



St Madeleine

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**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
29th July 2018**

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

The Call

If today has been “one of those days” for you, meaning stressful and tiring, maybe you could let the readings for Sunday bring you home for a while. Look especially at the Second Reading, taken from the letter to the Ephesians. It calls us to:

- *live with humility.*

Humility means to accept all that you are and all you are not. Relax. You do not have to be God in order to be beloved. Lives that have a great need to be huge and greatly respected and listened to and in control are based on fear, not humility. Try to accept, gradually, the love God has for you, the love that makes you safe. You are who you are.

- *live with gentleness*

This can be a little more difficult. Commercials say that women have to be always beautiful or be rejected. They must be happy with their detergent, take care of others, be as strong as men, keep up the social calendar and have a full time job as well. These are some of the pressures advertising puts on women. Plus, they have to “matter,” going on the largest march in the history of this country. Relax. God is the gentlest acceptor of all, milder than any product, milder than the air we breathe. Relax. You are enough. We are each loved by the infinitely gentle God.

As far as that goes, culture tells males that gentleness is just for women and children. Men used to be tough, all tough, and only tough. Relax. Yes, men’s and women’s bodies and minds have the capacity to be strong, but peace comes from balancing this nature with tenderness toward our mates, our families, our religious brothers and sisters, our elders, our friends.

- *live with patience*

Patience can be defined as “bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint.” This is a good enough definition, but did you know that the Latin origin of the word patience (patior) means “to allow, or to acquiesce”? We are to allow the gift of life in all its forms, not push it away because there is too much else to do. God gives us our selves one minute at a time, one hour after the other, not all at once. If you want to “have it all and have it now” you are going against your nature. Each moment, each flower, each step is precious if we take time to “let it be.” Accept the gifts of the compassionate giver and let the clock have a rest.

- *bear with one another through love*

Think how wonderful it would be if someone were to bear with you, even when you mess up. You would not have to be anything but your own adequate self, loved by God, able to bear up under the surprisingly light burden of loving others.

- *finally, it calls us “to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace”*

One Lord,
one faith,
one Baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all
(Second Reading)

This is our hope. This is our call. This is the “barley loaf,” the “one bread” we will receive in our very hands on Sunday (First Reading and Gospel).

One bread, one body, one Lord of all.



We are all to keep this Lord before our eyes. The God who gives lasting peace.



John Foley, SJ

8AM SUNDAY, 12TH AUGUST

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the visiting priest scheduled for the 8am Mass on 12th August cannot come. We are still trying to find another priest, but at this point, it looks like we will have a Communion Service that morning.

9:15 SERVICES THIS WEEK

Communion Service in the chapel Tues-Thurs;

Communion service and Adoration with students of St Madeleine's on Friday.

All are welcome to join these celebrations and to spend some quiet time in reflection.



- ◇ We will be organising a parish meeting at the end of August to talk about details of the project. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the construction, please feel free to ring Angelo Roia on 98991948, or email the construction committee: stmadsconstruction@gmail.com
- ◇ Road works and tree clearing are due to begin soon.
- ◇ If anyone is interested in tendering for work at the Church project, you can email FAL Construction, info@falgroup.com.au

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

will be available in August. Please let the office know if you would like to join the envelope system, or if you already have envelopes and have recently changed your address.



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Thank you for your generosity.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1095.30

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1626

Loose = \$ 788.95

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4521.95 (target = \$5577)

Vinnies Winter Appeal = \$8441

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!

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **4th August** 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.

Sacrament of FIRST COMMUNION



The **Information Sessions for First Communion**

will be on **Tuesday, 7th August, at 4:30 and 7pm.**

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program **MUST** attend one of these sessions.

This sacrament is offered to Year 3 and older who have already done their First Reconciliation.

For any queries, please feel free to contact Sally Coppini by email: stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

Plenary 2020 is the name given to a process initiated by the Australian Bishops who are inviting people to engage in listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia ahead of a Plenary Council in 2020. Significantly, a process such as this has not happened in Australia since 1937. Our voices are needed and we are invited to engage with family, friends and colleagues in this time of renewal.

Our diocese has set up a website by which you can give your feedback.

Visit: www.parracatholic.org/haveyoursay



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Joel Galayini



For the dearly departed

Helena Culligan and the deceased of the Culligan and Mulvihill families, Alfonse and Estela Juanengo, Vincenzina Americano, Ross Sattler, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, Norman and Chahide Hajje, Shedly and Chahade Hajje, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Youssef Maait, Martin Mileto, Paris Hamper, Joe Vella, Maria Ceroli, Michael Caruana, and Alfred Muscat

For healing of the sick

Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Ivan Ceccato, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.

Our parish and church project has been featured in Catholic Outlook Online.

A printout of the article is in the foyer, and here is a link to article:

<https://catholicoutlook.org/finally-kenthurst-gets-a-church/>

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

POSITION VACANT: CASUAL DICTAPHONE TYPISTS/TRANSCRIBERS

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PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN, ISRAEL AND EGYPT—NOVEMBER 2018

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THE BISHOP'S BLEND:

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday, 6th August 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendfifthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

OPEN DAY - WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 2018

TANGARA School (Reception to Yr12) 10.00am-12.30pm,
Principal's Presentation 11.00 am ph:9680 4844
REDFIELD COLLEGE (K to Yr 12) 12.00pm to 2.30pm,
Headmaster's Talk 1.00pm ph:9651 0381

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. To be held at the Institute For Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Enrolments close 9 August.

NOTE: Introduction Session on 16 August is compulsory. Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au or 02 8838 3456 or parracatholic.org/office-for-worship

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Mothering with the God who loves us

Presenters: Marilyn Rodrigues

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Whether your child is a baby or grown-up, be refreshed and reflect on the gifts and challenges of motherhood with Mary and her Carmelite saints.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH FR VINCENT—16 NOVEMBER 2018

If you are interested in joining,
please contact Susan Clark
P—90998035; M—0405429988;
E—susan@itravel-au.com

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:

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 Communion Service

until 17 August

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

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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Issues of The Catholic Weekly
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- ♦ Miracle Cure? - Ricky Peterson
- ♦ WYD '08: Ten year celebration
- ♦ Parish debate
- ♦ Happy birthday Humanae Vitae
- ♦ Movie review: *The Equaliser 2*
- ♦ Monica Doumit:
Fr Frank's own goal

Be faithful to the touch of the
Holy Spirit upon your soul.
The Holy Spirit when free,
works marvels within us.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinators:

CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

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THIS WEEKEND	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Rosa Carlino	Teresa Capaldi Maureen Burford	Michelle & John Romeo
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Eileen Sherlock Gerry McArdle	AnnMarie Duncan Marietta Nesci	Simmy Cesamolo Jan Schroder
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Kathy White Eileen Sherlock	Sandra Tabone	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling		James Whittle	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, and Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(31 July) Paul Vella & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Denis Secco, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Baldi
4/5 AUG	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Rick & Lesley Gangemi
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Margaret Foley Gael Carpani
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Deb & Paul Copperfield	Marian Piper CareyAnne Moylan	Tereza Barisic
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Maait	Tiago Gregory Elizabeth Cauchi
	MUSICIANS		Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(7 Aug) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, John & Betty Hourigan		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Denis Secco, arr'd by Mari & Maureen		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Baldi