

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the

sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,

so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great

gifts that they may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GETTING OF WISDOM

The search for wisdom has never been an easy one and each of us grapples with the challenge of making sense of the complex tapestry of life. As the first reading so pointedly observes, 'It is hard enough to work out what is on earth ... who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?' In the centuries that preceded Jesus' birth the people of Israel were fascinated, frightened and challenged by their encounter with the culture and philosophy of the Greek-speaking world. The book of Wisdom is one of the fruits of that encounter and was itself written in Greek. While the Greeks looked to Plato and Aristotle, the author of the book of Wisdom had come to see that true wisdom is a gift from God and is to be found in the traditions of Israel most particularly in the Law of Moses.

Jesus knew all too well that true wisdom has its price. As he journeys towards his death, those who would be disciples are forcefully reminded to carefully consider the cost of discipleship.

Paul was one apostle of the Lord who knew the cost of discipleship. For the sake of the gospel he had gone through many trials (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:22-29) and had suffered and learnt much. Writing from prison he now has to call on all his stores of wisdom to convince Philemon to take back his runaway slave Onesimus. In a world where slavery was an accepted reality, Philemon is challenged to see his former slave as a brother in Christ.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

4 SEPTEMBER 2022

PUT JESUS FIRST. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, 'Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciple'. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don't face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today's Second Reading.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 118: 137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory; / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your

beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

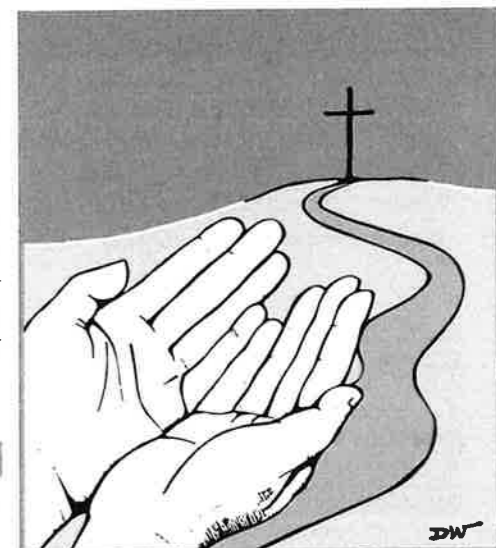
R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. R.

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. R.

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. R.

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. R.



SECOND READING

Philem 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANointing OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1 st Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEEDICTION	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eddy Borovnjak, Janine Jozwiak - Fr Benjamin Bezzina, Helen Montgomery, Geraldine Suter, Fr Theo Arrivoli, Frances Sultana, Virginia Ang, Fred O'Sullivan, Catherine Cheney, Sr Veronica Taylor SM, Robin Mackenzie-Hunter, Patricia Ellis, Joan Whitey, William Hole, Annis Zouki, Norma Sciarra, Maria Dorizas, John Hogan.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Danita Petersen, Najla Antoun, Joseph Antoun, Atour Kairouz, Ibrahim Kairouz, Marie Foy, Frank Malkoun, Ray Malkoun, Bernie Cudmore, Virginia Ang, Anthony Vella, Charles Camilleri, Thelma Henry, Betty Johnstone, Fr Eric Burton, Carol Moses, Fr John Langtry, Presentacion Asinas - Leo Keegan, Fr Kevin Hay, Khne Abremeya, Allan Kemsley.

Rosters - 10/11 September

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Anton Massillamany, Vartguss Markarian

Thomas Russo

Michael Majoor

Vartguss Markarian

Joe Zammit

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza

Astrid Kossim, Helen Wong

Anne Marie Lyons, Danny Yu



WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The group meet after 9.15am Mass and reflect on Sunday's Liturgy of the Word. All welcome. Contact Irene 0418 403 358 if you need transport.

ZUMBA

Please join our Zumba class at St. Mary's Hall (opposite the church). The session is every Thursday. Registration from 6.45pm, for 7pm sharp start. Cost: \$10 per class. Contact Ruth 0412 341 112 for information.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW WAY TO MANAGE YOUR FERTILITY?

Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods, also known as Fertility Awareness Methods (FAMs) are natural, effective, healthy and modern approaches to managing fertility. No drugs, devices, or side effects! NFP is especially helpful for couples having difficulties achieving pregnancy as well as those that feel their family is complete. For more information about your options please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605 or visit <https://parralmf.org.au/fertility/>

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - 3-4 SEPTEMBER

Our priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community. This Father's Day, will you care for them in their retirement, as they have cared for us? Your kind-hearted donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation's health and wellbeing team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical and emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal would raise around \$200,000. Last year's Parish Appeal was cancelled due to lockdowns. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or Appeal Envelopes available at the back of the church. All donations are 100% Tax Deductible.

SCHOENSTATT, MOTHER OF MERCY AND QUEEN OF THE FAIRY CROWNING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mass will be celebrated on 10th September at 1pm followed by recitation of Holy Rosary. Followed by a Talk and refreshments. Please bring a small plate for sharing.

ANNUAL CAMPION BALL - 10 SEPTEMBER

The Campion College Student Association invites you to attend a medieval masquerade ball. Start at 5.30pm Vigil Mass then 6.45pm Ball commences. Open to youth/young adults (ages 16-35). All welcome! Venue: 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie NSW 2146. \$80 per person. Purchase your tickets at campion.edu.au/events

VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTS OFFICER/BOOKKEEPER

Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. Ph 0412 550 902 OR E-mail kevin@palms.org.au information will be revealed over the coming months.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER - GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PLUMPTON

This is a new position geared to mobilising staff and resources towards the mission-goals of the parish. The position will entail administration work, assisting the development of parish teamwork goals, site management, assisting in the development of workplace procedures and working with the parish team to ensure the compliance and guidance of parish ministries and volunteers. If you would like more information, please email Ms. Deeanne Martin at parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org Applications Close 10pm Monday 19 September 2022.

RYDALMEN

Our next men's group convenes on Wednesday 14th September at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

MOUNT DRU ITT SOUTH PARISH FETE

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held on Sunday 11 September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt Druitt, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Activities include a White Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9832 3896.



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. LIMITED SEATS. Register by September 21 via met@parracatholic.org or via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

ST MARY'S MOTHERS GROUP & PLAYGROUP

Calling all mums of children 0-5 years old! Come and join us for our playgroup session on **Tuesdays**, from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall (access from Myrtle Street). Playgroup will run weekly during the school term. Pop in for a chat, a coffee and make new friends. We hope to see you there! For further information contact Natalie on 0418 600 358.



FEAST OF THE WEEK Thursday, 8 September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, 9 September - St Peter Claver

St. Peter Claver was a Jesuit, born in Spain in 1580. After 8 years of study and apostolic preparation, Saint Peter volunteered to go to the missions and was sent to Carthagena in Colombia. Here he undertook a ministry of service to the poor Africans brought to be sold in the market. He was deeply disturbed by the harsh treatment and living conditions of the black slaves who were brought from Africa. He watched for the arrival of the slave ships, and never failed to be the first to go aboard, bringing provisions he had been able to beg. He greeted the living, arranged for the burial of the dead and the transport of the sick to hospitals. During the 40 years of his ministry, it is estimated he personally baptized around 300,000 people (in groups of 10) and heard the confessions of over 5,000 slaves per year. Saint Peter Claver saw the slaves as fellow Christians and encouraged others to do so as well.