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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) ~ SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 2020

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REAL TEST OF BEING A DISCIPLE

by Fr Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.

At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

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Do you want to enroll your children at a
Catholic school around the parish?

Please contact:

SAINT FIACRE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phone: 02 9560 2225

Email: info@stleichhardt.catholic.edu.au

MASS TIME AND CONFESSION

- ❖ DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday, 7.00 am
- ❖ SUNDAY MASS:
 - Vigil Mass (Saturday afternoon), 5.30 pm
 - English Mass, 8.00 am (at St Francis' church, Lilyfield)
 - English Mass, 9.30 am
 - Italian Mass, 11.00 am
 - Adoration & Mass for Young Adults, 4.00 pm
- ❖ CONFESSION: Every Saturday, 4.45 pm (or by appointment. Please contact parish office)

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN PARISH ACTIVITIES?

A parish will be vibrant if the parishioners are united and willing to be actively involved. At present, our parish is looking for more volunteers to clean the church, arrange flowers, musicians, singers, altar servers, and good readers during the Holy Mass. Let us not only be spectators but be actively involved. God will surely bless everyone who wants to give his/her time, talent, and energy for Him. Please contact Fr Pionius for more information.

MASS ON SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy.

Collect

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16 *This is a holy man of God; let him rest here*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

R: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

- ☞ I will sing forever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**
- ☞ Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R)**

- ☞ For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; by your favour it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

Second reading Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Prayer after Communion

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts forever. Through Christ our Lord.

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PSALM RESPONSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 29 June: St Peter & Paul, Apostles

The Lord set me free from all my foes.

Tuesday 30 June:

Lead me in your, Justice.

Wednesday 1 July:

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Thursday 2 July:

The judgements of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.

Friday 3 July: St Thomas, Apostle

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Saturday 4 July:

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR;

Sun 8:00am..... † **Jessie Bonnice**

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

Amen.

Reflection

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me"

Jesus preached a message of total renunciation for the sake of the kingdom. Nothing or no one must deter them from their dedication to Christ and his mission. Jesus knew that not everyone would accept the gospel his followers proclaimed. Even members of their families might be their adversaries. Those who wished to follow in Jesus' footsteps must be willing to put the gospel before all else, even their own lives. If they chose this difficult path they could be sure that they would share Jesus' destiny of persecution and suffering. Those who refused to "take up the cross" and follow him were "not worthy" of being his disciples (Mt 10:38).

Like the prophets of old they must be prepared to suffer for speaking God's word. Jesus' disciples were Christian "prophets" who spoke God's saving message. Whoever offered hospitality to these messengers of God received Jesus himself and God who sent him, and they would be rewarded for their kindness.

<http://www.togetherwithgodsword.com>

TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

Do I offer assistance to those who are dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel?

Lord Jesus, help me to be a loyal disciple as I share the gospel with others.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Saint Fiacre's Parish and the Capuchin Friars extend their gratitude to all parishioners and friends who are helping during these difficult times! Donations can be made by EFT to:

- Account Name: **St Fiacre's Catholic Church**
- BSB: **062 784**
- Account No: **0457 5001**
- ❖ If you require a **30% tax deduction**, please write your **Envelope Number** in the reference box.
- ❖ Tax deduction is only available to those givers who are enrolled to the Second Collection at St Fiacre's.
- ❖ If you wish to join the program, please contact the Parish office at **02 9518 0650** or fiacre@capuchinfrs.org.au

From the Archdiocese

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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 (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING.

Volunteers and staff who wish to complete the **Online Induction Training** will need to register by following this link

<https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>

For **Youth Ministry** follow this link <https://goo.gl/forms/fJXk6yIsLZQzDdYu2>

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering. The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program is flexible, allowing you to participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. **Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.**

Cost: **FREE** - Registration: From **Monday 29th June** Event Program: From **Saturday 15th August, 2020**

Go to: www.catholicmengathering.com.au

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 8:9,11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

XIII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO



L'uomo vivente è gloria di Dio. Dal «Trattato contro le eresie» di sant'Ireneo, vescovo

La gloria di Dio dà la vita; perciò coloro che vedono Dio ricevono la vita. E per questo colui che è inintelligibile, incomprendibile e invisibile, si rende visibile, comprensibile e intelligibile dagli uomini, per dare la vita a coloro che lo comprendono e vedono. E' impossibile vivere se non si è ricevuta la vita, ma la vita non si ha che con la partecipazione all'essere divino. Orbene tale partecipazione consiste nel vedere Dio e godere della sua bontà.

Gli uomini dunque vedranno Dio per vivere, e verranno resi immortali e divini in forza della visione di Dio. Questo, come ho detto prima, era stato rivelato dai profeti in figura, che cioè Dio sarebbe stato visto dagli uomini che portano il suo Spirito e attendono sempre la sua venuta. Così Mosè afferma nel Deuteronomio: Oggi abbiamo visto che Dio può parlare con l'uomo e l'uomo aver la vita (cfr. Dt 5, 24).

Colui che opera tutto in tutti nella sua grandezza e potenza, è invisibile e indescrivibile a tutti gli essere da lui creati, non resta però sconosciuto; tutti infatti, per mezzo del suo Verbo, imparano che il Padre è unico Dio, che contiene tutte le cose e dà a tutte l'esistenza, come sta scritto nel vangelo: «Dio nessuno lo ha mai visto; proprio il Figlio Unigenito, che è nel seno del Padre, lui lo ha rivelato» (Gv 1, 18).

Fin dal principio dunque il Figlio è il rivelatore del Padre, perché fin dal principio è con il Padre e ha mostrato al genere umano nel tempo più opportuno le visioni profetiche, la diversità dei carismi, i ministeri e la glorificazione del Padre secondo un disegno tutto ordine e armonia. E dove c'è ordine c'è anche armonia, e dove c'è armonia c'è anche tempo giusto, e dove c'è tempo giusto c'è anche beneficio.

Per questo il Verbo si è fatto dispensatore della grazia del Padre per l'utilità degli uomini, in favore dei quali ha ordinato tutta l'«economia» della salvezza, mostrando Dio agli uomini e presentando l'uomo a Dio. Ha salvaguardato però l'invisibilità del Padre, perché l'uomo non disprezzi Dio e abbia sempre qualcosa a cui tendere. Al tempo stesso ha reso visibile Dio agli uomini con

molti interventi provvidenziali, perché l'uomo non venisse privato completamente di Dio, e cadesse così nel suo nulla, perché l'uomo vivente è gloria di Dio e vita dell'uomo è la visione di Dio. Se infatti la rivelazione di Dio attraverso il creato dà la vita a tutti gli esseri che si trovano sulla terra, molto più la rivelazione del Padre che avviene tramite il Verbo è causa di vita per coloro che vedono Dio.

<https://www.maranatha.it>



ARE YOU STRUGGLING IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS?

Depression. Anxiety. Loneliness. Conflict. Stress.

CCareline **13 18 19** is a free and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health.

CatholicCare Marriage Preparations

Marriage Education Goes Virtual: CatholicCare has quickly adapted to social distancing laws, providing marriage education virtually from mid March. If you are engaged and are planning on getting married soon, CatholicCare is still able to provide you with your marriage education course during this time. We expect demand to surge when social distancing rules are relaxed further, so don't miss out. Book now! Call 13 18 19. "Considering we were attending remotely, [the educator] still made the experience feel collaborative and a safe space in which to share.

Friar's Van Winter Appeal:

The Friar's Van needs blanket and raincoat donations. During these colder months, living rough on the streets is harder than ever, especially trying to keep warm and dry. The items need to be light and easy to carry. For example, the rolled fleece blankets you see at supermarkets or discount stores like Target/K-mart/Big W/Dollar King etc are perfect. The raincoats could also be rain ponchos or the ones that roll up to a small pouch. As always, you can donate the individually wrapped chocolates to the Friar's Van. (Note: Mars Bars, Snickers and Bountys are the most popular!!!) You can leave your donations at the Parish office or in the tubs at the back of the Church.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

We thank most sincerely all Parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Program. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the Parish (*wages, rates, electricity, building maintenance*) as well as pastoral planning for Parish growth (*faith education, sacramental preparation, resources*).

At the same time we invite those who are not part of our Planned Giving Program to consider supporting your Parish in this way.

TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

2020-21 IS 30%

If you, or someone you know, would like to join the Planned Giving Programme please contact the Parish Office to register your interest and receive a set of envelopes.

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