



**St Madeleine**

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**28th October 2018**

30th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

**“I who am blind can give one hint to those who see:**

**Use your eyes as if tomorrow you were stricken blind”** - Helen Keller

*There was a blind girl who hated herself just because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry her boyfriend. One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her and then she could see everything, including her boyfriend. Her boyfriend asked her, “now that you can see the world, will you marry me?” The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind too, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her saying. “Just take care of my eyes, dear”. This is how the human brain changes when the status changed. Only few remember what life was before, and who had always been there even in the most painful situations. We meet such a person in the Gospel of this Sunday.*

In first century Palestine, blindness meant that one would be subjected to abject poverty. The blind would be reduced to begging for a living at the mercy and generosity of others. There was a rare chance for cure except for the self-correcting blindness. The medical knowledge of the day was not as advanced



as we have today. Hence, you can imagine the plight of Bartimaeus and his family in the face of such disadvantage. Yet, he did not lose hope and he grabbed the opportunity to encounter Jesus. Looking at his faith Jesus restored the sight of the blind man. As he felt that Jesus had made him a new creation, he followed him ‘along the way’ in the light of faith and love. Walking along the way would mean that he wanted to lift up the people on the road side and enable them to take their place in the movement of history.

There may be various factors making us blind to see the presence of God and see a ray of light in the tunnel of darkness. Nonetheless, we hear about so many Bartimaeuses today who have emerged from their lowliness of despair, grief, emotional or relational brokenness, failures, frustrations, financial difficulties, terminal illness and huge loss of lives and material goods etc. Let such heroes and heroines be a source of inspiration for us to have proper ‘sight’ in the daily routines of our life: “to see the needs and feelings of the family; to see the hunger for warmth; to see the craving for justice and human dignity in our friends, neighbours”, refugees and asylum seekers; to see and make better use of the available opportunities around us and be a small torch in the hands of God to brighten the gloomy world. The blind and deaf Helen Keller said, "The most beautiful things in the world can't be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

*Fr. De Mello tells a story which can help us to check our spiritual blindness. A hermit asked his disciples: “When do you say that the night is ended and it is morning?” The first disciple said: “I say that it is morning when I can distinguish an oak tree from a maple tree.” The hermit said: “No.” The second disciple answered: “I know it is morning when I can distinguish a cow from a sheep at a distance.” Once again the hermit disagreed. The third disciple replied “It is morning when no star is visible in the cloudless sky.” “That is also a wrong answer,” said the hermit. Then he explained:” I know it is morning when I can recognize a person as a son or daughter of God, and, hence, my own brother or sister.”*

*Can we have a spiritual 20 /20 vision?*

**God’s blessings, Fr. Vince**





- ◇ **PLEDGE UPDATE:** The support and involvement of our community has been overwhelming. At this point, all the stained glass windows, sculptures, equipment, and pews we originally listed have been pledged! Your generosity is humbling. Thank you so much! In the coming weeks, we will let you know of more items that we are hoping to acquire for the new church.
- ◇ 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](mailto:stmadsconstruction@gmail.com)



Pope Francis has called every man and woman to be a part of mission. In his World Mission Day message he speaks especially to the youth to take an active role in mission, however he also reminds us that 'mission revitalises faith' and that all Christians are called to mission as we are children of God.

Catholic Mission supports life-giving work in 160 countries around the world. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you can be a part of mission and support those in need all around the world. Please give generously and keep missionaries and communities in your prayers.

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*You are invited to the next*



*on Saturday, 10th November,  
 8:30—10:30am at the St Joseph Centre.  
 Listen to guest speaker, Amanda Ladelle,  
 share her experiences in Cambodia.  
 Sign-up sheets in the foyer.*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1447.70  
**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1870  
**Loose** = \$ 1055.15  
**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107  
**TOTAL** = \$ 5032.15 (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!**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:**

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd November** 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.



**JUNIOR ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING**

**If you are in Year 3 or higher and have received your First Holy Communion, you can train to be a Junior Altar Server.**

**Sessions will be on:**  
**8th November, Thursday, at 3:45 OR**  
**11th November, Sunday, at 4:30**  
**\*Forms are available in the foyer!**



**MY KITCHEN RULES** has nothing on this talented community called St Madeleine's! Last weekend, we kicked off the bake sale with a bang...literally! The generosity and commitment of our community is humbling.

From the 10-year-old girl who baked a lemon cake and came with her mother only to drop it off, to the lady who was late delivering her cakes due to storm damage but still made a point of coming, I thank you.

The people who simply gave donations by saying "keep the change", I thank you.

To our talented bakers who donated cakes and then re-bought others, to the non-bakers who stocked up on the delicious treats...I thank you.

The helpers on the day...thank you.

Last but no means the least, a big thank you to the silent achiever, Deb Rankin who does so much for our community. Everyone played a part in raising \$1,800!



We are all blessed to be part of this amazing beautiful community called St Madeleine's.



Lita Murdocca

**PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**For the dearly departed**

Alan Brush, Edna Longmore, Eily Doyle, Marcello Pellizzon, Ubaldo Turcato and families, Rose McArdle, Maryanne D'Anastasi, Leonard Meryment, Filomena & Francesco Carcoglioniti, Caterina Musso, Frenk Piperata, Toto Piperata, Sr Eufrasia Caruana, May Qualter, Roberta Sabellano Alumios



**For healing of the sick**

Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Trish Takahashi, Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, 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, and Charles Vencyel

We will have our special **All Souls Day** Mass on **2nd November, Friday, 7pm**, to be offered for those who have gone before us. You are invited to write down names of your loved ones in the Book of Life and to bring a photo to be displayed on our Remembrance Wall throughout the month of November.



The envelopes for Mass intentions are available in the foyer.

### PLENARY COUNCIL

On the 18th October the parish held its first listening evening for **Plenary Council 2020**. The session was a chance to discuss with others the question being asked of us "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

The meeting allowed for each person to chat and ponder this question. The topics that arose most prominently were:

- \* Priests and their need for support
- \* Married Priests
- \* Increased number of Deacons
- \* Greater involvement of women
- \* Increasing participation of the youth and young adults
- \* The importance of outreach/ evangelisation
- \* Response to the Royal Commission
- \* For the Church to become more inclusive

You are most welcome to post your views at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

### Expressions of Interest -Bus Trip

"The Lights of Christmas"

Bus trip to St Marys Cathedral on Wednesday 19th December 2018

Leaving the Australian Brewery at 6.15pm

To see the choir at 7.30pm

Then afterwards the Lights on St Marys Cathedral

Price \$20 per adult and \$15 per child

For more information contact

Sandra Tabone 0413272400

If you are interested in going please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer by 12/11/18



### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Info Evening- Tuesday, 20th November, 7pm, St Joseph Centre

We would like to invite adults and families interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and those who have been baptised in other Christian churches who would like to fully commit to the Catholic faith by receiving the Sacraments at Easter.

Come for an informal session on 20th November at 7pm. It will be chance to get an overview of the program and for you to ask your questions.

For more details, please ring the parish office—96542260.



During 2018, St Madeleine's Sacramental Team prepared 77 children for the Sacrament of Confirmation, 86 children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. The preparation sessions consisted of 4 children's groups supported by group leaders. At the same time, the parents were supported through the preparation by speakers from the Parish.

Following the session was the celebration of Mass at 5.30. We had overwhelming feedback from the parents about the programme—that the programme was meaningful, enjoyable and enriching. The welcoming atmosphere of St Madeleine's community was very much commended. Thank you to all that contributed to the success of the programme and the Sunday evening Masses.

~Sally Coppini

### HOST FAMILY NEEDED!

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is looking for a volunteer host family for a 16-yr old girl from Italy who is currently attending Marian College. She is well-settled at the school, so we are hoping that someone from the community may be interested in hosting her from early November for 2-3 months or longer if possible. She would love to experience new activities, share Italian culture and simply be part of her host family's daily life. If you are interested and would like to find out more details, please phone Tempel or Masako at the Student Exchange Office: **1300 135 331** or send an email to [info@studentexchange.org.au](mailto:info@studentexchange.org.au).

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

- ◇ Blessings for the cute and cuddly
- ◇ **NEW LOOK** Catholic Weekly—Win an iPad—**LAST CHANCE**
- ◇ Students urge Synod to have courage
- ◇ Parish priest and ... clan chief
- ◇ Grace flows abundantly at men's gathering

Is it not our blindness that deceives us without cease in all that pertains to ourselves? Thus let us often say to Jesus: Lord, that I may see!

-St Madeleine Sophie

### PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

**Welcomers Coordinator:** Amira Campo

**Music Coordinator:** 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

**Adult Faith Formation:** Careyanne Moylan

**Property Maintenance Manager:** Angelo Roia

**Piety Stall:** Sandra Tabone

**Altar Linen Coordinator:** Catherine Diekman

**Parish Council Chair:** Patrick Tuttle

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<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Helen Ross
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Jhun Javier
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Sandra Tabone Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Kathy White	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Brosnan Leahy			James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Mark & Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(30 Oct) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Sally Coppini
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Vince Luca arr'd by Joy Rogers & Carmel Heinrich		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Jan Parslow	

<b>3/4 NOV</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	<b>READERS</b>	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Adriana Kennedy Roslyn Earl	Margaret Foley Gael Carpani
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Eileen Sherlock Michael Parslow	Marian Piper Careyanne Moylan	Tereza Barisic
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Maait	Tiago Gregory Elizabeth Cauchi
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(6 Nov) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Kim Parslow
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Vince Luca, arr'd by Lesley Henry & Ann Varvaressos		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Peg Grogan