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**2ND & 3RD OCTOBER
2021**

COVID-19 UPDATE

Places of Worship and Religious Services

**DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS
ARE CLOSED AND WILL NOT BE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

NSW Police have visited parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to check on the use of buildings. Fines can be issued to each person who is in attendance if a breach has been identified.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for any updates.

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Funerals

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Live Streaming

Live streaming of Mass is recommended. Priests may have up to five assistants at the Mass, including personnel who are operating the live stream. Many of our parishes are also live streaming their services.

For a list of these parishes, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19>.



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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Updates to Funerals and Memorial Services

Funeral and Memorial Services in Greater Sydney

From Monday 20th September a maximum of **10 people** can attend a funeral or memorial service or gathering afterwards in Greater Sydney, including in a local government area of concern.

The 10 person maximum also applies to an outdoor funeral, memorial service or gathering afterwards. A funeral cannot occur at a place of residence.

In addition to the 10 people attending the service there can also be:

- a person conducting the service
- other people who are necessary for the preparation and conduct of the service.

Funeral or Memorial Services Outside Greater Sydney

If you live in Greater Sydney, including in a local government area of concern, you can leave home to attend a funeral or memorial service outside Greater Sydney, only if you are a:

- spouse (including de facto) of the deceased
- parent of the deceased
- child of the deceased
- sibling of the deceased.

Funeral and memorial services held in Greater Sydney

Attending a funeral or memorial service is a reasonable excuse to leave home in Greater Sydney, including local government areas of concern.

Please note that if the funeral takes place in a church building the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres must be observed and face masks must be worn.

Updates to Weddings

Wedding Services in Greater Sydney

From Monday, 20th September 2021, a maximum of **11 people** can attend a wedding service in **Greater Sydney**.

Please note that Greater Sydney includes the Blue Mountains and Wollongong local government areas.

The 11 people are:

- a person legally required to conduct the wedding service being the celebrant or officiant
- the 2 people getting married
- the 2 necessary witnesses
- a person recording the service
- up to 5 guests.

Wedding Services Outside Greater Sydney

If you live in Greater Sydney, including a local government area of concern, from Monday 20th September you can only leave home to attend a wedding outside Greater Sydney if you are a parent, child, or sibling of one of the persons getting married.

Greater Sydney includes the Blue Mountains and Wollongong local government areas.

Wedding Services Held in Greater Sydney Including the Blue Mountains and Wollongong and Local Government Areas of Concern

If you live outside Greater Sydney, from Monday 20th September you can leave home and enter Greater Sydney (including an area of concern) to attend a wedding service only if you are:

- one of the people who is legally required to conduct the wedding service being the celebrant or officiant
- one of the 2 people getting married
- one of the 2 necessary witnesses
- the person recording the service; or

Parish News

Parish office Hours

The parish office telephone and internet problems have now been fixed. Please feel welcome to contact the office at any time and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please be aware that the office is still closed but emails and telephone messages are checked regularly.

In case you need any pastoral support please contact Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.

Sacrament of First Communion 2021

PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE. WE ARE WAITING ON UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING RESTRICTIONS AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT THE SACRAMENT PROGRAM.

DATES HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST HELPERS NEEDED

Sharing our faith with the children of our parish community is a very rewarding opportunity. This period of staying at home is a perfect time to reflect on your faith and consider sharing your journey with Christ with the children in our government schools.

What's Involved?

- * Teaching time (30 minutes) and preparation.

What do I need?

- * An interest in children and the ability to communicate with them.

What help will I get?

- * Training to help you develop basic teaching skills and make the best use of your talents.
- * A teacher's manual containing easy lesson plans.
- * Student activity books for each child.
- * Other resources to help make lessons interesting.

If you feel you can help as a teacher or assistant once our Covid-19 lockdown is over or to find out more information contact Marie at the Parish Office by telephone or email.

Advertising in The Net

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 months or there is the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Rosemary Hall, Judy Baytch (*Michael Blair's dear Aunt*)

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey (30/08)

And for those who are sick:

Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



Diocesan News

Online Masses in the Parramatta Diocese

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA PENRITH:

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Monday – Friday at 9.30am

Saturday Vigil at 6pm; Sunday at 10am

ST MATTHEW'S WINDSOR:

YOUTUBE

Sunday at 9am

Please visit www.parracatholic.org to check which other parishes are celebrating Mass online.

Office for Safeguarding Offering Online Training to Keep our Parishes Safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Upcoming Zoom Face to Face Training Calendar

If you wish to participate in the face-to-face training via Zoom, please contact the parish office to indicate what date, time and module you wish to register for.

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

9.30 to 11.00am

Module 1: Introduction to Safeguarding

2.00 to 3.30pm

Module 1: Introduction to Safeguarding

TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

9.30 to 10.30am

Module 2: Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct

2.00 to 3.00pm

Module 2: Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

9.30 to 11.00am

Module 3: Safeguarding Adults at Risk

2.00 to 3.30pm

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ELearning

If you are interested in an online platform where you can do the modules independently and at your own pace, please contact the parish office and provide an email address, so that a log on can be created for you. Please note, for those who are interested to do eLearning online, you will need individual email address for each log on. For example, a couple can't use the same email address.

Useful website for your attention:

What Safeguarding means to me:

<https://safeguarding.org.au/what-is-safeguarding/>

Upcoming Safeguarding Training Dates:

<https://safeguarding.org.au/#events>

The Living Word

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

3rd October 2021

First Reading

Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. *(R.)*

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace! *(R.)*

Second Reading

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'

Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



Gospel Focus – Like a little child

Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.



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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Counter-cultural on Marriage

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are surprisingly able to be integrated into a unity. In today's gospel, Our Lord is saying that when a man and a woman cleave to each other in faithful commitment, that is 'a Paradise moment' as they are incorporated into a new unity which paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do in their new unity. That latter deserves its own title: *Marriage*.

Marriage is not a creation of the Church, but the Church celebrates this 'Paradise' unity by way of Sacrament. What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '... what God has united, man must not divide'. This was counter cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australia of today.

But we all know of instances where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church?

We could pause a moment to pray for the Church to be a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and to be a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples



We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why might the Pharisees have been trying to 'test' Jesus with their question about divorce?
- * Why do you think the gospel writer followed the question about divorce with the teaching about children?
- * What does it mean to welcome the kingdom of God?
- * What characteristics of little children might Jesus be encouraging us to adopt?

Questions for Adults

- * How does this passage help explain the Church's position on divorce?
- * Is the clash between the church's position on divorce and society standards helpful or harmful?
- * Why does the gospel writer include this passage in a section about what it means to be a disciple?
- * In what ways does the teaching about children challenge us today?

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.

- * In today's gospel some people brought their children to Jesus and he blessed them.
- * Have you ever received a blessing?
- * Who blessed you? How did it make you feel?
- * Jesus said we will get into God's kingdom if we accept it the way a child does.
- * What do you think it will be like to live in God's kingdom?
- * We pray that we will always follow Jesus with the simple faith of a small child.

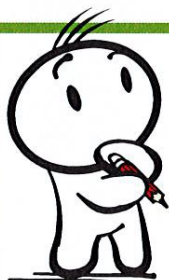


Blessed are the children

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Some people brought their children to see Jesus. The disciples eventually tried to turn them away but Jesus wanted them to stay. He took the children in his arms and blessed them.

Draw yourself with Jesus and the rest of the children.



What do you think the kingdom of God is really like?

Write or draw your answer



CHILDREN

How many words can you make from the letters in CHILDREN?

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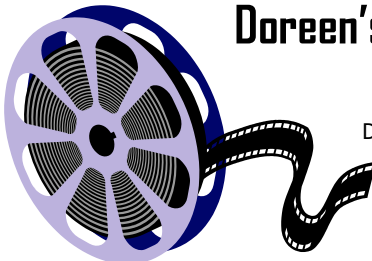
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