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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

5TH & 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass <u>every week</u> at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP. <u>Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell</u> <u>you are advised not to attend Mass.</u>

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION) THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation. Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.

DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS



PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.

1.5M As per government regulations, please observe the

4 square metre rule.

Please note that <u>hand sanitiser</u> is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.



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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

The Living Word

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First Reading

Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways. then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved vour life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself: and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

6th September, 2020



A dad is a person who is loving and kind, and often he knows what you have on your mind. He's someone who listens, suggests and defends. A dad can be one of your very best friends! He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong, a dad can be patient and helpful and strong. In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part. There's always a place for him deep in your heart. And each year that passes, you're even more glad, more grateful and proud just to call him your dad! Thank you, Dad... for listening and caring, for giving and sharing, but, especially, for just being you.

Happy Father's Day

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Boundaries and Juries

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where * one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage. *

Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'



still stand and honor him.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September



Respect for the Planet's Resources We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * What stops a person confronting a friend about a way in which the friend has hurt them?
- * How would you respond to a friend telling you that something you said had hurt them?
- * What are some of the ways you avoid dealing with a hurtful situation directly?
- * Why is it sometimes difficult to say 'sorry'?

Questions for Adults

- * Why is it difficult to confront a friend about something they said that hurt you?
- * How do usually deal with a hurtful situation?
- * What are some phrases you might use when talking to someone about how they hurt you?
- In the final line of the gospel passage, Jesus assures us that when two or more come together in his name, he is there. How might that change the way you solve a problem with a friend?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * Who has known someone who sinned against a friend?
- * What did they do wrong?
- * How did they make up?
- * In today's Gospel what does Jesus say to do if someone sins against you? (point out what is wrong in private)
- * What does he say you should do if you have sinned against someone? (listen to what they have to say)
- * Jesus says we need to be honest and respect each other in times of difficulty.
- * How can we do this at school and at home?

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Talk to those who do wrong by you

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



PLEASE NOTE THAT THAT THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: **Tuesday 8th September**

Wednesday 9th September (These are First Communion dates and numbers are restricted)



Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.

Parish Office Hours

Parish Office operating hours have not yet returned to No1 with Reference your name. normal. If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we t i o n, don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also wel- csf@parracatholic.org<mailto:csf@parracatholic.org> with come to email. In the case of an emergency please contact your name and address details. Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

Thank You dear parishioners for your ongoing financial support to the parish. Your generosity is helping with the ongoing running expenses of our parish.

Planned Giving...

Could you please contact the Parish Office if you are:

- ◊ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◊ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme.

Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired Priests Father's Day Appeal

Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired **Priests**, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September.

Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year.

Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at <a href="http://www.parracatholic.org/csf<http://">www.parracatholic.org/csf<http:// www.parracatholic.org/csf> or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF

IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donaplease s e n d email t o

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella, Anthony Azzopardi (08/08/15),

Recently Deceased:

Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

And for those who are sick: Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.



PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – <u>https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223</u>
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/</u> <u>UCIjjp15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured</u>
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - <u>https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/</u>
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <u>https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/</u>
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <u>https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/</u> https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/</u>

PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



Parramatta Diocesan News

Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early September. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative - The Well. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', The Well is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

Diocese of Parramatta celebrates the Season of Creation

The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October) by creating a video to be released on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in Social Justice COVID-19 the Diocese to comms@parracatholic.org by 25 September. Details can be found at https://www.parracatholic.org/ socialjustice/

CEDP Safeguarding eSafety Commissioner Webinar: 7 September

Catholic Education and the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards are partnering with the eSafety Commissioner for a series of free webinars for parents and carers. The second session, 'Tech, teens and time online' (for secondary students) will be held on Monday 7 Life, Marriage and Family Office Pre-September from 7pm to 8pm. To register, please visit Marriage Weekends bit.ly/39Etex]. For more information, please contact safehttps:// guarding@parra.catholic.edu.au or visit safeguarding.org.au/prevention-education-and-training/

Catholic Youth Parramatta Engaging Young People in New Ways



Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and

scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/ to download and share the resources.



Position Vacant:

Sacramental Coordinator - Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes - Applications close Wednesday 16 September. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Pastoral Planning Celebrating and Sharing Our Gifts: 9th – 23rd September

The Pastoral Planning Office are offering an opportunity for prayerful discernment about the spiritual gifts God has given us to bring to life God's mission. Join us for 3 Wednesday evenings of prayer, input and discussions beginning on 9 September from 7.30pm to 9pm. You can register at www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern.

Office For Worship RCIA Workshops

The Office For Worship will be running RCIA workshops for RCIA coordinators & teams and anyone who might be interested in understanding the RCIA process. The workshops will run with limited numbers due to social distancing measures on four Monday evenings between 14th September and 19th October at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP by 7 September, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 House Welor, of come office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will host another premarriage education course on the weekend of the 18 and 20 September 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit www.parracatholic.org/ pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?

During Include A Charity Week (7 - 13 September), we invite you - after providing for your loved ones - to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will, visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

With many thanks to all these local businesses who support our parish throughout the year. Please consider supporting them when in need of these services...

