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**17th March 2019**  
 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Luke 9:28-36

## “You can’t hear God’s voice while you do all the talking”

“This is my beloved Son, Listen to Him” (Luke 9:35) is the voice from the cloud during the exhilarating transfiguration of Jesus. What does it mean to listen to Him? How do we know when we are hearing God’s voice or just our ego talking to us cloaked in “God-language”? What does it mean to follow God’s “will”? There is no definite answer to these perennial questions. However, these questions are relevant to us in a much different way. In history, people have learned to listen to the Voice of God through various ways: prayer and meditation, the Scriptures, walks in nature, creation of art works, or just sitting in silent contemplation. The first reading of



this Sunday talks about Abraham listening to God and his unquestioning willingness to do what God asked him. That is why he is often called the father of our faith: Listening to God and complying with God’s ways. If we carefully read the story, we can find out that Abraham also had doubts. This incident takes place at night, which may be symbolic of his desire to know how and where God is at work in his life. His doubts did not put distance between himself and God; rather they were the impetus for a new stage in the relationship. In line with the experience of Abraham, I am sure that God has spoken to us in various ways... for some of us it was very clear, perhaps a word of direction; for others it was a peace about a way forward, a word through Scripture or through another Christian, a

word through God’s creation, a door opening (or closing) or something more unusual, like a dream. If we are open to him and eager for his word, God will sometimes surprise us and speak to us at unlikely times as well as during personal prayer time.

“Many people see prayer as their communication with God, but often when we pray, we are doing all of the “talking.” Just as it is with a friend or a partner, true communication is not possible if you don’t stop talking long enough to listen. So it is with God. It is not just that we need to stop talking, we need to stop our brains from racing around, or as the Buddhists so aptly put it, we must stop our “monkey mind.” We also need to stop racing around from one activity to another, fulfilling our culture’s addiction to busyness.



The quiet still voice that we can begin to recognize as divine can really only come to us through silence and solitude and a commitment to listening. God still speaks to us in many different ways: through communication and difficulties with other people, through dreams, and through life events and signs of the times. However, we can only hear these messages and try to discern the meaning when we stop and are silent long enough to listen.”

(Rev. Cathy Murray Grigsby)

“When did we last hear the voice of God and what is He saying to us today? What is making and shaping us at this time? How can we make space to hear God’s voice? In the midst of our busyness, what will help us choose the better portion and sit at the feet of Jesus to listen to him?”

### He Cannot Be Found in Noise and Restlessness

God is the friend of silence.

See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grow in silence.

See the stars, the moon and sun—how they move in silence.

The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life.

We need silence to be able to touch souls.

The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says . . . to us and through us.

All our words will be useless, unless they come from within.

Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

-Mother Teresa



**God’s blessings, Fr. Vince**



The driveway and parking lot will be open for use any day now.

Thanks so much for everyone's understanding and cooperation. Thank you to everyone who has pledged to help in the building and furnishing of our new church building. If you are interested in donating any amount towards the construction, please have a chat with Fr Vincent or ring the parish office—96542260—for details.

The next session is on Wednesday, 20th March, pm at the ST JOSEPH CENTRE



**TALK 9: The Creed**



**\*Stations of the Cross**  
every Friday of Lent at 7pm

**\*Join our Lenten Discussion Groups**

- > Wednesdays, after the 9:15 Mass, in the chapel
- > Thursdays at 10am, at Mountainview Retirement Village
- > Fridays at 7:30pm, after the Stations of the Cross—
- > Sundays at 6:30pm, in the chapel

**BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PIETY STALL!**

**\*Annual Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa**



on Saturday 30th March, leaving St Madeleine's at 9am .



We will be having a prayer session at 11am and then we will be sharing a meal together afterwards and return back by 3pm the latest. Please bring a plate to share. If you would like to come and reserve your seat on the bus, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

For more information please call Sandra Tabone on 0413272400.

**SHARE YOUR TIME THIS LENTEN SEASON!**

All are invited to share their time and joy with the residents of our local nursing homes:

**Thurs, 21st March, 10:30 at Lady of Grace** for a memorial service

&

**Wed, 27th March, 1:30pm at Carinya House** for a Mass followed by afternoon tea.

Please mark your calendars for our next



Saturday, 6th of April, 8am at the St Joseph Centre.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$1334.80

**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$1463.00

**Loose** = \$1215.80

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

**TOTAL** = \$4785.80 (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!**

**Mass on Friday, 22nd March**  
**will be held at 9:15am at the school hall**  
**in celebration of Marian Day.**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

This weekend, we welcome the children who will begin their preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers.

For any questions regarding the programme, please email Sally Coppini at [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:**

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **6th April at 4:30-5:30pm**

at the St Joseph Centre.

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



**CEREALS FOR THE NEEDY**

Vinnies began the collection over 15 years ago. Donations still come in regularly without any reminders. These cereals provide good breakfasts for the needy families.

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~John Anderson

**PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**For the recently deceased**

Geoff Chapple, Edwina Myrtle Reid Gardiner

**For the dearly departed**

Eugenio Loccisano, Pasquale & M.Teresa, Giuseppi & Rosina & Giuseppina Loccisano, Luiggi Fuda, Giuseppina & Giorgio Fuda, Giggio Maialo, Maria Perrone, Vincenzina Americano, Giovanni Dominello, Giuseppe Mileto, Maria & Rosario Agresta, Domenica & Francesco Campanella, Giuseppina Papalia, Giuseppe Papalia, Benito Sabellano, Marietta Dominello, David Piper, Andy Fisher, Engracia Corpuz, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Maait, Youssif Maait, and Doreen Byrne



**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



Bishop Vincent Long will be celebrating our parish Mass on Saturday, 30th March at 5:30pm. It would be great if you could attend and welcome the Bishop.



**Save the date! Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Contact information: [stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com](mailto:stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com)  
Kim Parslow 0418 220 963 ~ Sally Coppini 0407 942 986

**OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND**

**ST MADELEINE'S KINDER 2020 ENROLMENT**

Kinder 2020 enrolment applications are now available from the St Madeleine's school office. Mrs Jeanette Black, Principal of St Madeleine's, welcomes your application to enrol in our beautiful school community and is able to meet with you and take you on a tour of the school. We have limited places in every grade and Mrs Black looks forward to meeting you and your family.



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**LENTEN PROGRAMME:**

Fridays—15th & 29th March, 5th & 12th April; 10:30-midday  
31 Woodhill St, Castle Hill  
Register with Sr Anna Conway: #96596331  
or email: [anna.conway@mercy.org.au](mailto:anna.conway@mercy.org.au)

**TERESA HOUSE**

Teresa House is run by Cana Communities and provides free and safe overnight shelter for men, women and couples who are at risk and have nowhere to go. Located in Redfern and staffed entirely by volunteers, Teresa House aims to provide a bed and evening meal for up to 10 homeless people each night. We are currently looking for volunteers, for Tuesday nights especially, to fill the dinner and overnight shifts. If you are interested and would like some more information please call Peter Thomas on 0433 344 603.

**DR LAURIE WOODS—THE GOSPEL OF ST LUKE**

Sessions start on Friday March 15 and run from 10am -2pm at IFM Marion St Blacktown for 5 weeks. Call Maree to book or to ask for further details. Ph 8838 3486  
Bring your lunch with you too.

**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



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

In this week's issue:

- ◇ NSW needs you! State election guide
- ◇ Sydney farewells Mike Willesee
- ◇ Massive boost to NSW Catholic Schools
- ◇ Uni students urge Plenary to remain faithful
- ◇ Movie review: Captain Marvel
- ◇ Catholic, but mainly in name

*Aim unceasingly at becoming a soul of prayer.  
-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

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	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Judith Gauci	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Maree McNeil & Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	*Emilie Mifsud –Head JS	Neil John	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	Careyanne Moylan Sandra Tabone	Marian Piper Janelle Bawden
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Dom Bruggeling Keira Mifsud	Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, Matt and MJJ	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(19 March) John and Betty Hourigan		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Deb Rankin
<b>FLOWERS</b>	NO FLOWERS IN LENT		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Sonali Arnold	
<b>23/24 MARCH</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo	Helen Ross
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	*Akash Arnold—Head JS
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Tereza Barisic Trish Maidens
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	James Barker Saniya Arnold
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Lisa J	Joan & David	Doug	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(26 March) Paul Vella and Belle Craig		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Kim Parslow
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	NO FLOWERS IN LENT		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Vicky Hooper