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1st October 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

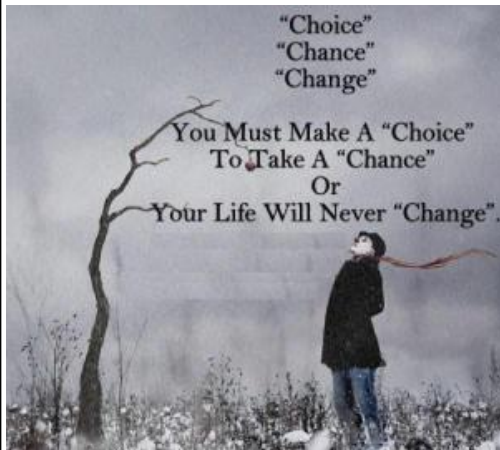
Mt 21:28-32

"PEOPLE WITH GOOD INTENTIONS MAKE PROMISES BUT PEOPLE WITH GOOD CHARACTER KEEP THEM"

I am pleased to announce that Brendon Ford has willingly taken over the responsibility of 'Safeguarding' in our parish. He has been officially commissioned by Bishop Vincent Lang as the parish safeguarding champion. May I request you to cooperate with him in all endeavours to make our community safe for everyone in every aspect of life. I would like to thank Suzanne for her yeomen service in the past years as the safeguarding champion.

There are many people in our midst who broadcast every good thing that they do. Their forum is public esteem, and opinion. On the other hand, there are also people who do good deeds, but quietly, with no thought of public approval in mind. All they seek is to do God's will and to please Him. Which one am I? The one message that stands out in today's gospel is that God is delighted with the repentant sinners over the so-called righteous people who put on a mask on themselves.

Some commentators have compared this passage in Matthew to the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke; both stories revolve around two sons, and a choice, and change. It



is clearly a theme that Jesus wanted to drive home again and again to his listeners, the notion that there is another way, a better way. The Father's way. The Father's will. He is calling.

I want to share a story I read in a commentary. "Twenty-five years ago, a young man named Peter Day was embarking on a career as a sportswriter in Australia. "Sports," he once said, "was my religion." He didn't pay much attention to his faith. "I had your standard boring Catholic upbringing," he said, "and usually went to Mass just at Christmas and Easter." As he was climbing up the career ladder, he got a job working for Australian radio. One Sunday, with nothing else to do, he wandered into a church. He found a seat near the back. Mass was underway. But it was unlike any he'd ever experienced before.

It was a Mass for the homeless. All the people around him had no place to live, no place to call home. "I remember sitting there among all these poor homeless people," he said, "And the gospel just came alive for me." That moment was transformative. He knew he couldn't keep doing what he'd been doing. He'd found another religion besides sports. A year later, he entered the seminary.

During his formation, he asked the archbishop for a special assignment: he wanted to live and work among the homeless. The archbishop agreed. For eight months, Peter Day lived at the bottom of a stairwell with nothing but a mattress. He showered in a public toilet. He lived among the lonely, the fearful, the depressed, the mentally ill. When he was ordained a deacon, the ordination took place where he often volunteered: at a Matt Talbot centre for recovering alcoholics.

A few months after that, he was ordained a priest. Today, Fr. Peter Day runs a charity for the homeless in Australia. A guy who once seemed destined to have everything he wanted serves those who have nothing. He has never felt more fulfilled. "This is why I was ordained," he says today, "to walk alongside those who are most vulnerable." It's a far cry from what he was doing 25 years ago. But at a critical moment in his life, like the son in the gospel, Peter Day changed his mind. Now, working with the homeless, he is himself an agent of change. Changing lives. Changing circumstances. Changing minds" (source duly acknowledged).

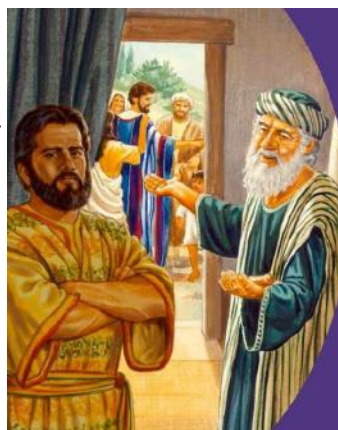
God is summoning us, calling us, challenging us—just like the father did with the two sons in the parable. He is asking us to do his work in the world. Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman put it beautifully: "God has created me to do Him some definite service," he wrote. "He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another...I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work." Jesus in this story seems to accept that we will not always do good willingly. It takes time to build up good habits and ways of behaviour. He would prefer that we do good unwillingly than do nothing at all. This is called by some people as spiritual and human realism.

A story to reflect: A story is told about a businessman who was ordering 500 ballpoint pens from an office equipment salesman. The latter was writing the order in his notebook, when suddenly the buyer exclaimed: "Hold on! I'm cancelling the order." The salesman left the store wondering why the wholesaler suddenly changed his mind. "Why did you suddenly cancel that order of ballpoint pens?" asked the surprised bookkeeper. The businessman angrily answered: "Because he talked about ballpoint pens to me for half an hour, using every convincing argument and then he wrote out my order with a pencil! His practice did not agree with his profession." A man's words must be followed out by actions. (Just me homily)

Wishing all the families and children to have a safe and joyful break!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



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TWO SONS

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MAD'S

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)



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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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,333.90
2nd Collection (for Parish)
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Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.

Thanks to Sally Sahyoun and family for sponsoring the statue of St Joseph to our parish community. Thanks to Steve Fry and Tony Carlino for preparing the concrete platform for the statue. Thanks to Stuart Bennet for organising the shipment of the statue from China and installing it.

God bless you all !
Fr Vince

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



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Maria Kuipers, Roberta Alumios, 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, Patricia 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 The Season of Creation mass last weekend was a wonderful celebration of our interconnectedness, thank you Rachael from the MET team for organising. EndChildPoverty the tagline for Anti-Poverty Week 2023. Australia is a wealthy country. No one should go hungry or live in fear of homelessness. This year the campaign to #endchildpoverty has been extended. Due to the Referendum on a First Nations Voice to Parliament being held on Saturday 14 October, Anti-Poverty Week will run over two weeks this year, from 15-27 October. You can help fight poverty & hardship. Creating Canopies will be holding a tree planting event at Holy Family Emerton Saturday October 28th. This will be with Greater Sydney Landcare and part of our Laudato Si' journey in the diocese. We are all eagerly awaiting the release of Laudate Deum "Praise God" October 4th the feast of St Francis of Assisi. The Pope says we must resolve "to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies." .

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chaccal
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
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Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman
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Welcomers Coordinator:
Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

PARISH TEAM

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Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

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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

St Francis of Assisi

Feast Day: 14 October

The patron saint of Italy,

Francis of Assisi was a poor

little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance. Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy." From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking. www.franciscanmedia.org



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



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.

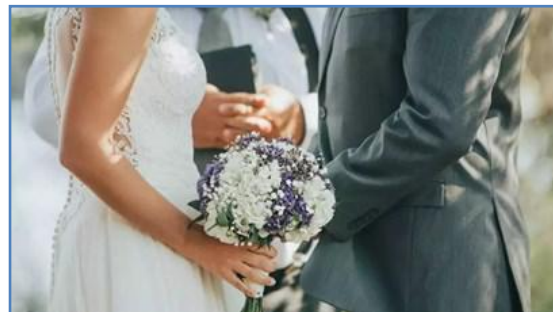
Catholic Care Circle of Security Education Program: Starts 11 October Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen 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



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	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				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
	FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper
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