



St Madeleine

Sophie Barat Parish

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th September 2018

Isaiah 35:4-7;

James 2:1-5;

Mark 7:31-37

“OPEN YOUR EYES, LOOK WITHIN.

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE LIFE YOU ARE LIVING?”- Bob Marley

This Sunday the Word of God infuses hope in every one of us that we can transform the world at the micro and macro levels with the Divine Power. The gospel in particular, speaks about the healing of a deaf and dumb by Jesus. While reading the entire story reflectively, one can figure out the gentle, personal and caring way of Jesus to this disabled man without subjecting him to embarrassment. Jesus allows him to go back into society freed to participate in all social and religious activities. His speech impediment and his hearing deficiency were deemed as punishments from God. Now, Jesus has given him back his dignity, social and religious rights to live like any other Jew.

This gospel challenges us to have our ears opened to God and at the same time to listen to the plight of many who suffer physically, socially, culturally and religiously. Very often people are rejected on the basis of phenotype, religion, race, language, ethnicity etc. It is to these people that Jesus wants us to be the harbingers of hope and life. God provides us opportunities always to ‘be opened’ to lift the people who are subjugated to various inhuman and unjust factors.

As ‘listeners and doers of the Word of God’, let us do what we can in great faith and love.

Forever Remembered, Forever Missed!

With great love and sympathy, our hearts reach out to Alf Barbagallo who lost his beloved wife Patricia last Tuesday. We pray to the living Lord that God may bring comfort and courage to him and the family to face the days ahead and loving memories forever hold in their hearts. **The funeral will be on Wednesday, 12th September at 10.30 am at St Madeleine’s Church.**

Fr. Eric Burton, Parish Priest Emeritus of Christ the King, North Rocks died a few days ago. His funeral will take place at **Christ the King Church, North Rocks on Tuesday, 18th September, 11am.** There will be a vigil service on the 17th at 7.30pm in the same Church. Let us remember Fr. Eric in our prayers.



Sharing the joy of Christmas 2018 with a few families in Sri Lanka

Like last year, we would like to share the joy of Christmas’18 with a few needy families in Sri Lanka by means of food items such as sugar, coffee, tea, biscuits, toiletries such as soaps, detergent soaps, school supplies etc. and clothes (No winter clothes please!) for all ages.. We shall ship a few boxes of the above mentioned items by 10th October that they will be able to get this stuff on time for Christmas. I just feel that we can send some money that they can buy rice and flour locally and distribute to the families as rice is their staple food. We also need money to meet the cost of the cartons and the freight charges. You can have a word with me in this regard. We are a community of sharing and thanks in advance for your generosity! **Kindly drop the goods in front of the parish office before the end of September!**

Building ‘a House of Love’ for Worship and Celebration of our Faith



We are a community of faith where God’s love and our love for God flow for all through our worship and service. We are all united in building a free standing church for the celebration and renewal of our faith. As we involve in the church projects, we also need to equally and even more focus on building up our community that our belonging to one another becomes cemented and we leave a legacy for the young and future generation to continue our community spirit. We welcome everyone to our church where he/she could feel loved, accepted and nourished.

Your active involvement in the ministries of our parish is vital and in view of looking at the manner of enhancing our parish **we will come together on Thursday, 13th September at 7 pm at St Joseph's Centre.** Your active participation will surely pave way for the growth of our community in its entirety. Make sure, you are here on Thursday evening!

We ask Jesus to help us to see with His eyes, to listen with His compassionate ears and to speak with His healing voice. We ask Jesus to open our eyes to His loving presence next to us and cherish them with a loving heart.

God's blessings to all!
Fr Vince



Sacrament of FIRST COMMUNION

Let us pray for the children and their parents as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on the 16th and 23rd of September.

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **6th October 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.



◇ 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

◇ If anyone is interested in tendering for work at the Church project, you can email FAL Construction, info@falgroup.com.au

YOU ARE ALL INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE PARISH MEETING ABOUT THE NEW CHURCH ON

THURSDAY, 13th SEPT at 7pm

IT WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT AND TO SEE HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN MAKING OUR COMMUNITY'S DREAM A REALITY.

Father's Day Appeal

Our community is contributing \$ 4543.35 to the Diocese of Parramatta for supporting the retired and sick clergy. Thanks heaps for your generosity. Those who would still like to donate for this cause are most welcome to do so!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1388.65

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1870

Loose = \$ 1103.85

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 5080.85 (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!

Choir Practice

11 September 2018, at 7pm, in the Church

You are all very welcome, young and old, singers and croakers!
Come join our fun and important ministry.

Further info call:

Careyanne 0438791813 or

Alex 0404311278



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**, at "The Cosy Nook" Café at Round Corner. Please let Suzanne know if you're coming!



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Patricia Barbagallo, Fr Eric Burton, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Doreen Farrow, Patricia Mervin, Shirley Wilcockson, Phil Sworden, Maria Aiossa and Maree Wiesemes

For the dearly departed

Engracia Corpuz, Norman & Chahade Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahade Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, Jim Mulvihill, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Alfonso Juanengo, Giuseppe La Macchia, Silvana Carosso Provini, Michael & Theresa Caruana, Anthony Vella, and Angio Vella

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, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Karen Bligh, 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.



UPCOMING Plenary 2020 Information and Training Session

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.



All parishioners are invited as the sessions assist with both a parish level response as well as helping individuals share the Plenary invitation with friends and family. Our next upcoming Information and Training Session is **on Thursday, 20 September, 7pm to 9.30pm** at the Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta).

This is a unique and exciting time. Our voices are important. Let us speak boldly and with passion and listen with an open and humble heart.

Please email with your RSVP to marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org with date and time and parish or agency as soon as possible.

***There are already some from our parish who will be attending this session. Feel free to ring the parish office—96542260—if you want to organise to go together.**

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

LAWN AND GARDEN SERVICES: HELP CATHOLICARE TO HELP DISABLED WORKERS

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website www.ccss.org.au

RCIA: HOW IT CAN GROW YOUR PARISH'S FAITH LIFE

Wednesday 12 September – Part 1; Wednesday 19 September – Part 2
To be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown from 7.00–9.00.
To register contact the Office For Worship:
ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 02 8838 3456.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2018

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 6th October, 9.30am – 2.00pm at IFM (Institute For Mission) in the Downstairs Room, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148 (off Flushcombe Road). A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis. Please contact the parish office—96542260—if you are interested in attending.

LITURGY CONFERENCE 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale.
For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

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

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

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for \$2 each.

*Shouldn't we gratefully accept
both good and bad as coming
from the hand of God,
for both are inclined to our
advantage if we know how to
profit from them.*

-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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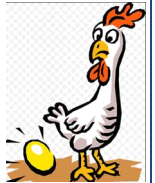
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5:30pm Sat

8:00am

10:00am

5:30pm

WELCOMERS

Trish Keating

Fran & Rocco Scardino

Jenny & Peter Firkins

Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina

ACOLYTE

Peter Balnaves

Neil John

Phyllis Hannah

Joe Touma

READERS

Paul Cashman

Dan Doyle

Ann & Mark Lee

Youth Group

**EUCARISTIC
MINISTERS**

Colleen Dunlop
Trish Keating

Tricia Spencer
Kathy White

Sandra Tabone
Roslyn Earl

Selina Calleia
Jason Hatcher

JUN MINISTERS

Tara & Sam Coddington

Christopher Kang

Kerstin Grima

Thomas Foxall

Thomas Barker

MUSICIANS

Bev & Pat

Joan & David

Merle & Doug

Youth Group

COUNTERS

(11 Sept) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sally Coppini

FLOWERS

Nick Ceroli—arr'd by Joy Rogers & Carmel Heinrich

ALTAR LINEN

Pat Brush

15/16 SEPT

WELCOMERS

Maria & Steve Fry

Jenny & Steve Mayhew

Margaret & Michael Foley

ACOLYTE

Steve Fry

Jhun Javier

Sam Ursino

READERS

Pat Waters
Robert Gerometta

Eileen Sherlock
Maree McNeil

Rosanna Ceroli

Janelle & Stephen Bawden

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MINISTERS**

Berenice Hart-Gerometta

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

Joan & David

Bobby, Matt, and JMJ

Youth Group

COUNTERS

(18 Sept) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

FLOWERS

Linda Pelizzer

ALTAR LINEN

Pat Brush