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The Parish Office is currently closed to all visitors. Please call 9631 3316 for all enquiries. For emergencies please call Fr Joby on 9631 6420.

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We will continue to Live stream our Sunday Mass from our Parish at 10am and our Tuesday Evening Mass and Novena at 7pm. You can access our livestream through our website or our Facebook page. You all are welcome to join.

The Church and all Church buildings are currently closed in order for us to do our part to help curb the spread of COVID 19. All Catholics within the Diocese of Parramatta continue to be dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. We encourage you to undertake your own devotion at home during this time.

Prayer in A Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice, and the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic. Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work. But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence or injustice. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

Winifreda GUNASEKERA

Sylvia DE LUMAN

Eve YAACOUB

Mary and Albert D'SOUZA

Agnelo and Philomena MENDES

Violeta Jumaran RAMOS

Celestine CORDEIRO

Special Intentions

Thanksgiving

Although we as a Parish are unable to physically attend Mass

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-
Benito Balangon



St Vincent De Paul is here to help.
If you need assistance call 8861 9777

Information regarding the Reopening of the Church

After much reflection Bishop Vincent has decided that the Churches within the Diocese of Parramatta will reopen once NSW reaches 80% vaccination rates. When that target is reached the Churches will open to both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Once a date has been finalised by the NSW Government as to when 80% fully vaccinated has been achieved an advice to reopen will come from the Chancery.

Daylight Savings



Daylight Savings begins at 2am on Sunday 3 October. Sydney will move to Australian Eastern Daylight Time. Don't forget to move your clocks an hour forward.

Vale Benito Balangon

Please remember in your prayers Benito Balangon who passed away on Thursday 23rd of September and whose funeral will be in our Church.



Virtual Coffee

Due to the success of Virtual Coffee, it will continue during October. Please join other parishioners for an informal chat in a Zoom "Virtual Coffee" after mass on Sunday.



Feel free to join for five minutes or half an hour. It will be great to say hello. Follow the link below to join.

<https://bit.ly/tooniemorningtea>

Meeting ID: 817 7054 1446
Passcode: Sunday



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Join Bishop Vincent at Mass for the opening of the Plenary Council

On Sunday 3 October at 11am AEDT, you are invited to join Bishop Vincent as he celebrates a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Plenary Council from St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Watch the Mass live on the St Patrick's Cathedral Facebook and Youtube channels.

The official opening Mass for the Plenary Council will be celebrated by Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth at 2pm AEDT. Watch the opening Mass via plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1

Tune in daily to the sessions of the Plenary Council

As the First Assembly of the Plenary Council gets underway on 3 October, you can tune in from home as the almost 300 Members of the Plenary Council discern the future of the Australian Church. The Plenary Council is providing livestreamed Daily Masses from 9.30am AEDT and access to the Plenary session livestreams from 11am AEDT. To find out more, please visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD ACTS 4:20

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need.

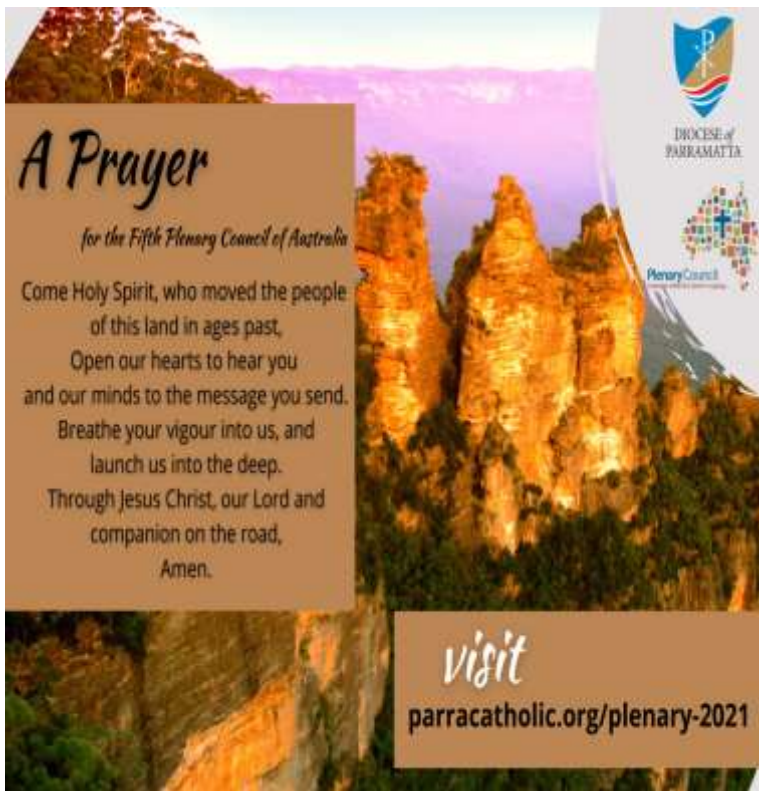
You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

Please come with an open and generous heart.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand





I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live

Seeing how distressed his parishioners were at being locked out of their church, Fr Joseph (Joe) Lam, parish priest of St Finbar's Parish in Glenbrook has written a book of reflections to help them cope and even find goodness that might come from the pandemic. He's also donating the proceeds of the book, *I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live: Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic* to the Diocese of Parramatta's Clergy Support Foundation

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 or 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 contains links information about services that can help

young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

Positions Vacant:

Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta
 Human Resources Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta
 Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Monday 4 October
 More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

Catholic Outlook book giveaway

You have a chance to win one of three copies of “Opening Doors: A Seeker’s Reflections on the Rooms of Christian Living” by Kevin Treston. ‘Opening Doors’ has been described ‘an easy read that asks hard questions’, designed to help us create a better life and a better world. Entries are now open until Monday 11 October. Enter today via catholicoutlook.org and fill out the form under ‘Book Giveaway’

Free Virtual Catholic Womens' Summit

The Genius Project Catholic Women's Ministry is holding a free virtual summit on October 8 -9. Hundreds of Catholic women from around the world have already registered to encounter incredible speakers and workshops. Watch the video and find out more at <https://bit.ly/catholic2021>

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 3 October 2021

(Extracted from Liturgy help.com)

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

The Lord is rich in mercy and kindness. Let us prepare ourselves to hear God's Word and praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you are our strength and our help: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you have given us your commandments of love: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us at the right hand of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, with strengthened faith may our service be faithful as we live out your commandments of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. O God Jesus redeemed the world and became the cornerstone of the Church. Help us to listen to what Jesus asks of us. May our words and deeds bear fruit and build your holy Church on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127. R. v.5

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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 10:2-16

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us turn with confidence to our heavenly Father and put before him our needs.

For the Church. That the Holy Spirit may teach all her members how to pray well so that we may discover what God's will is for each of us.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For each one of us. That we may ask God for what we really want and then trust that God will answer our prayer.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the sick in our parish, in our community and in our families: that the Lord may send his healing power to restore their health.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For all those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall at this time, That the Father may raise them up to share in his glory.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church:

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Celebrant: Loving Father, hear all these our prayers, and what we ask in faith may you grant through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, with child-like innocence may we share God's gift of love with others. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



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