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24th September 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20-24, 27
Mt 20:1-16

The Kingdom of God is not a matter of getting individuals to heaven, but of transforming the life on earth into the harmony of heaven. - Walter Rauschenbusch

The first principle of psychology is that each one of us sees life from one's own perspective. The capacity to look at life from our own individual perspective plays out in countless ways.

How many times have we looked at a couple and mused: "What does she see in him?" or "in her?" How often have we criticised another person's taste or style? There are countless examples in this first principle of psychology. We see things from our own perspective. From a counselling perspective what matters is not the facts of any situation but the point of view of the person trying to deal with those facts. While this first principle of psychology is unquestionably true, it can become a trap. For if our perspective becomes the only point of view with which we gaze upon the world...when we believe that what we see, what we experience and what we feel are the only legitimate perspectives, then we can become trapped in a mire of selfishness. This is the heart of today's Gospel. It is well captured in the words of the Prophet Isaiah "God's thoughts are not our thoughts".

The gospel tells the story of an owner hiring labourers at five different times of the day. When the time for the payment comes, he pays the same wage to everyone. From the perspective of the persons hired at 9 am, it is unfair. Looking from legal terms the owner's act cannot be justified. But whose point is it? The master gave them exactly what was agreed upon. The persons hired early might have felt that they were cheated. They should have received more. In Jesus' time Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There were many commands which must be fulfilled, and people were divided into two classes, the righteous who were on the road to salvation by fulfilling the commands, and the unrighteous, outcasts despised by those who kept the law. It was this slot-machine conception of God that Jesus opposed by his emphasis on love, for in love there is no calculation of duties, rights and obligations; there is only an open-handed giving without counting the cost, and a grateful receiving. The gospel parable would seem strange as an economic model where money is the bottom line but is better understood in a system where mutual love and caring is the guiding principle which is quite evident in our family relationships.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

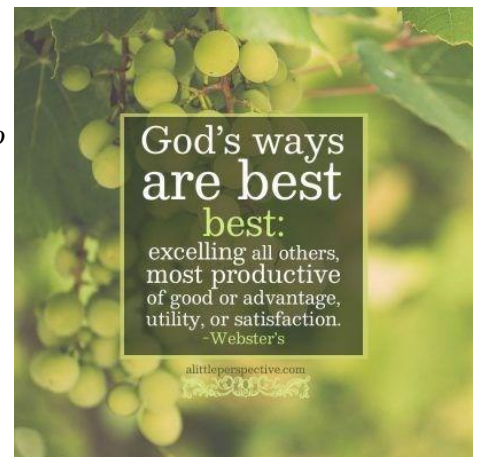


The point of this Gospel story is that God acts in the way that God wants to. God isn't dependent on our perspective of what is owed to us and what is just. Rather God's point of view is one of generous love and total compassion. That's the key...God loves each one of us. God doesn't treat us by our standards. We are treated by God's standard...God's point of view. Can you imagine what it would be like if we could make God's point of view our own? (Thanks to the sources)

Pope Francis says: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." (EG §114)

"There was a guy who died and was being given a tour of heaven, and he saw a friend of his drive by in a beautiful Mercedes. He said, "Boy, this is great! "Oh, yes," St. Peter said, "your friend was really generous on earth; we had a lot to work with. Your transportation up here depends on your generosity down there." Then St. Peter gave him his transportation: a Honda motor scooter. He said, "Wait a minute, he

gets a Mercedes, and I get a scooter? "That's right, it's all we had to work with." So the guy drove off in a huff. A week later Peter saw this guy all smiles and said, "You feeling better now?" The guy said, "Yea, I have ever since I saw my preacher go by on a skateboard! "A life of generosity reflects God's nature in a special way. Surely, God is just; but He is also outrageously generous and merciful at the same time. We do not get what we deserve. Rather God gives us more than we deserve. Today, He calls each one of us to be generous people".



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 Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass Monday Rosary Via Zoom 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)



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES - FOOD DRIVE—THIS WEEKEND

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. We are having a food drive in the parish this weekend. Suggested food items include Basmati rice, cooking oil (1-2L bottle), long life milk, tinned tuna in oil (185g & 425g), red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas, biscuits & muesli bars, dry chickpeas, red lentils & green lentils (1kd & 375g), pantry essentials (sugar, salt, tea bags, instant coffee) Requested Household Items: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo & conditioner, razors, soap, liquid laundry detergent

Please join us for the Rosary on
Saturday 14th October
at 9.30am in the Church

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Please contact the parish office if you can help as a reader, musician, cleaner, welcomer or with morning tea, flowers, or the powerpoint. All volunteers please ensure we have current contact details. Volunteer registration form found at the entrance to the Church or use the QR Code.



Please ensure your details are kept up to date **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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Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church and submit to Fr Vincent after completion.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,214.50
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$1,895.00 Loose = \$1,012.25

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$2,037.23

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MARIA KUIPERS

Date Thursday, 28 September 2023

Time: 11am

at St Madeleine's Church

*Our prayers and condolences
with the Kuipers family*

PIETY SHOP

2024 Columban Calendars now available \$10

Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? Come and have a look in the piety shop. We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items. Special orders are welcome too. We are open after every weekend Mass. Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



Recently deceased: Maria Kuipers

For the dearly departed: Justino Coquilla, Maria Giovanna Sultana, Filiciana & Benito Sabellano, Mary Cumbo, Sr Moya Lantry RSM, Hugo-John Cutrone, Engracia Corpuz, Salvatore Dolores, Marine Schelazi, Rena, Percy & Michael Hooper, Patrecia Bryant, Rona Collins, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham, Farrugia family, Mangoin family, Michael Joseph Duffy

Please pray for the sick: Cherry Luezzi, Henry Field, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, Aura Krakowszky, Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, Antonia Desanti, and Jennifer Burgess

If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please use the Mass offering envelopes found at the entrance to the Church or email the office kenthurst@parracatholic.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Thank you for your contributions to the food drive for Migrants and Refugees. A message from CAPSA the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum is co-convened by Jesuit Social Services and Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia, recognises the support and advocacy undertaken by individuals, schools, parishes and Catholic organisations across education, health, refugee and social services towards fair and humane treatment for people seeking asylum in Australia. CAPSA supports and amplifies these voices. Grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay. It was so lovely to see the Baabayn Aunties leading the YES march in Redfern last Sunday. Aunty Rita, Aunty Elaine and Aunty Jenny shared they were exhausted but elated at the turn out. It was good to share our story at the Season of Creation mass at Quakers Hill.

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chaccal

Baptism Preparation: Angeliqwe Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Amy Seychell

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 Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Welcomers Coordinator:

Safeguarding Champion: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

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: Dr Gavin Hays

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy during school term

Weekday Masses

9:15am Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45am - 10:15am Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
at 11:20am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

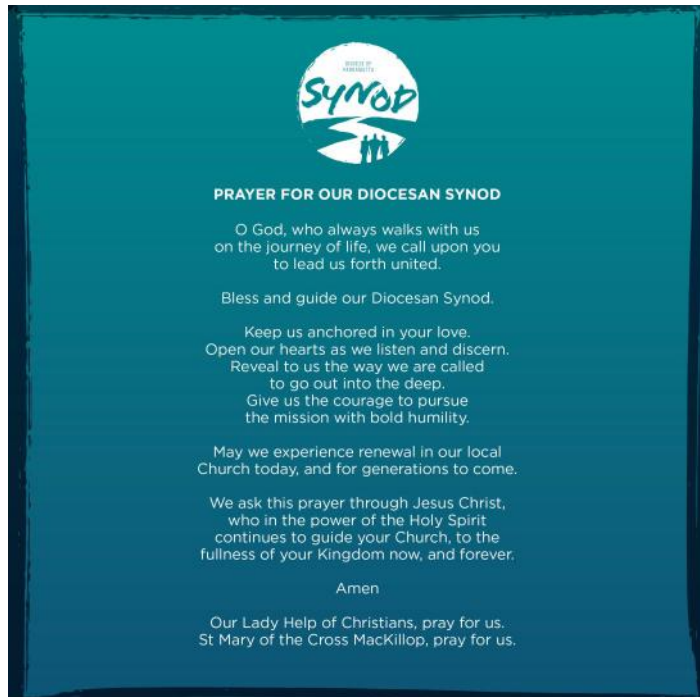
Saint Vincent de Paul

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. 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.

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Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023



Bishop Vincent will be celebrating Mass at St Madeleine's on 30 September 2023 at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod - copies available in the Church - All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

Peace, Justice and Ecology Season of Creation Weekly Zoom Join Peace, Justice & Ecology for an hour on Thursdays during Season of Creation as we ponder, discuss, and pray through Pope Francis' call to World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Message from Pope Francis. For more information, please email met@parracatholic.org.au.

Catholic Care Circle of Security Education Program: Starts 11 October Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families. To register and for enquiries, please call (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewbsm.org.au

Catholic Care Keeping Kids in Mind Education Program: Starts 16 October Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, in partnership with CatholicCare Broken Bay, CatholicCare Sydney and CatholicCare Wollongong, are running a five-week online program via Zoom on supporting children following family separation. The course begins with a pre-session on 16 October from 6pm to 7pm, with a session each Monday from 6pm to 8.45pm from 23 October to 20 November. The cost is \$10 for workbooks and minimum postage fees. All participants must participate in a pre-group interview. For enquiries, please contact (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewbsm.org.au



ST MADELEINE'S PLAYGROUP
St Madeleine's Centre
28 Amangrove Road, KENTHURST

- Every Thursday during school term, from 9.30am
- Play and activities for children 0-6 years old.

- Mums, Dads, Carers and Grandparents are all welcome!
- Bring a healthy morning tea and a hat for play.
- For more information, please contact Sarah - 0405 514 624 or Amy - aseychell3@parra.catholic.edu.au



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
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WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Teresa Capaldi	
MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
READERS	Justin Sebire Pat Waters	Maria Baldi Maria Fry	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			
MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler		
COUNTERS	Sonali Arnold & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt

30 Sept & 1 Oct

	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders John Walcott	Karla Quinn Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
JNR MINISTERS	Fred & Xavier Kyngdon & Emerson Sebire		Max & Elise Summerhays	Ben Barker
MUSICIANS				
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FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper