



St Madeleine

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Pentecost Sunday
20th May 2018

Acts 2: 1-11

Galatians 5:16-25

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

“Transformed people are the ones who transform other people”

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. This feast day is a memorable day for us as it marks the 30th anniversary of St Madeleine’s Parish. As a loving community, we thank God for having navigated our way all these years and made our parish incredible in various ways. I would like to thank everyone who has been a significant part of the journey, instruments of God in building up the community at Kenthurst. As God’s children, we need to continuously consider and pray over **who we are (or are failing to be)**, where **we are**, and **how we live** our mission as Christians. Perhaps, as individuals and as a community we need to re-capture, re-focus, and re-emphasize what it means to be a Christian Catholic – our primary identity, source and mission as sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters in Christ! We have been awaiting the council’s approval for the construction of our new, free-standing church which will be a hub of supernatural energy for all. We bring our intention in the form of prayer to the Almighty that He who initiated this plan will bring it to completion! May I ask every one of you to add this intention (prayer card in the foyer) in your regular prayer!

Last week, I attended a one day ‘Intercultural workshop’ with a few priests and members of a few parishes, facilitated by Fr Anthony J. Gittins. I would like to share the three guiding principles as outlined by him.

We are called to build a home where all can live and everyone belongs like that of a family with all rights, duties, accountability and mutual respect.

God creates difference. **Difference is Good** and it must be negotiated, consistent with the community’s sustaining vision. We don’t survive or manage **despite** our differences, but **within** them.

God created an inclusive community (Gen 3:8).

The feast of Pentecost captures the essence of the said principles. The real miracle of Pentecost (Acts 2) is one of allowing the Spirit of God to work within us and create an inclusive community where everyone is respected, dignified and accepted despite the man-made divisive factors. The Spirit of God enables us to look at the reality from God’s perspective and impels us to recreate humanity in the context of God’s compassion, peace and justice. This process of transformation or recreation starts from our family wherein God’s spirit enables a wife and husband to love enough to listen with their hearts, to discern one another’s real meaning that is much deeper than the imperfect, imprecise words they “say” to one another. Listening with the hearts will surely enhance the relationship between the parents and the children. The Spirit of God invites us “to hear the voice and presence of God in the midst of the clamour and busyness, the pain and despair, of our lives, challenging us to embrace the life and love of God in our homes and hearts” and in our communities. (A Connections Sampler)

Once upon a time a new family moved into a neighbourhood. It was a nice neighbourhood and it was very close to where the Daddy worked, so close he could walk to work. There was only one thing wrong with the neighbourhood. Most people weren’t Irish! Yes, that’s true there are such neighbourhoods! They were Mexican and Thai, Jewish and Korean, Japanese and Indian, Polish and Columbian, Lebanese and Chinese and just about every other nationality that you could imagine. The children in the neighbourhood swarmed around the new kids. Are you really Irish? We don’t have any Irish living in our neighbourhood. What’s it like to be Irish? Can you teach us Irish songs and dances and tell us Irish stories?



Our new family was not dumb at all. They realized that there was some pay-off in being different. They had to look up Irish songs and stories and learn some Irish dances. They became very popular. They also learned a lot about all the strange people (i.e. those that were not Irish in their neighbourhood and decided that while they were not Irish it wasn’t their fault and they were pretty cool kids anyway.) They loved the cooking even if some of it was a little too spicy. Do you want to move back to the old neighbourhood, their parents asked them anxiously. No way, said the kids, God made us all different and we enjoy it! All Irish neighbourhoods are BORING.

Let us be transformed in the Spirit of God constantly, and with Him bring something different in others!

God’s blessings, Fr. Vince

Last week, **The Catholic Foundation** launched its May appeal which supports our works of Faith, particularly our seminarians and their good works within the wider community.

Seminarians supported include our young Michael Axiak who joined in 2016.

Since joining, Michael has been installed as an acolyte and does a lot of community work visiting the sick and housebound, and also brings them communion.



Michael, along with his fellow Seminarian Calvin, also visits Ropes Crossing Public School to provide catechises to students and teach the faith.

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Northern Deanery Pastoral Council

Parramatta Diocese has formed Deanery pastoral councils across the five Deaneries in the Diocese as part of the "Faith in our Future" plan. We are in the Northern Deanery and our next meeting is on May 23 where we will begin to explore how to hear from our communities on what we take to the 2020 Plenary council, at a national level, to what we can share across our Deaneries, helping each other locally.

The NSW Pastoral Ministry conference was held in early May and was a wonderful day. Fr Paul Roberts gave the key note and spoke about his experience in mission relationships, going across the bounds. The workshops—one from Wollongong Diocese on their Connect program www.dow.org.au/connect, and one from Greystanes parish on their experience at the LA Religious Education Congress www.recongress.org/—were inspirational.

If you want more information on the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council contact Sue Martin sue@kcj.net.au



Make a joyful noise
to the LORD
Psalm 100:1

All are invited to a meeting on Thursday, 24th May at 7pm to talk about enhancing and enlivening our celebrations through music. Please come with ideas and suggestions!



Have you ever considered becoming a **SENIOR SERVER?**

The parish could sure use your help!
Training will be provided.

If you are interested—or even just curious—have a chat with Steve Fry, 0411470416. Thank you!

RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation begin with an **Information Session THIS TUESDAY, 22nd May.**

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the program, you **MUST** attend either the **4:30 or 7pm** session in the church. This is offered to children in Year 3 and older. You will be required to present your child's baptismal certificate.

Preparations for First Communion will begin in August.

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd June at 4:30-5:30pm**

at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1453.45

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1660

Loose = \$ 1233.85

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 5000.85 (target = \$5577)

The Catholic Foundation Appeal: \$4046.15

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Ross Sattler, Antonio Tallaridi, Rosaria Nucifora, Neil Palmer, Jodie Gillett, Sarah Corrigan, Marylyn Ayoub

For the dearly departed

Sam Dominello, Frenk Piperata, Domenico Piperata, Annena Piperata, Anna Bonsanti, Ubaldo Turcato & family, Marcello Pellizzon & family, Faraj Ayoub, Setna Mulvihill and the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, Herman Estacio, Emerita Estacio David, Giovanni Cristaldi, Orazia Cristaldi, Santo Cristaldi, and Salvatore Campo, Norman and Chahide Hajje, Shedly and Chahide Hajje, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, George Baynie, Giovanni Gazzola, Breda Sherlock, deceased of the Sherlock, Loughlan, and Kinsella families, Annamaria Boffo, Noeleen Hennessy, Adelaide & Davide Baldi, Paula & Ben Dieudonne

For healing of the sick

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FORMATION 2018

Formation 2018 presented by 'Live Christ Share Christ' at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta have been holding monthly formation talks for the past eighteen months. Topics have included: Sacraments, An Introduction & Overview of the Gospel of Mark, The Temptation of Jesus (Mark) and weekly Lenten reflections. Our speakers are clergy from the Diocese of Parramatta and other special guests. Sessions alternate from Friday nights to Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to be included on our mailing list for upcoming talks, please email Pat, Parish Secretary on secretary@stpatricks cathedral.com.au.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES: 20 MAY

Find out more about this important issue and take part in a table talk discussion. Blackheath Community Centre Hall, 2.00pm-4.30pm, 20 May. RSVP Celia 0499 077 511.

TAIZE RETREAT AND PRAYER: 25 - 26 MAY

Br Ghislain from the Taize Community in France will be visiting Sydney and Bathurst in May. Bathurst - Two-day retreat at St Joseph's Conference Centre, Perthville (Bathurst), on Friday 25 May - Saturday 26 May. Contact and information: Carmen Ph: (02) 6334 6407 or Email: taizeretreatbathurst@gmail.com

ACU SHORT COURSE ON DEATH AND CATHOLIC FUNERALS DURING JULY

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" at Strathfield on 4 Wednesday evenings in July. Experienced priests (including Fr Peter Williams) and funeral directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved one. Register at: www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses or 02 9701 4751 for more information.

You are invited to join the HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018

with extension
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Pilgrimage Chaplain:

Fr Vincent Savarimuthu

For your Expression of Interest,
please contact Susan Clark

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Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

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Lisa Echevarria

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Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses:

9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup - Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,

or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario: 26 May

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv,
Bishop of Parramatta, will be the

principal celebrant for the Mass of
Ordination to the Diaconate of

Christopher del Rosario on Saturday
26 May 2018 at 6.30pm.

The ordination will take place at

St Monica's Church, Richmond.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green: 2 June

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv,
Bishop of Parramatta, will be the

principal celebrant for the Mass of
Ordination to the Diaconate of

Jack Green on Saturday

2 June 2018 at 6.00pm.

The ordination will take place at

Sacred Heart Church, Westmead.

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	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Adriana Kennedy Michelle Eamer	Margaret & Michael Foley
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
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	MUSICIANS	Alexandra	Joan & David	Bobby, Matt, and JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(22 May) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Marie Coddington
	FLOWERS	Vince & Miranda Luca, arr'd by Joy R & Carmel H		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman

26/27 MAY	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo	Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Year 3 & 4 parents	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Justin Sebire	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
	JUN MINISTERS	Brosnan Leahy	Vincent Macdonald Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo Finn Sebire	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Alexandra	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(29 May) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Ann Marie Duncan
	FLOWERS	Vince & Miranda Luca, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman