



St Madeleine

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th August 2018

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

“My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.”

John 6: 55

Mass in the midst of it all

Every weekday at noon, a small group of teachers and staff gather in the college chapel for Mass. But for a few weeks, while repairs were being made to the college chapel, the Mass was moved to a small dormitory chapel. It took a while for some of the “regulars” to find it: making their way up the old stairs, past the soda and candy machines and the rows of doors with every kind of music blasting from behind them.



Fourteen gathered this particular noon, including a guide dog who sat at attention throughout the entire liturgy, and a small child of two or three, who never took her eyes off the miracle at the altar. Usually scattered throughout the larger church, they were now seated together in a circle around the altar.

A great thing about Mass being celebrated in a crowded college dormitory, one communicant wrote, “is that you hear the seething life of the hall thrumming overhead and burbling faintly through the doors and windows; not until yesterday had I enjoyed a Mass during which I heard reggae music, and the samba of washing machines, and an argument about the Satanic nature of the Los Angeles Lakers, and what sounded like a skateboard being ridden down a staircase at high speed. All these sounds were gentle, and did not obtrude on the music of the Mass, but somehow having the murmured soundtrack of youth in the background as we celebrated the miracles deepened the experience, added a little more of the salt and song of life to an event too often ossified as mere ritual, and what could be more beautifully human and holy than sitting over food and telling stories and insisting on miracles, in the company of a child and a dog?”

[From “A Mass” by Brian Doyle, U.S. Catholic, February 2012.]



This dormitory Mass is a wonderful image of today’s Gospel. Christ comes to us as living bread – not a remote ritual or a sacred artefact to be adored behind a locked door, but as real bread that brings us together in the midst of the busyness of our lives, real bread that nurtures the love of God in the midst of the music that “rocks” our lives. May the bread and wine we receive at this table on this day make us the “body” of Christ with and for one another; in his “blood” of the new covenant that he gives us to drink here, may his life of compassion, justice and selflessness flow within us, enabling us to become what we have received: the sacrament of unity, peace and reconciliation.

(A Connections Sampler)



- ◇ Road works are indeed underway! Diggers and earth movers are at work preparing the site.
- ◇ Pledges for various items in the new church continue to come in. If you would like to make a donation towards a particular item, feel free to ring Maria Aiossa on 0402280890, or have a chat with Fr Vincent.
- ◇ If anyone is interested in tendering for work at the Church project, you can email FAL Construction, info@falgroup.com.au
- ◇ 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
- ◇ We will be organising a parish meeting at the end of August to talk about details of the project.

Dear Parishioners,

Seeing that our new Church has finally commenced, some of us felt it would be nice to produce a booklet for the Church opening, outlining the history of our Parish and the people that make up our Community.

To be able to do this, we are asking for anyone with ideas or creative talents on how to achieve this, to come along and share them with us.

For more info, please contact Maria Aiossa on 0402280890 or mariaaiossa@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Maria



NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

are available in the foyer. To save on postage and delivery costs, we'd appreciate if you could take your box home with you and maybe deliver a box or two to your neighbours.

If you would like to join the envelope system OR if you would like to change your method of giving from envelopes to direct debit, please fill in one of the blue registration forms in the foyer or get in touch with the office—96542260.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1541.15

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1437

Loose = \$ 1153.45

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4697.45 (target = \$5577)

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!

*We pray for eternal rest for
Maree Wiesemes.*

*Maree's funeral will be held on
Monday, 20th August at 11am.*

*You may enter through the 2nd gate to access more parking spots near the school oval.



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **1st September** 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

Let us pray for the children and their parents as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

They will have their sessions on: 19th Aug, 26th Aug, and 9th Sept at 4:20pm, concluding with participation at the 5:30 Mass.

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



NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS

CATCH-UP OVER COFFEE

All our dear volunteers to the nursing homes and retirement villages (Lady of Grace, Arcare, Carinya House, BUPA Dural, and Mountainview)

are invited to get together for coffee on

Thursday, 20th Sept, 11:30am,

somewhere in Round Corner.

Please save the date; venue details to follow.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Maree Wiesemes, Pilita Urbina Trillo, Ivan Ceccato, Joel Galayini

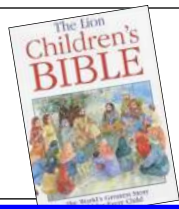
For the dearly departed

Michael & Theresa Caruana, Anthony Vella, Angio Vella, Sarah T Murray, Thomas A Murray, Santo Cristaldi, Giovanni Cristaldi, Orazia Cristaldi, Salvatore Campo, Helena Culligan and the deceased of the Culligan and Mulvihill families, Alfonso and Estela Juanengo.

For healing of the sick

Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, 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.





COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!

Beautiful items are available at our piety stall for First Communion, Baptism, Confirmation, even anniversaries and birthdays!

The stall is open after the 8am and 10am Sunday Masses, and during the Communion preparation sessions.



VINNIES LAUNCHES APPEAL FOR DROUGHT-AFFLICTED NSW

With 99% of New South Wales affected by drought, the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW with the proud support of The Sunday Telegraph launched its appeal to raise funds for rural communities in need.

The Vinnies Drought Appeal will help individuals and communities across NSW in three ways:

- Provide immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments;
- Fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations; and
- Organise social events for rural communities to come together and find support.

Donations can be made by calling 13 18 12; at any local Vinnies Shop, or online at:

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate#!state=nsw&appeal=159>

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

ST MAD'S TRIVIA NIGHT—25TH AUGUST, 7PM

St Madeleine's Primary is holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, 25th August at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. This will be held at the St Mad's School Hall.

- Tables of 10, \$20 per person; BYO nibbles and alcohol
- Tickets available at <https://www.trybooking.com/407690>
- Any queries, please contact Maree McNeil on 0402941956

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 1-2.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January. can send a receipt.

WE'RE HIRING!

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>

DAD'S SUPPORT GROUP: 28 AUGUST

D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm - 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit playgroupnsw.org.au or mytime.net.au. Tea & Coffee provided.

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



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH FR VINCENT—16 NOVEMBER 2018

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

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:

Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator

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

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

THE CHURCH. ALL OF IT.

Issues of The Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each.

- ◆ New labourer for the vineyard— Matt Meagher ordination
- ◆ Peakhurst parish: Mighty drought fundraiser
- ◆ Legal tragedy: Academics speak out on euthanasia
- ◆ A light in darkness
- ◆ Universities and Colleges Open Days liftout

Our one passion should be the love of Christ and the desire to make Him loved.

-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

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia

Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone

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Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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THIS WEEKEND	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Margaret & Michael Foley
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Michelle Eamer	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling Annabelle Rogers	Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, Matt, and JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(21 Aug) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Marie Coddington
	FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold
25/26 AUG	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo	Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE		Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Careyanne Moylan	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 Finn Sebire	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(28 Aug) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Mari & Maureen		ALTAR LINEN	Frances Sanders