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25th September 2022

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Tim 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Take time to notice the marginalized



You have to love it when we get a straight-forward gospel passage on what Christians are called to do. Typically, when Jesus speaks in parables, the disciples are confused by the story and surprised at the reversal of their expectations. Today's gospel might surprise but there's no confusion about the meaning behind the story.

The story tells of a poor man named Lazarus who lies starving at the doorstep of a rich man, who never acted cruelly toward him, but simply failed to see him. Both men die, and Lazarus goes to be with Abraham and the angels, while the rich man suffers punishment, begging for relief from the one he previously ignored. His sin wasn't his refusal to help the poor, but that Lazarus and his suffering never even entered his mind.

Poet Mary Oliver writes that "attention is the beginning of devotion." And it's true that what we pay attention to reveals our main concerns. My children are masters of this. The worms under the rock, the lone wildflower, the cloud that looks like a dolphin—rarely are things of nature too tiny or insignificant to escape their attention. Because they notice, they can appreciate. A person or thing must first be seen to be loved.

Jesus' audience might have been surprised that the rich man's failure to notice Lazarus qualified him for such torture, but the point is, though we may blind ourselves to the needs of others, God's preference remains with the marginalized. Note that Lazarus is named, while the rich man is not, a reversal of how we typically assign respect. How can we reshape our own values and sharpen our vision to see the needs in front of us?

We live in polarized times, not just politically but economically, with an ever-increasing wealth gap between the very rich and the numerous poor and working class. Entire classes of people are marginalized by economics, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or age. The poor are the hardest hit by environmental degradation, failures to fund social programs, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Can we take the time to notice those who are othered by society, moving to places where we can stand in solidarity and work for justice?

Even in death, the rich man fails to notice Lazarus' humanity, asking him to run errands like dipping his finger in water to provide relief or warning the rich man's brothers of impending punishment. Abraham responds to the latter request: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

We have been given all the information we need, including the example of the one who conquered death, to bridge these gaps between rich and poor, between those accepted by society and those pushed to the margins. Jesus' radical call in the gospel demands a shift in our own lives, our own attention, our own privilege and priorities. To quote St. Ambrose: "You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself. The world is given to all, and not only to the rich." May we hold loosely to our possessions and offer generously our attention and resources to all. - Reflections by ANGELA HOWARD-MCPARLAND

**HELPING THE POOR
AND NEEDY ONE'S IS
THE GREATEST ASSET
ONE CAN ACHIEVE.**

-Premjit Lourebam

I just found a wonderful short story on helping others. This is a story of a man begging for money with a cardboard sign that says 'I'm blind, please help.'

Few people passing down the street toss him coins and a few ignore him completely. The poor man doesn't seem happy almost every day because he doesn't get enough money to feed himself and his family.

One day, a woman comes to the beggar and says, 'hi'. She also asks him if she could change the writing on the cardboard. The beggar agrees. She rewrites his sign and leaves causing the donations to double by the end of the day.

The next day, the same woman crosses by and says hello once again. The beggar identifies her voice and asks her, 'what did she write on his cardboard?'

The woman simply smiles and says, 'It's a beautiful day and I can't see it'.

Sometimes doing good to others doesn't always mean helping them with money. There are always other ways of helping them. The poor man gets more help from that woman than anyone else walking by the street, without tossing a coin at him.

"We don't need to have deep pockets or be rich to help the needy, the poor and the hungry. We need to have a heart"- Kevin DeCruz.

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: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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 Kay Brooks & Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561
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)



SEASON OF CREATION RETREAT

1 October, 9.30am - 3pm.

Register on sign in sheet at back of church or ring 0438791813

Wander the peaceful gardens in Annangrove, explore God speaking to you in nature, open your heart to the Holy Spirit and the cry of the earth, be informed on the church's teaching on social justice and integral ecology, be rejuvenated and find God's purpose in this time of upheaval, and join our community in thankfulness and praise.

Come and meet like minded members of our community.

Make new connections. All welcome.

Discover: free trade, action groups, how to design a veggie garden, Three Rs, sustainability, Laudato Si goals of the diocese, fun and belonging.

Let us weep with the anguished plea of creation. Let us hear that plea and respond to it with deeds, so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope
Pope Francis

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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The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022



Explore with us the concepts of the Laudato Si Goals for our lives, parish, community and world, on **Thursday 29th September**, 7pm, in the St Madeleine Centre. Join us for a cuppa.

Pray with us at our Laudato Si retreat on 1 October 9.30 - 3pm.

Contact: Sue Martin 0432716577

Careyanne Moylan 0438791813

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S: Mr Peter Arndt has been appointed as the new Director of the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace within the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Diocesan Ecological Spirituality Retreat Day 8th October, Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. A retreat day about ecological spirituality. Join the team and guest speaker Trish Hindmarsh to explore the deeply spiritual foundations of caring for our common home.

The day will be based on Trish Hindmarsh's new book [Ecological Spirituality: Caring for our Common Home](#). Please register at parracatholic.org/PJRetreat

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased: Gean Riley, Salvatore Mercieca, Kathleen John

For the dearly departed: Leo Bachman, Michele Vaccarella, Feliciano & Benito Sabellano, Roberta S Alumios, Oswald D'Souza, Louis Sammut, Carmen Mifsud, Barry Ronald Jones, Joseph Galea, John Cavaco, Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Fulvio & Giulia Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Domenica Scarpin, Harold & Olive Burns, Matthew Riordan, Robert Smith Marine Nasri, Mary Cumbo, Maria Aioasa, Engracia Corpuz, Andrew Vien Debetaz

Please pray for the sick: Krista Hulme, Margaret Martin, Emily Larsen, Antonia Desanti, 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

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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Welcomers Coordinator:

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

Parish Secretaries

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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

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If you have questions or queries please email

Kim Parslow 0418 220 963

Sally Coppini 0407 942 986

stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com

FUNERAL OF THE LATE KATHLEEN JOHN

Date: Friday, 30 September

At: 12noon in our Church

Our prayers and condolences

with the John family

THANK YOU FOR BEANIES

On behalf of the Uniting Harris Community Centre I would like to Thank You, your mother and her church group for your generous donation of beautiful hand-made beanies and scarves.

As you may know, the Harris Community Centre works with disadvantaged families, individuals, and groups, who are experiencing financial hardship and difficulties managing the challenges of life. Our community is an area which is undergoing rapid and profound social and physical transformation, through redevelopment and gentrification.

In this current environment, we aim to assist community members who are unemployed; experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness; sole parents; our elderly residents; Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples; and those from a non-English speaking background. In other words, everyone is Welcome and anyone who requests aid at our Centre is treated with dignity, respect, compassion, and non-judgemental support.

Your very generous donation goes towards supporting and assisting these people to relieve, in some small way, their troubled situations. We believe that this service is one which is needed and depended upon by many residents in the area, and even more so during this cold winter.

PUBLIC ROSARY

Saturday, 15th October 2022

9am at the Church

St Vincent de Paul

Feast Day:

27 September



The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life. The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages. Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries. Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others. Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer [Blessed Frédéric Ozanam](#).
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>

Our Lady of Fatima
FEAST DAY

WITH MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY DIOCESE

Sunday 9th October 2022 at 12:30pm
At St Benedict's Parish Church
Cnr of Fagans and Arcadia Roads, Arcadia.

Beginning with a play about Fatima and recital of the Rosary in five languages, followed by a Procession and Holy Mass.

Anyone wishing to make special petitions to Our Lady, there will be a "PETITION BOX" at the foot of the statue. The petitions will be taken to the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal.

The day will conclude with the cutting of the anniversary cake, & the drawing of raffle prizes. All are invited for refreshments.

All Are Welcome
For Further Details: 0438 521 421

There will be a nine-day "NOVENA" held at 6.25pm in St Benedict's Church, starting Fri 30th September, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm (subject to priest availability).

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We URGENTLY need
PowerPoint operators for our
Masses and more singers

Please contact the Parish Office
if you can help as a reader,
welcomer, musician, providing
flowers, singing, sacristan
or with cleaning.



Pastoral Formation Sacraments Short Course: Starts 6 October: Are you passionate about deepening your appreciation of the sacraments? Want to enhance your sacramental vision of life? Over two Thursday nights (6 and 13 October), discover more with Sr Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocese of Parramatta's Worship team. Face-to-face from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by September 21 via met@parracatholic.org OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

Masterclass for Sponsor Married Couples: 28 October: The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 28 October at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Sponsoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email marriage@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 30 October: The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.

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	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS			Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper	
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	READERS	Pat Waters Mary Sammut	Margaret Mieczkowski Tony Hooper	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
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	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
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