Weekly Bulletin

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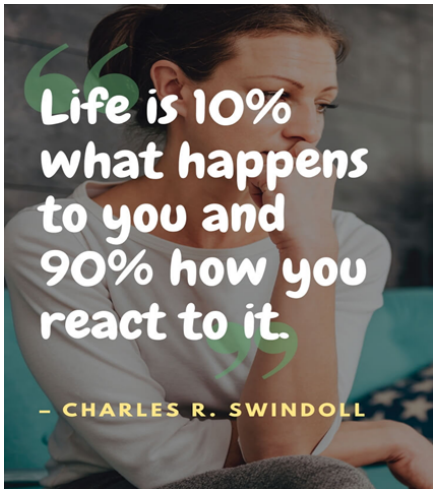
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B Sunday, 9 June 2024

JESUS CAME TO TRANSFORM OUR BAD NEWS, BOUND HEARTS, AND BROKEN PLACES

M. Schubert shares the story of a group of fishermen in the Scottish Highlands. They gathered for tea and discussed the day's catch. As a waitress set down a cup of tea, a hand accidentally knocked it against the wall. It left an ugly stain. One of the guests got up, went to the wall, and began sketching around the stain with a crayon. What emerged was a stag with magnificent antlers. The man was Sir Edwin Landseer, England's foremost painter of animals. If an artist can transform an unsightly stain into a beautiful masterpiece, think about what God can do with our sins. He absolves them and, in their place, refashions us toward full maturity. (James Weekley)

"He is out of his mind." Today's Scriptures challenge us to face rejection, as Jesus experienced, with prophetic courage and optimism. We come to understand that the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus was surrounded by constant controversy. Nearly everyone He met misunderstood Him and what He came to this world to do. Nearly everyone was guilty of misrepresenting His words and His works.



The things He did and said in love were used to attack Him in hate. But, nothing could stop him from doing the will of God. The message and life of Jesus are very radical and demanding, even for us today. As I was reading the gospel, I could recall an instance in the very first year of my priestly ministry. Much to my shock, it was the parish priest who disagreed with words and phrases I used in a flyer during Christmas. It was a personal attack on me, very hurting. It was a good lesson for me to understand that I am not always going to be appreciated or encouraged. There will be a lot of criticism, opposition, misunderstanding and misinterpretation in my priestly life and ministry. True enough, there have been a lot of occasions down the track where I was crowned with such hard realities. But, you know, God's hand was very powerful in such painful moments of my life lifting me up with His grace and love. There is a time in our lives when we are misunderstood, misinterpreted, discarded, unloved and criticized. How do you face such moments in your life? Who is the source of inspiration for you to brush aside all these mockeries and invalidations and move on in your life? To follow Jesus and the example of his life calls for great courage and conviction on our part. There is always the danger that people might think that we too are out of our minds if we say we are following Jesus.

On March 24th this year, a gunman took and held hostages in a supermarket in France, even killing some of them. A policeman, called Arnaud Beltrame, freely offered to take the place of the remaining hostages. In the end he gave his own life to save others. He was described as showing exceptional courage and selflessness as he sacrificed himself to save these people. Jesus said, No one can have greater love than to lay down their lives for their friends. This police man did not even know any of the people he died for and saved. Was the policeman 'out of his mind' like Jesus? Or did he have the courage and faith to live and die as Jesus has shown us?

By our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing his prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to speak the truth and oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behaviour even in our dear ones. Let us also acknowledge, appreciate, and encourage the prophets of our time who stand for truth and justice in our society with the wisdom of God in their heads, the power of the Holy Spirit in their words, and the courage of God in their actions. (sources duly acknowledged).

As you can see, we are hoping to commence the construction of the parish admin and priest's residence by the end of June. We are still waiting for the CC and once we get that, the builder will start the work. Your prayers and support are earnestly requested!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First reading: Genesis 3:9-15
I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'
Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,
'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts.
You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.
I will make you enemies of each other:
you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.
It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129

R: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. ℟

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. ℟

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. ℟

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. ℟

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation : *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35
It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So Jesus called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

The mother and brothers of Jesus arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Communion Antiphon:
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend **15/16 June** we will have the annual **Vinnies Winter Appeal**.

Please donate generously as at the present time due to the difficult financial climate people are really struggling to meet everyday needs such as food, rental, energy costs etc.

New data shows the numbers of people sleeping rough across the state has increased by 26% in just 12 months.

All emergency agencies like the Vinnies are struggling to meet the growing demand for assistance.

Your generosity will help greatly to close the financial gap that people are experiencing daily.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11 June - **St Barnabas,** apostle
Thursday 13 June - **St Anthony of Padua**, priest, doctor

St Anthony of Padua

Anthony of Padua is one of the most famous disciples of St. Francis of Assisi. He was a famous preacher and worker of miracles in his own day, and throughout the eight centuries since his death he has so generously come to the assistance of the faithful who invoke him, that he is known throughout the world.

Kindly say a prayer for the **construction of the Parish Admin Office & Priest's residence** to commence with the providence of God.

Serve the Lord
BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

Parents, would you please encourage your children to be a part of the **Junior server ministry (altar servers**) ? The date and time of their training sessions will be announced shortly.

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Aileen Pelias, Estelito Fenis, Tom Nayler, Louela Davis, Linda Dysoco, Judy, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Naza Nazah, Maree Buttenshaw, Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Carmen Coppini

Anniversaries

Rita Pereira- Gonzago Verdy Markarian
Edward Murray Procopio Family

PARISH ROSTERS

15/16 June 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Lynnette Rodrigues	Sue & Len Farrugia		Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Lawrence Tsang Bill O'Shea	Thomas & Sophie Russo	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon O.Ham
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Rozz Morris Sam Winders		Lina Flores Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Juvy Austria	Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza		Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

22/23 June 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Mark Salter	Michael Marston Anne-Marie Hewkins		Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Patrick Edouard-Betsy Tuti Sugita	Thess Davidson & family	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Will & Angela Finnane		Lina Flores Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Jessica Tapiador Lynette Rodrigues		Evelyn Artiaga Sheila Tapiador			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Are you up-to-date??

Do you volunteer your time at the parish? Did you know that every volunteer must complete their Safeguarding modules **every 2 years AND parish volunteers who work alongside or care for children must also hold a Working with Children's Check?** This is a mandatory requirement by the Government. Visit https:// learning.safeguarding.org.au to sign up and log into your Safeguarding modules. For more information please contact the Parish office.

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering face-to-face training throughout June:
• **Monday 11 June** from **10.30am to 2pm** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years. Please register directly for this training by clicking on the training event at: https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training For more information, please email: **safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org**

Thank you for working together to keep our community safe.

CARITAS

Our parish has contributed **$8, 089.45** to **Caritas. Thank you for your great generosity.**

Expression of Interest: Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au by **15 June.**

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace." - **Pope Francis**

Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day: 24 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on **Saturday 24 August** from **9.30am – 2.00pm** at the ***Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown***. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of $25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on **lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.**

The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS 9 June 2024

• Record crowds return to Walk with Christ
• NSW residents reject "equality" bill
• Don't take religious freedom for granted, warns Archbishop Fisher OP
• Parish Renewal Conference returns to Sydney
• A new era for natural family planning
• 'Tik-Tok' priest launches merchandise to evangelise.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am
Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)
Saturday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM
1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan
Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
9am to 3pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator	Diane O'Shea
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator	Allison Markarian
Lectors Coordinator	Glenys Oxlee
Senior Server Coordinator	Anton Massillamany
Finance Chairman	Ron Della Vedova
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