



St Madeleine

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3rd February 2019

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30

Prophets have no other purpose, no other mission except to serve God.

-Joseph B. Wirthlin

There is a story about a bishop who was interviewing a senior seminarian before his ordination as deacon and asked him where he would like to be assigned as a deacon for pastoral training. The seminarian said, somewhat boldly, "Oh, my bishop, anywhere but New Canaan!"

"Why not there?", the bishop asked.

"You know," the seminarian answered, "That's my hometown and we all know that 'a prophet is not without honour except in his native place.'"

The bishop replied, "Don't worry, my friend! Nobody in your hometown is going to confuse you with a prophet."



Someone once quipped that the reason contemporary society finds itself muddled in confusion and mired with difficulties is because it has chosen to listen to its politicians rather than to its prophets. A politician is an elected official whose success is largely dependent upon his/her ability to say what people *want* to hear. A prophet's success on the other hand is usually measured by his/her willingness to risk saying what people *need* to hear. Whereas politicians curry favour by assuaging the majority's wishes, and by gauging popular opinion, prophets rub raw the sensibilities of their listeners and irritate their consciences with the truth.



This week, the gathered assembly is invited to examine its individual and collective consciences as regards its preferences for politicians? or for prophets? In both the first reading and the gospel, Jeremiah and Jesus are presented as prophets (from the Greek word *prophetess* which means mouthpiece), chosen, consecrated and sent to their brothers and sisters as emissaries of the Word of God. Each challenged their contemporaries to look at themselves, their societies, their values and their priorities in light of the message of God's truth. Each challenged their listeners to recover their unique identities as people loved and covenanted to God and to retrieve the faith, traditions they had abandoned. Among Jeremiah's contemporaries, the sacred traditions had become diluted by dalliances into paganism and idolatry; those of Jesus were in danger of submerging the rich heritage of their faith in a sea of legalism.

Too frequently, however, the prophet's perceptions and words fall on deaf ears, or worse, are refused and hurled back at him/her like unwanted refuse. As Luke has indicated in today's gospel, Jesus' prophetic ministry received mixed reviews in his hometown of Nazareth. Some were impressed while others expressed indignation when Jesus attempted to raise within his contemporaries the consciousness that salvation is a universal gift extended to all, especially sinners, by God. So conflicted were his listeners' perceptions that they were reluctant to recognize and accept the word of someone as familiar to them as "Joseph's son." Aware that Jeremiah would also face opposition, God promised that the prophet would be fortified with the very presence of God so as to be able to withstand every conceivable obstacle. (Patricia Datchuck Sánchez)

We are challenged to listen to the prophets among us and stand up for what is right, just and moral and humane. We are called upon to speak the prophetic truth ourselves in our homes, work places, classrooms and market places. God is all about love, forgiveness, compassion, justice and peace. Are we going to be the seekers or God's truth in this broken world?

Fr Augustine, Fr. Jesuraj and Fr. Charles Kennedy from India are visiting Australia for the first time from 5th to 19th February. Surely, they will have a chance to be a part of the celebration of the Mass with us during their stay. On behalf of the parish, I would like to welcome them to Australia and especially to our parish. Hopefully, they will have a wonderful and ever memorable time here!

God's blessings, Fr. Vince



For information about the construction, please feel free to ring Angelo Roia on 98991948, or email the construction committee:

stmadsconstruction@gmail.com

If you are interested in pledging an item or contributing financial assistance for the new church, please ring the office—96542260—to have a chat with Fr Vince, or send an email to stmads@yahoo.com.au

Thank you for your generosity!

Please take note that we will have Communion services on Tuesday (5 Feb) and Wednesday (6 Feb) at 9:15am. There will be no Mass.

Mass for the Newly-baptised and New Families on Sunday, 10th February at 10am!

Please attend to welcome the families who had children baptised in 2018 and families that registered to become part of our parish in 2018! Special morning tea to follow! Please bring a plate to share.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

More than 30,000 people have generously shared their stories and experiences of life, faith and the Church with the Plenary Council. Those stories will help shape this historic process by forming the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

This first stage of preparation will continue until 6 March, Ash Wednesday. There is time for your response to be shared. Reflect on the question;

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

To upload your response, visit: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

If you would like to find out more about what is happening with the Plenary Council, Sue Martin Northern Deanery Pastoral Council rep for St Madeleine's, can help. Contact through sue@kcj.net.au or 0432-716-577

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1195.05

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$ 1347.10 **Loose** = \$ 870.60

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4324.70 (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!

Let us offer our prayers for Aurora Muscat as she receives the sacrament of Baptism this weekend!

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **2nd March** at **4:30-5:30pm**

at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260. Thank you.



The journey continues this Wednesday, 6th February!

All are invited to listen in and participate

at 7PM at the ST JOSEPH CENTRE
TALK 4: The New Testament

Mark your calendars for the **NORTHERN DEANERY ST PATRICK'S DAY PICNIC** on 17th March, Sunday, at 11:30am in the school oval!

Looking for some inspirational reading?
VISIT OUR VINNIES LENDING LIBRARY

We are very fortunate to have in our church a lending library of spiritual books, a way of enriching our faith. If you wish to borrow a book, simply take it and return it within a month. There are a number of children's books available as well.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Gloria Gotauco, Hayley Gangemi

For the dearly departed

Giulio Ceccato, Colin Sattler, Norma Sattler, Ross Sattler, Michele Vaccarella, Patrick Joseph Bradley Snr, Domenico Papandrea, Estela & Alfonso Juanengo, deceased of the Pintado family, deceased of the Cartwright family, Marcello Pellizzon and family, Ubaldo Turcato and family

For healing of the sick

Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, 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, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel



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



Holy Water pot & sprinkler



Ewer & basin



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Thurible holder



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We also need contributions for the audio-visual system, musical instruments, and furnishings for the function centre and office.

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

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

POSITION VACANT

Head of Social Services Operations – CatholicCare Social Services
More details at: www.ccss.org.au

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Enrolments close 4th February 2019 or until booked out. The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for the Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying, Senior Servers and Acolytes. Our Courses are offered at two locations: Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith. Please see your Parish office for an enrolment form or for more information contact ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 8838-3456.

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration. Visit www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry for more information and to register online or call 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.

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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

9:15am - 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

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- ◇ Is this the real face of Jesus?
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Mary Queen of Scots
- ◇ How you can live your Lent

The Spirit is always speaking
to us deep in our hearts,
if only we listen.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

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	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Deb & Paul Copperfield	Careyanne Moylan Bob Burke	Lesley Gangemi Gael Carpani
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie & Keira Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Maaait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(5 Feb) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Linda Boffo-Pellizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Barbara Madafiglio

9/10 FEBRUARY	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Jhun Javier	Joe Touma
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo
	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Marie Coddington	Eileen Sherlock Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	MUSICIANS		Joan & David	Bobby & Doug & JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(12 Feb) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Linda Boffo-Pellizzer		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow