of enabling God’s mercy to be realized in our own families, neighbourhoods and communities. (A Sampler Connections)

A well-known speaker began a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. He asked the audience, “Who would like to have this \$20 bill?” Hands started going up. He then said, “I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this.” He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, “Who still wants it?” The hands remained in the air. “Well,” he added, “What if I do this?” He dropped it to the floor and proceeded to grind it with his shoe. He picked it up, crumpled and dirty. “Now who still wants it?” Still a few hands were raised because the bill had not decreased in value. It was still worth \$20.

Do we feel crumpled and grounded into the dirt by our wrong choices and the circumstances we have yielded into? Bear in mind that we never lose value in God’s eyes. We are special to God and let us never forget it. This realization and experience will enable us to accept others as they are with the love of Jesus. Our love for others despite their betrayal, infidelity, irresponsibility flows from our own experience of the boundless love of God. This is the kind of love that Jesus is looking for in everyone of us.

God’s blessings



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 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)



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S Reconciliation week is coming up 27th May – June 3rd <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/> Be Brave, Make Change. Hills Yarning is holding an event at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills on May 26th Sorry Day. All are welcome. 1st May is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. We each work—at home, in the world, at school—so we can each draw strength from this humble saint. St. Joseph the worker, pray for us. Joseph is the patron saint of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, social justice, unborn children, travellers, immigrants, a happy death, families, expectant mothers, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general. May 1st also sees our Parramatta Synodal statement launched at Seven Hills parish. <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops> Laudato Si' journey at St Mad's - <https://parracatholic.org/laudatosi/> have you watched the 5 minute launch video, our social justice work is named?

FUNERAL OF THE LATE

MAVIS JOAN O'BRIEN

Date: Friday, 6 May
At: 11.30am
In our Church

Our deepest sympathies and prayers to the O'Brien family

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) = \$1,223
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$827 Loose = \$1,344.20
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit
\$1,855.76

Congratulations to the newly baptised:
Odin Graham
Rocco Rome Borg



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased: Mavis Joan O'Brien
For the dearly departed: Paul Cascun, Paul Castelino, Mary Cumbo, Joan Carroll, James McGirr, Rosa Maria & Francesco Nati, Immaculata & Oreste Amministratore, Kenneth McLachlan, Joe Fuda, Matteo Desanti, Annamaria Boffo, Adelaide & David Baldi, John, Phylis & Walter de la Hoyde, Christy & Breda Sherlock, Martin Mileto, Michele Vaccarella, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, George Hajje, Joe & Adel Abraham, Annamaria Spina 'Mary', Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Olive & Harold Burns, Giovanni Battista, Giovanni Maria Luca
Please pray for the sick: Antonia Desanti, Joseph Spina, John Dal Ben and Jennifer Burgess
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.



NEED WASHING??

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Target. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence.. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Target. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in 'Mom let's run through the rain,' she said. 'What?' Mom asked.

'Let's run through the rain!' She repeated

'No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit,' Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated: 'Mom, let's run through the rain.'

'We'll get soaked if we do,' Mom said..

'No, we won't, Mom.. That's not what you said this morning,' the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?

'Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain.. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

'Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD let's us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing,' Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Send this to the people you'll never forget and remember to also send it to the person who sent it to you. It's a short message to let them know that you'll never forget them..

If you don't send it to anyone, it means you're in a hurry.

Take the time to live!!!



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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

Saints Philip & James

Feast Day:
3 May



James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater. Philip: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote" (Jn 1:45). Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (Jn 6:7). John's story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift. On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus's voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, "I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him" (Jn 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (Jn 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9a).

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Starts: Sunday, 1 May 2022

Held at: St Madeleine's Centre

Time 10am

to coincide with the 10am Family Mass

We look forward to welcoming you back!

Deb Rankin Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator

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Position Vacant: Fundraising Campaigns Manager Put Your Faith Into Action For the Common Good

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Position Vacant: Administrative Support Coordinator

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign"

On Friday 22 April, the annual Earth Day, the Diocese of Parramatta responded to the *cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv invited all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit parracatholic.org/laudatosi to download the launch video and for further information.

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.

View the draft Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

All are invited to **VIEW** the online version of the draft synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

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	READERS	Pat Waters	Margaret M Nigel Saunders	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima		Christian Maait	
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt	

7/8 May	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino		Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Sebire	Margaret M Catherine Diekman	David Hall O'Dwyer	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			
	MUSICIANS			Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi arranged by Maureen, Mari & Pauline		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman