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**24th November 2019**

Solemnity of  
Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

**“CHRIST’S CHURCH IS, ABOVE ALL, THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE  
WHERE EVERY CHRISTIAN KNOWS HE HAS A PLACE:  
HE KNOWS HE HAS IT, AND HE IS AWARE OF HIS DUTY TO KEEP IT  
WITH HONOUR, DIGNITY AND GRACE”**

- POPE JOHN XXIII

Dear sisters and brothers,

The feast of Christ the King this liturgical year imprints an indelible mark in the faith journey of our community. We are a community of believers in the triune God and we are gifted and empowered to be the face of Christ on earth. The joyful and gracious occasion of the dedication of our new church reinvigorates us in our faith and the sense of belonging. We are proud to be the constituents of God’s Kingdom characterized by the immortal values of peace, love and justice. All we hear and witness around us today are war, violence, heinous crimes, poverty, mental health issues, addictions etc. The media seems to be dealing with scenes of devastation, faces of despair, and looting instead of giving hope by focusing more on stories of heroism and valour. It is in this fragmented world that the Spirit of God invites us to remain focused on building up His Kingdom. It is not an easy task, we know. Right in the middle of criticisms heaped on the institutional church, let us not deny or despair but rather deepen ourselves into the presence of God, both in the services in the church and in our families, works, and relationships.



There are very many heroes and heroines who have dared to live for love, the kernel of God’s Kingdom. These modern-day saints like “ Marla, who was killed by a suicide bomber after spending over three years documenting civilian casualties in Afghanistan; or Rachel, who was run over by an Israeli bulldozer as she stood in front of Palestinian homes that were being destroyed; or Sr. Dorothy Stang, who was shot to death after decades of championing the rights of peasant farmers in Brazil; or Tookie Williams, the executed gang leader, killer, and addict who publicly repented of his crimes and turned his life over to God and the healing of young people on the streets” are our models today in bearing witness to God’s Kingdom.

As Edwina Gateley in her article “The Future of the Prophetic Voice” says, “It is these people, the heartbroken, who are most open to God’s working through them. There is a saying that it is the crack in our heart that lets the mystery in. Indeed! We all have a crack in our hearts that leaves us vulnerable, but it should also make us receptive and open to new ways of seeing God’s working in the world”.

*“There was an elderly woman living in a neighbourhood where there were many youngsters. Every morning she would be seen picking up broken bottles and shards of glass on the streets and sidewalks. Her neighbours thought she was deranged. One time someone asked why she was doing the “daily routine.” “If I can prevent some children from stepping on those sharp objects through my little act,” she replied, “then I have done something to make the world a safer place to live in.”*

Sometimes we are overwhelmed by the enormous problems of the world today. We throw up our arms and say, “What can I do? I’m so small and insignificant.” The story of that elderly woman shows that a good act, no matter how insignificant, helps build God’s kingdom characterized by justice, love and peace (source acknowledged).



Your contribution and involvement in the parish ministries and other social celebrations, even the size of a mustard seed, will take our parish to another level of growth. Our challenge is to raise up our children and young people to dare to live for the welfare of humanity in the micro and macro levels. Let us do our share in building God’s Kingdom in our family, community and neighbourhood!

**God’s blessings, Fr. Vince**

## Social Justice @ St Mads

Last Tuesday was World Toilet day, the 2019 theme was "leaving no one behind" from their website 4.2 billion people live without safely managed sanitation. Have you seen you can purchase toilet paper from Who Gives a Crap who donate 50% of profits to build toilets across the globe. Our foreign aid budget was in the news this week, we spend 0.21% of our gross national income on overseas aid. Jubilee Australia is a research centre based in Sydney that promotes accountability for poverty and injustice in the Asia Pacific. To receive their newsletter visit [www.jubileeaustralia.org](http://www.jubileeaustralia.org)



~Sue Martin

The Children's Liturgy Christmas Party will be on 1st December in the function centre, after the 10am Mass.

Children and parents are all invited. See you there!



Dear Parishioners

You are invited to join our lovely visitors from our neighbouring nursing homes for a Christmas Mass & luncheon in our beautiful new Church.



Tour of church & Mass 10.30 on Wednesday December 4th, followed by lunch in function centre. All are welcome!



Please mark your calendars for this year's **Friendship Group Healing Mass and Christmas Luncheon** for our retired parishioners!

This will be held on **Friday, 13th December**. Sign-up sheets and invitations will be coming soon!

If you'd like to be a: WELCOMER, READER, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, SENIOR SERVER, JUNIOR SERVER, CATECHIST, MINISTER TO THE SICK or if you would like to help with: FLOWERS, ALTAR LINEN, PIETY STALL, CLEANING, MUSIC, CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FAITH FORMATION, SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1431

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1730.85  
Loose = \$ 1389.45

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 5227.30 (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!**

The RCIA journey has begun for members of our community.

All are invited to attend the sessions, to learn more about our faith, and to journey along with these brothers and sisters.

**Talks are held every Wednesday at 7pm in the new function centre.**

**NEXT TOPIC: The Old Testament**

Please feel free to ring the parish office —96542260— or email [stmads@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stmads@yahoo.com.au) for details!



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

### BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **7th December at 4:30-5:30pm** in the **new function centre**.

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



### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: 30 Nov/1 Dec

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures.

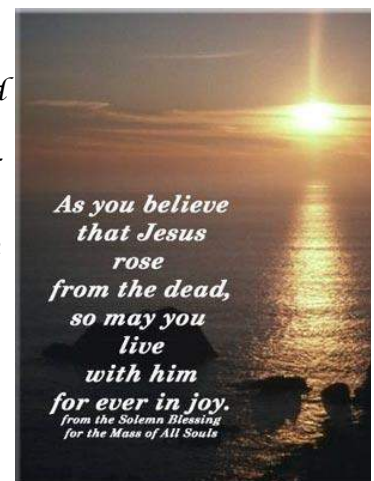
Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



*During the month of November, we offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our beloved departed.*

*You are invited to write down names of your loved ones in the Book of Life*

*Envelopes for Mass intentions are available in the foyer.*



### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For healing of the sick**

Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Candida Irugalbandra, Sheila Cañabano, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, 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 Biford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel





**Expressions of Interest —Bus Trip: The Lights of Christmas**  
 Bus trip to St Marys Cathedral on Wednesday 18th December 2019  
 Leaving Dural Country Club at 6.15pm

We will see the choir at 7.30pm and then afterwards the Lights on St Marys Cathedral  
 Price \$20 adults and \$15 children

I have also booked the restaurant Fedele's at Dural inside the club for anyone who  
 would like to have dinner there from 5.30pm at your own cost

For more information contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400

If you are interested in going please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer  
 by 24th November and stating whether you will be having dinner there too

~Kind regards, Sandra Tabone



May I encourage you to be a part of the **Advent Reflection** on  
**Friday, 6th December; 7 to 8 pm in the function centre**  
 Speaker : Deacon Jerome, Diocese of Parramatta  
 Theme: The Incarnation- God's Giving and Humanity Receiving

~Fr.Vince

**Time to visit the Piety Stall in its new location!**



2020 Columbian Calendars \$9

Magellan Christmas Cards \$7

"The Way" Advent reflection book \$4  
 are now available

**OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND**



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING—30 NOV, 2 PM, SCHOOL HALL**

St Madeleine's P&F are organising this activity and all are welcome!  
 Gingerbread House kits can be bought with or without lollies. If you'd like to  
 decorate your own house then order a kit only and BYO lollies!  
 There's also a small kit for the littlies to make 2 reindeer cookies!  
 To book your spot and order a kit, ring the school office or go to  
[www.trybooking.com/565901](http://www.trybooking.com/565901) "St Mad's Gingerbread House Day"

**ACBC National Prayer Campaign for Drought**

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take  
 place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain,  
 for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note  
 that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and  
 so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at:

[www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville—Plenary Council Discernment**

OLOR Kellyville Parish will be having the 2nd phase of discernment in view of the Plenary Council on  
 Wednesday, 27 November from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents in the  
 Undercroft. The parish has chosen the theme, 'How God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in  
 Australia that is open to conversion, renewal and reform.' Br Bernard Mary Fonksrud will guide the  
 discernment. You are welcome to attend this session.  
 For inquiries, contact Leonard Pinto 0425342284.

**Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:**

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2

This e-book offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year A-2 beginning with Advent,  
 together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for  
 downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony  
 Fisher of Sydney, This free e-book may be accessed on [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

**Order of Malta Annual Lourdes Day Mass: 7 December**

The Order of Malta will be celebrating their annual Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday 7 December at  
 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and the Chaplains of the Order  
 will celebrate Mass and bless the congregation, with vials of Lourdes water to be distributed.  
 For more information please contact 9331 8477, [info@smom.org.au](mailto:info@smom.org.au) or [macolmi@bigpond.net.au](mailto:macolmi@bigpond.net.au).

**GERMAN CATHEDRALS AND OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE 2020**

Fr Chris Dixon is leading a pilgrimage titled "German Cathedral Pilgrimage and the Passion Play at  
 Oberammergau", for 13 days leaving 25th August 2020 and returning 6th September 2020.  
 For more information and further details, contact Fr Chris at [annangrove@hotmail.com](mailto:annangrove@hotmail.com)

**Reminder: Our parish Hamper Mass will be on 8th December at 10am.**  
**Notes are available in the foyer!**

**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

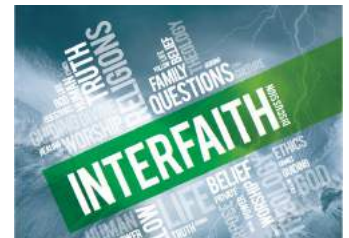
**Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the**

9.15 am Mass

**Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm**

**Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,**  
 or during 10am Masses

**Weddings: By appointment**



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 hosting an interfaith event in  
 conjunction with the Christian  
 and Jewish Community

Sunday, 1 December, 4-7pm  
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Let us hand over all our cares  
 to Jesus, praying that  
 he will act for us.  
 Then everything will take care  
 of itself.  
 -St Madeleine Sophie

**PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS**

**Welcomers Coordinator:**

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	<p><i>Parish Dedication Mass</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for all the help, support, and prayers that everyone has given to let the dream of a church come to fruition!</i></p>		5:30pm	
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington			Helen Ross	
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo			Jhun Javier	
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating			Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle	
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Trish Keating Anne Kyngdon			Tereza Barisic Trish Maidens	
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike			Thomas Barker James Barker	
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat			Bobby	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Paul Vella and Belle Craig			<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Cosimo Murdocca			<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Rosa Carlino

<b>30 NOV/1 DEC</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	John Cice	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Rick & Lesley Gangemi
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Deb & Paul Copperfield	Careyanne Moylan Bob Burke	Lesley Gangemi Gael Carpani
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	NO MUSICIANS	Joan & David	Bobby & Mark	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Lisa Gerrard
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Dianne Bennett		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Alice Garratt