



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”— Martin Luther King, Jr.



In the first reading from the book of Numbers, we see the seventy call into question the ministry of Eldad and Medad, even though Eldad and Medad clearly have been gifted by the spirit. Moses supports the work of Eldad and Medad and wishes that everyone was so filled with the spirit.

We must not forget that often the work of God’s spirit is manifested in those who do not fit our categories. This story (along with the gospel) reminds us that God’s spirit is not bound by our categories. Contemporarily,

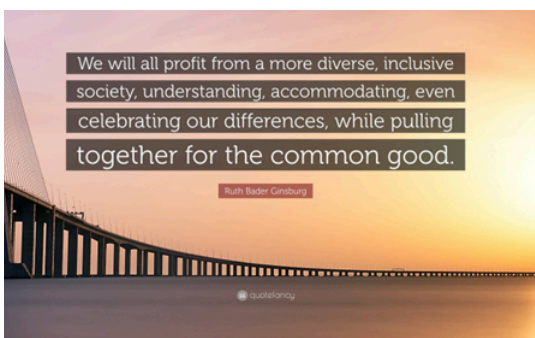
we can call this virtue ‘inclusiveness’ which is widely spoken of but seldom practiced. Exclusiveness seems to be prevalent in every sphere of life. This sort of attitude we see with the disciples in today’s gospel.

The reply of Jesus clearly shocked the disciples: “he who is not against us is for us”. This is the very opposite of exclusiveness, this is true inclusiveness—not simply a façade to make an impression. This is the inclusiveness that is based in the infinity of God’s goodness and love, and it is that openness and generosity that we are called to imitate. We may not think of ourselves as perfect, but we do (however unconsciously) consider our perspective of the world and our own belief and value systems to be the standards that others



would be wise to embrace. To “act in Jesus’ name,” however, means to reach out to all without condition, without prejudice, without judgment. Thomas Merton put it this way: “As soon as you begin to take yourself seriously and imagine that your virtues are important because they are yours, you become the prisoner of your own vanity, and even your best works will blind and deceive you. And the more unreasonable importance you attach to yourself and your work, the more you will tend to build up your own idea of yourself by condemning other people. Sometimes virtuous people are also bitter and unhappy because they unconsciously believe that their happiness depends on their being more virtuous than others.”

A certain man who had been brought up thinking that only the Catholic Church possessed the truth and was the only group used by God to witness to him. He was involved in a car accident in a foreign country where the great majority of people were not Christians. At the scene of the accident some Muslims and Animists took him to hospital in their own poor form of transport. It meant they had to leave their farm work. Furthermore, some stayed with him the three days he was in the hospital, bringing him food and caring for him until they could contact his embassy which then arranged to get him back to his own country. For that man it was a great conversion experience. He realised that these people had never asked if he were Christian, Muslim or Animist, whether he was divorced or not, did he even go to church. He was entirely convinced that God worked through these uneducated and poor people in a way he would never have believed.



God is just not interested in labels: Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist etc. He is underlining the great truth that the essence of following Jesus is found in the way we live love. Very simple, but very demanding. Labels are no guarantee of whether we allow God to work through us or not. Love alone counts. In a faction-driven humanity, we are challenged to reflect inclusive love in being tolerant, accepting and celebrating the differences. The ‘inclusive vision’ of Jesus shall we embrace in our strenuous effort to follow Jesus which is to automatically be reflected in our religious observance and day to day living.

Will the Universal Church be really ‘synodal’ as Pope Francis envisions?

(source: Kayala Ministries and Fr. Jim Kirstein, SMA)

God’s blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you.
and not obeyed your commandments
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14

℟: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **℟**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **℟**

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **℟**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **℟**

Second reading: James 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All

your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN?

Are you searching for a relationship with God?
Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Church and her teachings?

The Parish will soon start the formation process for the **Rite of Initiation of Christian Adults (RCIA)**. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

LIKE TO SPONSOR?

One of our parishioners (would like to be anonymous) has volunteered to sponsor partly towards the purchase of the robes for the Junior Altar Servers and the Chasubles for the parish. Thanks to him and his family for being generous towards this cause. It would be fantastic, if some of you come forward to support this cause financially. Thanks for your generosity!

Fr. Vince

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 30 - **St Jerome** priest, doctor

October

Tuesday 01 - **St Therese of the Child Jesus** virgin, doctor

Wednesday 02 - **The Holy Guardian Angels**

Friday 04 - **St Francis of Assisi**

Saturday 05 - **St Faustina Kowalska** virgin



Kindly keep praying for the completion of the intended project with God's grace and guidance.

The Holy Guardian Angel



Reflect, today, upon the gift of your own guardian angel. This celestial being was created for the sole purpose of caring for you and getting you to Heaven. Speak to your angel, today. Rely upon your angel's intercession and allow this holy angel to communicate to you God's abundant grace.

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Angels of God, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw
Louela Davis
Tom Nayler
Robert Power

Brendan Cleary
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

Recently Deceased

Monsignor John Usher
Dianne Coorey

Anniversaries

Edward Murray
Guiseppa Surace

PARISH ROSTERS

05/06 October 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Ben Garcia	Sr Maureen Eli Ogrizek		Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Lawrence Tsang Tyrone Wiratunga	Anton Massillamany Vartguess Markarian	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Jodie MacGregor Helen Wong		Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Julia Tapiador Linda Tsang		Evelyn Artiaga Sheila Tapiador			

12/13 October 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Eric Flores	Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza		Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Geoff & Barbara Rosario Sheila Tapiador	Pierre Salomon	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Barbara Rosario Glenys Oxlee		Helen Wong Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Vincent Austria	Lorna Argal Sam Markarian		Elaine Gade Evelyn Artiaga			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather once a month on **Sunday after 10am Mass** to enjoy great company and good food. Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday Oct 20, Nov 17, Sunday Dec 22

Where: The Family Inn

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends! This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details and/or to RSVP contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

VOLUNTEER

you can make a difference!



VINNIES - NEW MEMBERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Our Vinnies group meets every fortnight. Next Meeting is on **Tuesday 1st October at 7:00pm** in the **Meeting Room**.

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday 27 October at 11am** at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone **0488 000 211** by **20 October**. Family and friends are welcome.

Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one.

Please visit <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>.

Applications close 18 October.

World Day of Migrants & Refugees 29 September

This Sunday, Catholics around the world celebrate the annual World Day of Migrants & Refugees (WDMR). The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year is "God Walks with His People". The Church throughout the world walks with the most vulnerable, with those in whom she encounters the Risen One. You can access inspiring resources coming from the Vatican and the "Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office", including a message from Pope Francis and a beautiful WDMR song, at linktr.ee/met.pje

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

*Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm*

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

SUNDAY MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 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
10am to 3pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator
Lectors Coordinator
Senior Server Coordinator
Finance Chairman
St Vincent De Paul President
Rydalmen Coordinator

Diane O'Shea
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