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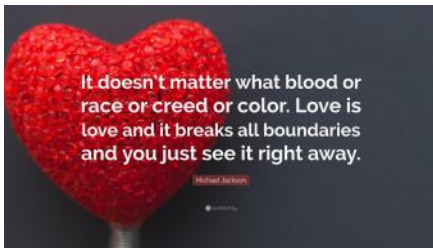
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26
1 Thess 1:5-10
Mt 22:34-40



Heart of the Matter

Life is becoming increasingly complex. We value people who have the gift of getting beyond the multiple dimensions of an issue so as to zoom in on the heart of the matter. Such people prevent us from missing the wood for the trees. They are good at separating out what really matters from the things that are less important. They encourage us to invest our energies in what is really worthwhile, rather than allowing them to be dissipated by what is not significant.



Jesus was a person who knew how to go to the heart of the matter. On one occasion someone asked him to intervene in a family dispute about inheritance. In his reply, he ignored the concrete issue and, instead, he called on the person who approached him to “Be on your guard against all kinds of greed” (Lk 12:13-15). He saw that the real issue was not the details of the case but the greed which underlay the dispute.

This capacity of Jesus to get to the heart of the matter is clear from his response to the question put to him by one of the Pharisees in today’s gospel reading, “Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?” In the time of Jesus there were known to be 613 commandments in the Jewish Law. The potential here to miss the wood for the trees was enormous. Preoccupation with the detail of regulations could result in people ignoring what really matters, like straining out a gnat but swallowing a camel (Mt 23:24). Jesus answered the Pharisee’s question by going straight to the heart of the Jewish law. He was asked if there is one “greatest” commandment, but in reply he named the second greatest commandment as well. For the first commandment, loving the Lord your God with all our heart and soul, is inseparable from the conjoined commandment, of loving my neighbour as myself. For Jesus, what God wants from us above all else is love. There is no genuine love of God unless it finds expression in love of our neighbour. Love of neighbours becomes virtually impossible in the agony of self-hatred in which some fearful, discouraged people can find themselves. Loving the other as oneself only becomes possible if we have, or can grow into, a healthy, sane level of self-appreciation. Love of neighbour, in turn, presupposes a healthy self-love, recognising and appreciating myself as fundamentally good, because I am created in the image and likeness of God.

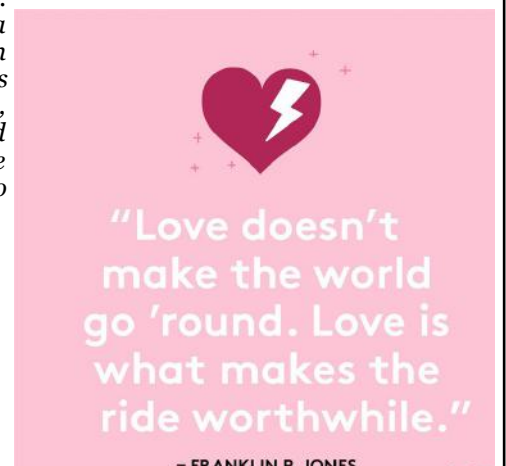
It is our faith that God loves us that makes us first able to love ourselves and therefore to be grateful for the gift of ourselves. This awareness of life as gift, the gratuitousness of creation, is what we mean by loving God. We cannot love ourselves without being grateful to God, and it is this gratitude to God that sets us free really to love other people. Truly loving one’s neighbour entails valuing them as gifts of God. (Above reflection from the Association of Catholic Priests)

Actor Christopher Reeves had everything—wealth, fame, fabulous health. He was one of the most handsome, physically fit men in Hollywood. Then he fell from a horse. And suddenly he was a quadriplegic. When he awoke from his accident, his first thought was that maybe he should go ahead and die. But one thing stopped him and gave him the will to live. His wife, Dana, spoke to him firmly, yet gently. “I am only going to say this once,” she said. “I will support whatever you want to do, because this is your life and your decision. But I want you to know that I’ll be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You’re still you, and I love you.” Those words gave Christopher Reeves the strength to go on. [Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Mark & Chrissy Donnelly, and Barbara DeAngelis, Ph.D. Chicken Soup for the Couple’s Soul (Deerfield Beach, FL.: Health Communications, Inc., 1999), pp. 104-105.] There are times in life when all of us wonder where we will find the strength to go on. Maybe it will come from a spouse, or our offspring, or a friend. Other people are a great source of consolation and comfort. But there will come a time when all of us will have to lean on our ultimate Friend, God. There will be no one else who can help. And why shouldn’t we turn to God? This is that for which He created us —relationships. Fr. Tony

The best gift we can give to the world is nothing but Love in its various dimensions!

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)



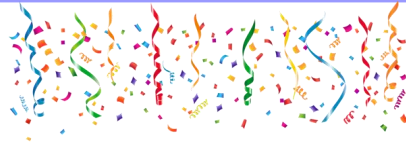
ALL SOULS' DAY

Mass for All Souls Day will be held on
Thursday, 2 November
at 9.15am and 7pm

If you would like photos of your dearly departed displayed on our Remembrance Wall throughout the month of November please provide to the parish office.

During the month of November, we will offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our beloved departed. Names can be written in the Book of Life at the entrance to the Church. Envelopes for Mass intentions will be available in the foyer of the Church.

The bulletin will have a prayer each week for our loved ones.



INVITATION: ALL VOLUNTEERS

It would be wonderful for everyone to come together to celebrate our God-given talents and skills for the growth of His Kingdom

Friday, 10 November 2023
At 6.30pm
In the St Madeleine Centre

RSVP Maureen Jones 0419 512 252

CHRISTMAS - NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS TREE

Please contact the office if you are able to help with the Nativity and Christmas Tree set up in the Church

Contact Sally: 0407 942 986

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) = \$995.30
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$952.00 Loose = \$1,546.95

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



Recently deceased: Sam Farrugia

For the dearly departed: Maria & Eduardo Piccoli, Matteo Desanti, Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Ann Flynn, Nikolai Morley, Mary Cumbo, Frederick Salmon, Vincenzo Luca, Domenica & Francesco Barbaro, Anthony, Rose Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Daniel Doyle, Michael Esposito, Leslie Waters, Rosina Mezzogosto, Vincenzo Giorgio Fuda, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Abraham Family, Maria Kuipers, Roberta Alumios

Please pray for the sick: Mathias Kintu Bamusibule, Cherry Luezzi, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Henry Field, 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 Our prayers are with all the peace initiatives focussed on war across our globe including from our Interfaith Commission in Parramatta Diocese. In 2024 we will be celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council in Nicaea which was a gathering of Christian bishops in Nicaea, now Iznik in present-day Türkiye. It was the first attempt to reach consensus in the church through an assembly representing all of Christendom. Please consider contributing to the St Mad's Primary School Christmas hamper drive for House of Welcome November 24th our St Mad's Parish Hamper Mass will be December 10th where we support Jesuit Social Services from Holy Family parish Emerton. November 19th is World Toilet day and the theme is accelerating change. Right now, there are 3.5 billion people still living without safe toilets. 419 million people still practise 'open defecation'. In these situations, diseases spread, killing 1,000 children under-five every single day. This global crisis poses a threat to nature and everyone's health, particularly women, girls, and other vulnerable groups. Everyone can do something to tackle the sanitation crisis

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal
Baptism Preparation: Angeliqe 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
Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones
Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman
Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle
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Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

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

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You,

Holy Spirit,

as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go

and how we are to pursue it.

We are God's beloved children:

may our journey together

be marked by humble listening,

courageous speech, and lively hope.

Let us find in You our unity

as we seek to do what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and
time,

in the communion of the Father and
the Son, forever and ever.

AMEN

Adapted from the original



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Solemnity of All Saints

Feast Day:
1 November



The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagon-loads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (On the Calculation of Time). But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

Reflection This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.

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



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST EUCHARIST

*We welcome all children
who recently made their First Communion
and their families to the 10am Mass*

*to receive their Certificates,
followed by morning tea.*

TABLE TALK WITH PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

Join us for an evening of gathering together as a community in conversation with people seeking asylum. We will hear from people with lived experience, reflect on our own values and see how we can be part of a positive change.

Cloister Hall,
St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Marist Pl, Parramatta

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Eileen Sherlock Catherine Diekman	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Jacqui Nisbet Lilet Alcantara
	JNR MINISTERS	Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick			Charlyze, Sofia, Sophia & Sophie
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca Raad			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
FLOWERS	WEDDING		ALTAR LINEN		Jan Parslow
4 & 5 November		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle, Adriana & Sacrament Team	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Frederick Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders John Walcott	Karla Quinn Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred, Xavier, Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick		Max & Elise Summerhays	Ben Barker & Oliver Twyford
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca Raad			
	COUNTERS	Sonali Arnold & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
FLOWERS	Teresa Boemi		ALTAR LINEN		Jan Parslow