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16th October 2022

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop”

Don't quit, don't give up, don't lose heart. Keep going. This encouragement is at the heart of this week's readings. Moses holds up the staff of God, his arms supported by Aaron and Hur, for hours, during a battle. Paul challenges Timothy to remain faithful to the ministry of proclamation, even in the face of resistance. And Jesus tells the story of a widow who persists in demanding justice from an unjust judge until she wears him down and is given her due.



The widow's extreme vulnerability makes this courage even more striking. According to the social norms of the time, a male family member would have gone to plead her cause on her behalf before the judge. Presumably, she has no one to do this, so she confronts the judge herself. We can presume the dispute was to do with property or possessions, resources she needed for her very survival as a widow in a society without a safety net.

Where did this woman's strength come from? How did she find the inner resources to demand justice from this powerful authority figure? What allowed her to continue to raise her voice and defend her dignity without losing heart?

Jesus explains that the widow is an example of how to persevere in prayer, trusting that God will do justice. His closing question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" is meant to draw his disciples into reflection. Where do we find the strength to be faithful, and not lose heart?



This question is communal as well as personal. And it's particularly relevant for this moment in our global church. Pope Francis has initiated a synod and invited all baptised Catholics to participate. The word "synod" means walking together, and the purpose of the synod is "not to create a new church, but to create a different church." As part of the synod, people from around the world, especially those on the periphery, have shared in listening sessions over many months. It's possibly the largest consultation in human history!

Truly showing up and staying in the synodal journey, trusting that God is present in the process, requires something of the widow's courage. Continuing to walk together as the People of God, amid deep polarization, mistrust, and weariness takes faith. Continuing to walk together, when the voices of cynics, sceptics, and critics are so loud, takes perseverance.

Depending on our position and privilege, we will have different temptations in the synodal journey. There is the temptation to think only my voice, my perspective, my experience matters. There is also the temptation to think my voice doesn't matter at all, or that I have nothing to say. Depending on where we stand, we may be called to magnanimity, or we may be called to humility. Some of us will need to speak up and others will need to quiet down, for all voices to be heard.

The purpose of the Synod, according to Pope Francis is not just to create documents but "to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, and allow hope to flourish." That needs the presence of you, of me, of each of us. Let's persist in continuing the journey. Let's keep walking together without losing heart. - By Rhonda Miska.

The story is told that President Andrew Jackson's boyhood friends just couldn't understand how he became a famous general and then the President of the United States. They knew of other men who had greater talent but who never succeeded. One of Jackson's friends said, "Why, Jim Brown, who lived right down the pike from Jackson, was not only smarter but he could throw Andy three times out of four in a wrestling match. But look where Andy is now." Another friend responded, "How did there happen to be a fourth time? Didn't they usually say three times and out?" "Sure, they were supposed to, but not Andy. He would never admit he was beat — he would never stay 'thrown.' Jim Brown would get tired, and on the fourth try Andrew Jackson would throw him and be the winner." — Picking up on that idea, someone has said, "The thing that counts is not how many times you are 'thrown,' but whether you are willing to stay 'thrown.'" We may face setbacks, but we must take courage and go forward in Faith. Then through the Holy Spirit's power, we can be the eventual victor over sin and the world. The battle is the Lord's, so there is no excuse for us to stay "thrown"! (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

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)



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RCIA—Information Evening

Thursday, 3 November at 6.30pm

The Community of Faithful (Church) invites those unbaptised adults seeking to embrace catholic faith and individuals desiring to become full pledged members of the Catholic Community and even the baptised Catholics aspiring to enhance the Christian life to join the RCIA programme.

For any query contact Fr Vincent or the parish office.



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 weekend Masses or the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,125.30
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$775 Loose = \$ 894.55
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Resumes this Sunday 16th October
St Madeleine's Centre
at 10am**

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Leslie George Waters, Rita & Domenico Franceschina, Domenica & Francesca Barbaro, Leonard Meryment, Frederick Salmon, Leo Bachman, Gean Riley, Salvatore Mercieca, Kathleen John, Michele Vaccarella, Feliciano & Benito Sabellano, Roberta S Alumios, Oswald D'Souza

Please pray for the sick: Xavier Huber, Giuseppe Scisciolo, Sofia Viizzo, Phyllis Hannah, 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



27 October 7-8pm: *New Seeds of Contemplation* by Thomas Merton seeks to awaken the dormant inner depths of the spirit so long neglected by Western man, to nurture a deeply contemplative and mystical dimension in our lives." "Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul."

Join us for a sharing of our thoughts and meeting new friends.

Join our zoom

Meeting ID: 815 4470 1500

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S: As you might have heard, the Laudato Si' Movement in partnership with Off the Fence Productions has collaborated with the Vatican to release the long awaited Laudato Si' film – The Letter. The film hopes to bring Pope Francis' vision of integral ecology to life! The film features frontline champions from around the world. The protagonists represent 4 key voices that are not being heard – the voice of the Indigenous, the voice of the young, the voice of the poor and the voice of nature. The movie shows the coming together of these voices with Pope Francis. Caritas – Catholic Earthcare is hosting an on-line event on October 24th at 6pm <https://www.trybooking.com/CDIYI> You can view the trailer here: [Official Trailer | The Letter: Laudato Si Film](#) The ARCC gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday was a beautiful event with students from the local schools assisting.

1 December 7-8pm: Told from the viewpoint of Psyche's sister, Orual, *Till We Have Faces* by CS Lewis is a brilliant examination of envy, betrayal, loss, blame, grief, guilt, and conversion. In this his final, and most mature and masterful novel, Lewis reminds us of our own infallibility and the role of a higher power in our lives.

Join us on zoom

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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

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Playgroup Coordinator:

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PARISH TEAM

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Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

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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

St Ignatius of Antioch

Feast Day:

17 October



Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ."

Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>

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Friday 4th November 2022

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If you have questions please contact

Kim 0418 220 963 or Sally 0407 942 986

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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.

MET Worship Sacramental Teams Thanksgiving Mass:

28 October The Worship - Mission Enhancement Team are inviting all Sacramental Teams, RCIA Teams, facilitators and volunteers to a Thanksgiving and Appreciation Mass on Friday 28 October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, at 7.30pm. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with one another and to be acknowledge for your work. To RSVP for catering purposes, please contact the Worship team on (02) 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Dinner Dance Donations Needed

Any Donations

Welcome

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the office (Tuesday, Thursday &

Friday) or contact Kim or Sally

for pick up

Kim Parslow 0418 220 963

Sally Coppini 0407 942 986

VOLUNTEERS - WWCC

PLEASE NOTE we will be contacting all volunteers that are in ministries that require **Working With Children Checks**

EVERY VOLUNTEER in our parish must provide current contact details by completing a form found online (use the QR Code) or by contacting Sandra De Nardi at the parish office on 9654 2260.

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.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Please continue to pray for our children as they prepare for Holy Communion which will take place on 23rd and 30th October.

Our Practise Session will be on
16th October at 4pm

followed by Mass. All families are expected to attend without fail.

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

Sandra De Nardi m.0410 587 735



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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	John Walcott Nigel Saunders	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS		Bailey Gambrell		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Vicky Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
FLOWERS	Linda Pellizer		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino	
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	READERS	Colleen Dunlop	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Vicky Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
	FLOWERS	Calla Lily		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino