

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S**

Careyanne Moylan has invested a lot of time and energy in setting the Liturgical focus for the last four weeks of Advent and for setting the manger in the foyer. Thanks to you Careyanne for bringing in creative, symbolic ideas which truly enhance the parishioners to have a deeper understanding of the celebrations! Thanks to Greg & Meg Thomas for donating the Christmas tree! And thanks to Deb Rankin for organizing the Christmas craft and cake sale towards the new church and all the donors and buyers as well. And thank you to the choir for the beautiful music at our Christmas celebrations ~Fr.Vince

**PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**For the dearly departed**

Setna & Jim Mulvihill, Helena & Joseph Culligan and the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, Karen Draddy, Feliciana Sabellano, Pietro Ceccato, Jed Manning, the Ferraro family, Antonio Ceroli, AnnaMaria "Mary" Spina, the deceased of the Portelli and Buttigieg family, Aidan Bradley, Aldo Joseph Tallon, Rosa Trinsledi, Paul Spina, Giuseppe Vumbaca, Salvatore Murdocca, Maria Rosa Murdocca, Raffaele Murdocca, Ross Arico, Norman & Chahade Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahade Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, and Eddy Takchi

**For healing of the sick**

4-mo old Florence Smith, 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



**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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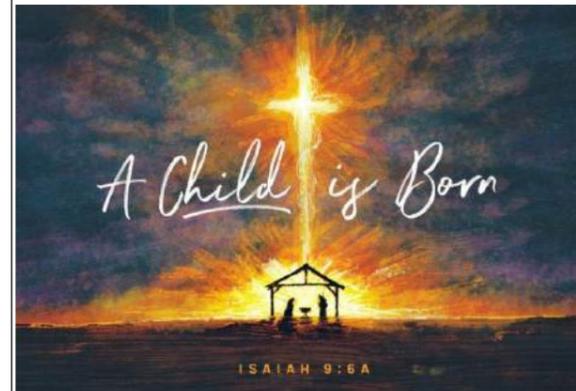
**A Blessed Christmas  
 to all!**

*25th December  
 2018*



Dear sisters and brothers,

Christmas! We celebrate an amazing, historical event—the birth of a baby boy in Bethlehem. As a joyful and faithful community, we come together to celebrate the incarnation of God as a human being in Jesus. He humbled Himself and became one with us, finding His dwelling among us in the midst of the mess we are in. God was not happy just being a watcher, but He did something about it by cleaning up the mess in the lives of the people through Jesus and His followers down the centuries. Given what is



happening in our world and in our country today, we could easily imagine the type of mess prevalent by then. It was not any different from what we witness today. God embraces the mess even today as He did in history. We are aware of our own messy life. Instead of sweeping everything under the carpet just to feel good, let us welcome Jesus, Word incarnate, into our messy lives. As we welcome Jesus, He is going to transform our mess and bring order to it. Let us not allow the mess to overpower us but allow God to overpower the mess and fill our lives with His peace, joy, healing. Hope for a wonderful future!

Mother Teresa once said to “do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.” Every one of you is someone who has extended support in one way or other in support of St Madeleine’s Parish. I could not be more appreciative of what you are to our community. Our community is truly blessed to have many parishioners who are willing to give of their time and talents to foster our community, whether it be liturgical, fiscal, or social to do ‘whatever is needed’ to make our parish a spiritual and social community.

As a catholic Christian with you and as a Priest for you, I am greatly humbled by the events of the year 2018. The Lord has done great things for us! The long-awaited free-standing church with the parish office and a function centre is progressing steadily. I could feel the hand of God in each and every single undertaking in the execution of the project. With your generous support and involvement, we can achieve this and simultaneously build a stronger and more vibrant parish at St Madeleine’s. My ardent prayer is always to bring people together and to help them realise that each one has the Spirit of God in them and each one is given special gifts to share for the betterment of the community. United, we shall build the city of God in our parish. Let us make a difference in serving the Lord and the community with gladness!

Together with the parish team, I wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Lots of love and prayers,*  
**Fr. Vince**



*Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, a community of faith and service, strives to be a witness for Christ's love far and wide, reflecting the humility and wisdom of St Madeleine, the Patroness of the parish.*

*We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship*



1st July 2018—Turning of the Soil Ceremony

*In the last six months ...*



*End of December 2018*

## ITEMS FOR THE NEW CHURCH

We are incredibly grateful to all the parishioners who have been supportive of the church project. The positive response to the call out for pledges for pews, stained-glass windows, sculptures, and other fixtures has been quite humbling and overwhelming.

Here below is a list of more items that we were hoping to acquire. If you are interested in pledging any item, please ring Fr Vince at the parish office (96542260) or send an email (stmads@yahoo.com.au) to discuss details.

### EQUIPMENT:

- Monstrance stand—
- 1 Chalice
- 1 Ciborium
- Cruets set
- Ewer & basin
- Processional candle stands x 4
- Paschal candle stand
- Easter Holy fire stand
- Holy Water pot & sprinkler
- Advent wreath holder
- Baptism set
- Thurible
- Thurible holder
- Holy Oil stocks



### FURNITURE:

- Kneelers for weddings
- Offertory table

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR:

- Audio-visual system
- Musical instruments
- Furnishing of function centre
- Furnishing of offices



### VOLUNTEERS TO SEW new altar cloths and junior robes

If you are already prepared to donate your pledged amount (even partially), please ring or email the office to get the payment details.

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

- > No 9:15 weekday Masses on 26th-28th December
- > Regular Masses on the weekend (29th/30th December)
- > Mass on Tuesday, 1st January, at 9am to celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- > Daily Masses (9:15) resume on Wednesday, 2nd January

#### 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

#### FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dear fellow Parishioners,

What a wonderful sight it is to see our new Church/ Community Centre building and parking area rising out of the ground on our Parish site. When you are next at the parish, take a few minutes to view these from the back of the primary school demountable. What is occurring has only been made possible by the moral and financial support provided by you, our parishioners. Funding for our major works is now in place. A big thank you to all who have committed to assist financially. However, there are fit out and furnishing requirements yet to be funded. In this regard we invite parishioners who may be prepared to assist in funding to speak to Fr Vincent or to Angelo Roia (98991948). Thank you very much!

Mick Parslow  
Chair  
Parish Finance Committee

#### MINISTRY VOLUNTEER FORMS

Thanks to the many people who responded to our call for volunteers to our various ministries.

This campaign resulted in these new recruits:

- 7 welcomers
  - 5 readers
  - 3 Eucharistic ministers
  - 3 choir singers
  - 1 PowerPoint operator
  - 2 volunteers for Baptism prep
  - 4 sacristans
  - 3 RCIA supporters
  - 2 volunteers for the retired, elderly and sick
  - 1 volunteer for the Sacramental team
  - 3 volunteers for grief support
  - 2 volunteers for Parish Council
  - 1 volunteer for Finance Committee
  - 1 volunteer for repairs
  - 1 volunteer for the Piety Stall
  - 3 volunteers for altar linen cleaning
  - 1 volunteer for flowers
  - 4 church cleaners
  - 3 gardeners
  - 2 for Country Fair
  - 2 for fundraising
  - 4 for the Commemorative Book
  - 5 to help on landscaping day
  - 1 to help with church technology
- WE WELCOME ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LOVE TO VOLUNTEER!

#### FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

As Chairman of your Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who has contributed to the pastoral life of our parish over the past 12 months, particularly those of you who have selflessly volunteered for the many and varied parish ministries and committees, and who have tirelessly supported the many fundraising and planning activities which have culminated in the commencement of the new church project.

Whilst the construction of the church is an exciting development, the true lifeblood of our parish is the wonderful sense of Christian community and Catholic faith which we all continue to foster by our daily actions and support for one another, including Fr Vincent.

At this hugely spiritual time of Christmas, I thank you for your ongoing support and encourage those of us seeking to contribute more to put yourself forward to join any one of our important ministries and Parish sub-committees in 2019. No contribution is too small or unwelcome! Merry Christmas to you all and your families.

Patrick Tuttle  
Chair  
Parish Council