

Reflection ...

Today is a triple celebration. It is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi and the closing Sunday in the Season of Creation. At the invitation of Pope Francis, we have focused for five weeks on the call to integral ecology, on hearing and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Among the most abandoned of Earth's "poor" are those who are still enslaved. While the international community has long since outlawed slavery, we have become increasingly aware of the persistence of a lucrative global industry structured around the sexual and labour enslavement of vulnerable people and exacerbated by the experience of pandemic. Today's gospel features a parable about an absentee landowner with slaves to do his bidding. Commentators focus on almost every aspect of this parable, particularly the judgement on the religious authorities who have rejected God's messengers. Few consider the fate of the slaves as slaves in the parable. Our contemporary sensibilities in relation to slavery invite a new reading of such texts, a reading that critiques the power that some in the Earth community exercise over other humans and over the natural world that has for so long been treated as the property of humans to manipulate at will.

The frequent translation of the Greek *doulos* (m.) and *doulē* (f.) as "servant" rather than as "slave" masks the underlying reality that some members of the community, even within the circle of believers gathered at the Eucharistic table, were actually the property of others in the community. The fact is that nobody in the ancient world, not even Jesus of Nazareth, questioned this situation. It is not surprising, therefore, that the slaves in today's parable are considered by the "tenants" to be dispensable. Their role is to collect the fruit from the harvest on behalf of the absentee landowner.

The "tenants" clearly have no intention of parting with any portion of the produce, presumably the tax imposed on them as a condition of their tenancy. They react violently when confronted by the three slaves who are the landowner's emissaries. They beat one slave, kill another and stone yet another. The slaves represent the landowner whose demands they refuse to meet. The landowner risks the lives of other slaves by sending yet another and bigger delegation. This second group of emissaries meets the same fate as their predecessors. Finally, the landowner sends his own son in the expectation that the tenants will show him the respect they have denied the slaves, his property. In fact, the son receives the same treatment as the slaves. He too is dispensable from the perspective of those wanting to seize "the inheritance", those wishing to take control of the vineyard for their own purposes. As we reflect on gospel stories that take slavery for granted, we might commit ourselves to eliminating all exercise of power over others or over any "vineyard" entrusted to our care.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM



'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 3 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 4 OCT

9:30am Mass

11:00am Baptisms

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 5 OCT

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 7 OCT

9:00am Mass

1:00pm Funeral - Giles Auty

THURSDAY 8 OCT

6:00pm Mass

1:30pm Funeral - Mary Cunney

FRIDAY 9 OCT

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 10 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 11 OCT

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5: 1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 6-9

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33-43

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj, Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara, John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Mary Cunney, Giles Auty, John Rees, Lucia Narsete, Angelo Paino, Gil San Gabriel

ANNIVERSARIES

Peppina Calanni, Albert Aris Gunawan, Walter Grusovin, Pasquale Iovanella, Frank Higgins, Paul David Corcoran, Sr Margaret Rita Ellis, Mary Breen, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy, Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Ana Niel, Phyl Dewar, Tony McDonald, Margaret Quinnell, Harry Dewar, May Campbell

ROSTER

3/4 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Brian Koh	Gus Alimhamzah	Danny Tjahjadi
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Sr Diana Hayes	Jeff Kildea Michelle Alimhamzah	Marianne Duncan Marissa Meyn
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia		
10/11 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	John Ryan	Roel Castillo	John Allen
Readers	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Toni McGuinness Rob McGuinness	Patricia Reyes Isabel Reyes
Comm to Sick	Cathy Castillo	Nubia Suarez	



WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code with your mobile phone.

Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt

Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name.

COLLECTIONS - 26/27 SEPT

1st Coll	\$575
2nd Coll	\$295
Envelope Coll	\$1,600
Parish House Reno	\$100
Raise the Roof	\$150

HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday 5 October, 6pm-7pm
(call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour)

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

The appeal which will take place this weekend highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an Important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can. **To give, please use the appeal envelopes provided or phone the Fundraising Office at the Archdiocese of Sydney on during office hours on 1800 753 959.**



Join us with Catholic author and speaker Eric Sammons as he addresses the critical issue of young men's participation in the Church today and challenges us to embrace several hard-hitting, yet tried-and-true strategies to get guys involved once again.

Tune in to our Facebook page this Friday the 9th October at 4 pm!

OCTOBER FAMILY ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

Following on from Archbishop Fisher's consecration of the Archdiocese to Our Lady, Help of Christians in May, we are using October – the month of the Most Holy Rosary – to encourage families to pray the Rosary together with renewed fervour.

To this end, the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady, Help of Christians will visit 31 parishes throughout the month. See the attached poster to find where the statue will travel. Each parish will include a program of at least one hour including a reflection on the Rosary, Adoration and Benediction, and silent family prayer. **Be sure to call and register your attendance, to comply with all Covid guidelines in place.** Enquiries: chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org.



NATIONAL FERTILITY CONFERENCE

Top experts in restorative reproductive medicine will gather for an online conference about advances giving hope to those with reproductive disorders and fertility problems. The conference is open to the public as well as medical and allied health professionals and will cover subjects in the areas of the latest fertility science, restoring men's and women's reproductive health, and treatments for infertility. To register visit <http://fc2020.w.yrd.currinda.com> or for more information on restorative reproduction medicine see www.airrm.org.au. Enquiries: chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org.

DATING, DRUGS, ROCK'N'ROLL!

All young adults are invited to participate online in Macquarie University Catholic Society's Mission Week themed "Sex, Drugs, Rock'n'Roll"! With an amazing line up of speakers including Jason Evert, Fr Rob Galea, Monica Doumit and Patrick Langrell, this is the opportunity to ask those controversial questions you've always wanted answered. Held at 1-2pm from the 6th – 9th of October on Zoom. Register here for more details: <https://forms.gle/RuNe9n2auRK53NUo9> or follow our Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/mqcatholics> or scan our QR code.




SEEKING WORK

Martin, a local parishioner and former refugee but now an Australian citizen is seeking house cleaning/gardening work. Martin is honest, punctual and reliable. If you are in need of Martin's services please contact John Hill on: 0411 315 533.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



World Mission Month is just around the corner. We focus on **Catholic Mission** and the life-changing work of the **Church in Cambodia's Battambang Province**. The Arrupe Centre, established by **Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez SJ** in 2001, is home for children with a disability, providing them with the support and opportunities to live a flourishing life. Bishop Kike created a unique place for children, where the love of God is demonstrated through caring and empowering those in need, reminding us that *"..we are here for the common good; to be a more inclusive society and to bring the joy of life everywhere....we look with a positive vision, hope, joy and happiness"*. To hear more about this **Catholic Mission** project, the community in Cambodia and be inspired by stories from the residents of The Arrupe Centre, please register for the webinars via these links:

Thurs 8th Oct at 6pm - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q15BetkkTtmmaeDIHw3_Tg
Fri 9th Oct at 1pm - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vhUkeOmpSjakDdBNnY26nw

Care for our Common Home

A conversation about how we can participate in shaping the future of the planet

Thursday 22nd October 2020
 5.30pm-7pm AEST



The Chevalier Institute invites you to a webinar conversation – "How does the Pope's letter, *Laudato Si'*, deepen and add to our understanding of ecological issues and our capacity to live our spirituality more faithfully?". The webinar will include input from six key speakers as well as students from our MSC colleges and parishes.

Presenters:



Jacqui Remond
Laudato Si' Consultant



Sr Mary Drum
 Provincial, MSC Sisters



Fr Claude Mostowik
 MSC Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation



Fr Krish Mathavan
 MSC *Laudato Si'* Animator



Mark McGinnity
 Director, MSC Education



Aidan Johnson
 Coordinator, Heartworks