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**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B**

**18TH & 19TH SEPTEMBER  
2021**

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

**Places of Worship and Religious Services  
DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS  
ARE CLOSED 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**

Funerals are permitted with a maximum number of 10 attendees only.  
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.

## **Weddings**

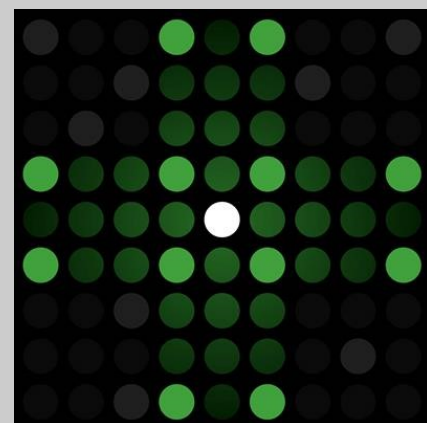
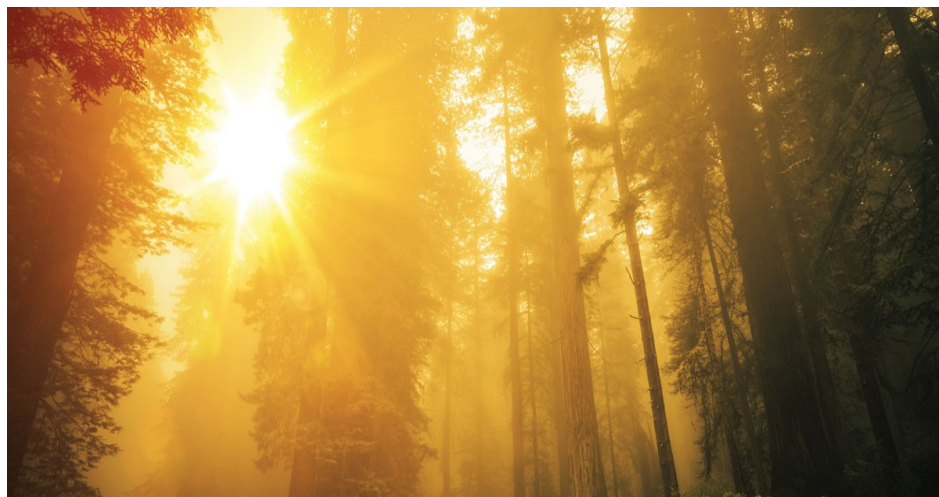
From Friday, 3 September 2021, weddings will be permitted in NSW if they are kept to no more than five guests. The person officiating the wedding and a photographer will be able to attend to record the event, in addition to the five guests.

## **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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**Xavier College – ph 4777 0900**  
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

## 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 (26/09/2014), 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

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Sunday at 10am

### 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 throughout September and October.

If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

### Young People of the Diocese - 'We are With You'

*"I am with you always" - Matthew 28:20.*

The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website [parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

### Diocese of Parramatta Launches Plenary Council Resource Website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

### 'The Well' Offers Spiritual Nourishment During Lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well?

The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Season of Creation 2021

Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying and taking action for our common home during Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit [parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation](http://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation)

# The Living Word

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19th September 2021

## First Reading

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

**(R.) The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**



## Second Reading

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

## Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thes 2:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his

disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



## Have you thought? Last of all?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.



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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Marginal people

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

### *An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle*



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why do you think the disciples didn't understand what Jesus was saying about his death?
- \* Why didn't the disciples want to tell Jesus what they'd been arguing about?
- \* Why might Jesus have used a child to make his point to the disciples?
- \* What does it mean to make yourself last of all if you want to be first?
- \* In what ways do you sometimes put yourself first ahead of the needs of others?
- \* How could you better be of service to someone or a group of people?

### Questions for Adults

- \* Why might Jesus have wanted to go away secretly to instruct his disciples?
- \* Have you ever had the disciples' experience of completely missing an important point?
- \* What are the attributes of being 'first' in our contemporary society?
- \* How is it possible to be first by making yourself last of all?
- \* Who do you need to be more welcoming toward?

***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.***

- \* What things do you like to do that you are good at?
- \* What is it like to be the best?
- \* In today's Gospel some of Jesus' friends were arguing about who was the greatest. How did Jesus say they could become great?
- \* Jesus said if you want to be great you must serve others. How can we serve others?



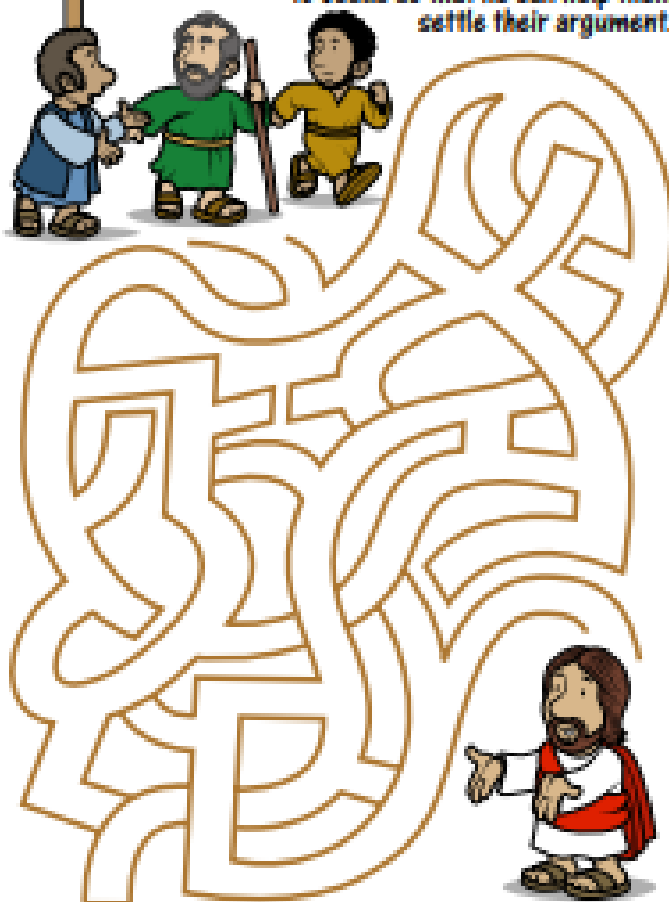
# Those who serve others are greatest

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The disciples travelled to Jesus' home and they argued along the way. Help them get to Jesus so that he can help them settle their argument.



The disciples argued about which of them was the greatest. Jesus told them they should concentrate on serving others and that would make them great. Tick the things that help to make someone a good person.



- ☒ **SHARING**
- ☐ **TELLING LIES**
- ☐ **BEING NASTY**
- ☐ **BEING KIND**
- ☐ **TRYING YOUR BEST**
- ☐ **LAUGHING AT OTHERS**
- ☐ **HELPING OTHERS**
- ☐ **BEING HONEST**
- ☐ **BEING SELFISH**



How can you be of service to others? Complete the following statements with words or pictures.

I can serve members  
of my family by...

I can serve my  
friends by...

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my community by...


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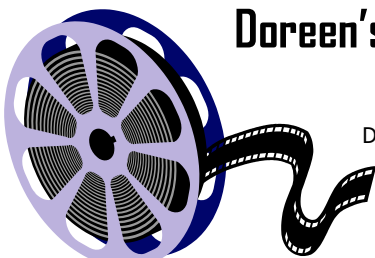
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