



**St Madeleine**

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**11th November 2018**

32nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17: 10-16

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Mark 12: 38-44

**"Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think.  
Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, investigate.  
Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive.  
Before you quit, try. Before you retire, save. Before you die, give."**

*William A. Ward {American Anthropologist}*

You can see people begging in churches, temples or in the streets, or in the shopping centres in most of the underdeveloped countries. The story is told that one day outside the shops, there was a mother nursing a baby. She was very thin and dressed in rags. She had only a few coins in her plate. On the other side was a young girl leading a blind woman. People seemed attracted to her young voice and smile and she had much more in her mug of coins. It was near evening time. The girl walked to the woman with the baby and she poured all her coins in the woman's plate saying, "You did not have much luck today, this will help you".

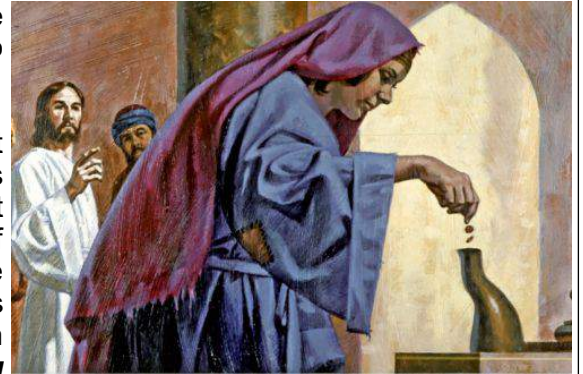


Generosity coupled with faith and love is the central theme of today's readings. In the first reading, the prophet asks the widow to share the bread in her nothingness. She shared the little she had, putting her faith in the words of the prophet.

In the gospel, another widow comes to the temple with her offering, not knowing Jesus is watching her. Jesus is touched by what he sees her do. The first widow was asked by Elijah to give what she had. This one, without being requested, gives ALL. What trust she has in God's

care! These women today speak the same message: it is a call to us to be generous. What is challenging is their total trust and dependence on God, having been neglected by the society. In the prevailing culture of 'accumulating', we are invited to create a counter culture of 'giving'. The so-called 'have-nots' of today around the impoverished nations (like the widows in the first reading and the gospel) are the real challengers. God has given us all, to give and to share. He is the source of help and hope.

As you hear the word generosity, some of you may be counting what you already give for the Sunday collection, to charitable organisations and many other noble causes. This is important of course, but generosity is not just about money. Besides money, your words of encouragement, quality time, listening ears, your presence in the difficult moments of life, prayers could be your jar of meal or widow's mite. It can mean the whole world for someone in dire need. An Arabic proverb says, **"If you have much, give of your wealth; if you have little, give of your heart"**.



In the context of our faith community today, I greatly appreciate the volunteers of various ministries of St. Madeleine's such as the sacramental co-coordinators, collaborators and the group leaders, Vinnies, acolytes, musicians, singers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, junior altar servers, collectors, welcomers, florists, parish council, junior youth group coordinators, children's liturgy facilitators, women who wash the altar linen and others for giving their time and God-experience for the integrated development of our community. Let our parish community set itself as a challenger in living out the 'Ever-Living, Giving, and Loving God.' "Christ calls us not to seek greater things or talents to astound the world but for greater love and selflessness with which to enrich the world".

There are three kinds of givers — grudge givers, duty givers, and love givers. Grudge givers give but do it grudgingly, reluctantly or half-heartedly. Duty givers give with a sense of obligation. Love givers give because they want to. they do it freely and joyfully, motivated by love or compassion. What kind of giver are you?

(Source duly acknowledged)

*God's blessings, Fr. Vince*

## A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

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During this month of November, we offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our beloved departed, especially those mentioned in the Book of Life.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:**  
The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **1st December** at **4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

\*Please also ring the office regarding Baptism schedules for the rest of 2018. Thank you.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**for Parish Working Bee on 17th November, Saturday, from 8am. Sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thanks!!!**



With the success of our Cake & Craft Fundraiser, we have decided to organise our **CHRISTMAS CAKE & CRAFT SALE**. This will be held on the weekend of 15/16 December.

Boxes will arrive in a few weeks for your baked goods, and everyone wanting to donate Christmas craft — ideal for presents or ornaments — can bring them in on the 15th of December. More details in the following weeks!



◇ 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)



**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.

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### 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, Giuseppe Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1073.70

**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1610  
**Loose** = \$ 815.25

**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107

**TOTAL** = \$ 4532.25 (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 are getting organised for our Hamper Mass on the 9th of December at 10am. Our hampers will go to Jesuit Refugee Service, House of Welcome and Hawkesbury Helping Hands. We'd appreciate donations of grocery bags. Please bring them in next week.



**Sunday, 25th November, 10am**

Mass in celebration of the Feast of Christ the King followed by a special morning tea and Christmas party of the Children's Liturgy participants. All are invited to bring a plate and enjoy fellowship with the children of the Scripture classes in our local state schools.

**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.



**OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND**

**OAKHILL COLLEGE TOUR**

We warmly invite all prospective students and families to attend an Oakhill College Tour on Thursday, 22 November 2018.

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Visit <http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book-a-tour/>

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**EARTH MINISTRY PARRAMATTA :**

**'LAUDATO SI' IN ACTION' WORKSHOP FOR PARISHES**

A workshop for parishioners interested in linking, learning and sharing together, sowing the seeds for a green parish.

Saturday December 1 – get ready for Advent!! Holy Family Parish, 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton Schoenstatt Sisters Room (within the Holy Family Parish Centre) 10:30 – 12:30 (then stay for lunch if you can)

• We hope to inspire participants by breaking open Laudato Si' with Bernard Holland, Director Catholic Earthcare Australia. We will also have a chance to share our stories of good news.

We will hear from Anne Lanyon who has helped create a landcare group in her parish.

• We aim to do some Action planning for your parish. We have lots of resources to share.

Cost: \$20 on the day, to assist with catering coming from Baabayn Aboriginal Corp.

To register visit the link below, or contact Sue Martin – Earth Ministry Project Officer Parramatta Diocese, Phone 0432-716-577 Email [sue.martin@parracatholic.org](mailto:sue.martin@parracatholic.org)

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**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**

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

- ◇ East meets West: Adoration under the stars
- ◇ Red is for the persecuted
- ◇ North Bondi man is NRL teacher of the year
- ◇ Sinister schools agenda: Pat Byrne
- ◇ Movie review: *Halloween*
- ◇ Pope's new book

Interior spirit compels us to let our living, breathing and doing be only in God.

-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

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<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Vince Luca	Neil John	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Youth Group
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Jeanette Chalfant	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Adriana Kennedy	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Lisa J & Mark	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(13 Nov) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	The Cavestany Family		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Peg Grogan	

<b>17/18 NOV</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Annabelle Rogers	Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Matt, and JMJ	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(20 Nov) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Peter & Pina Tallaridi, arr'd by Mari Gregory		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Sonali Arnold