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21st July 2019

16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

“Some parts of life are temporary - some are eternal.

Wisdom knows the difference”

In the gospel of today, Jesus is put in a position to take sides in a squabble between two sisters Martha and Mary. Martha is busy preparing a meal for all, while Mary is attentive to the word of Jesus. At this point in time of our lives, who do we represent in the narrative Martha or Mary? Martha – the multitasked, action oriented, have it done kind of person; or Mary – the attentive listener. It is not that Martha is doing anything wrong in her hospitality, or that any of us are doing anything wrong in our multi-tasking. It is just that we can often do better if we are founded or connected to God as we try to do what is appropriate, honorable and the right thing. Martha, through her attention to other matters, is losing the ability to be connected with Jesus.

There is a story about two woodcutters. The first woodcutter works eight hours a day. The second works only for five hours. But both of them have equal number of logs cut with their axe. Asked about the secret of his productivity, the second woodcutter said, “It is because I take time to rest and recharge my body. And while resting, I sharpen my axe.” We should combine the Spirit of service or action of Martha and the listening spirit of Mary in our day today lives.



We have extraordinary, technical means by which we can stay connected constantly – Twitter, Instagram, Face book, cell phones, email and texting – yes, we are connected – but are we engaged? Are we present to those with us – within our reach? Are distractions taking up our time, and drawing us away from what is really important? Our electronic connectedness can lead to our human disconnection – just as Martha’s pre-occupation lead to her disconnection with Christ. Sure, we are supposed to work and worry as Martha does about her task, and the responsibility before her – but we are not to be so overwhelmed by our toils that we do not

keep the proper perspective of Jesus before us – and take pleasure in that. Christ is inviting us to make Him the priority of our lives.

Perhaps for many today who are juggling a busy work and family life, quiet time is much sought after luxury. Too many among us have the disease called STD - stress, tension and depression. We work so hard to make ends meet. . At the end of the day, we are exhausted, wasted, dull and empty. And this happens every day for years. We cannot even think of taking some time off from work. Worst of all, many of us say that we have no time even to go to Church or to pray! We are just too busy! May be a short prayer or reading a verse from the Bible or listening to a religious hymn before the meals can make all the difference in our lives. Maybe a few minutes before or after mass is our way for simply sitting silently in the company of Jesus as Mary did. And then hopefully, having prayed, we are renewed and restored as we leave mass and we are ready to once again love and serve each other, especially those closest to us, our families. When we take a look at what is around us and who are around us and see the presence of God in all these, everything and everyone becomes beautiful. The combination of the diligence of Martha and the understanding and listening trait of Mary will bear fruits sweet and abundant in our lives. (Online Source)

There was a man who wanted to prove his love for his wife. So he climbed the highest mountain and swam the deepest sea. When he returned, his wife was gone because he was never at home! There is another story about a father who after work would take a long walk with his teenage daughter. He took great pleasure in her company. Suddenly she began to offer almost daily excuses as to why she could not accompany him. He was hurt but he held his tongue. Finally his birthday arrived. His daughter presented him a sweater she had knitted. Then he realized that she had done her knitting when he was out of the house for his walk. He said to her, "Martha, Martha, I do appreciate this sweater. But I value your company infinitely more. A sweater I can buy in any store. But you I cannot buy. Please never abandon me again." -People need company, a listener. In our daily life, it is important to focus on the right thing. (John Pichappilly in 'The Table of the Word').



Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen will be celebrating the 10 am Mass next Sunday (28th July 2019) and you are welcome to be a part of the celebration.

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



Thank you to everyone who has pledged to help in the building and furnishing of our new church building.

If you would like to give your donation, please ring the office for bank details or payment options. Let us continue to pray for the Lord to bless our plans!

Construction in progress.



Social Justice @ St Mads

Responding to the "cry of the poor" is easy to do in Timor Leste. Recently I visited with the girls from Monte sant Angelo.

The school is undertaking a project to build a teachers college in the Diocese of Maliana. Project Timor: www.monte.nsw.edu.au/community/project-timor/ is part of the Mercy work in Timor. Please support if you can.

Thank you to Marian College social justice group for the Little Dresses that were delivered to the preschool in Maliana.

~Sue Martin



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #6

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal.



Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **3rd Aug at 4:30-5:30pm** at St Joseph Centre.

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



Mission Sunday Appeal

Thanks for your generosity towards the Mission Sunday Appeal amounting to \$1889.85
God bless our community!

It's the men's turn!
(Sign-up sheet in the foyer)

3rd August,
Saturday @ 8:30am
in St Joseph Centre
"Fatherhood"

SPEAKER: Eugene Moylan



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Mary Micallef, Douglas Bradford, Maria Portelli and Tessa Rizzardo

For the dearly departed

Marcello Pellizzon, Anteo Pellizzon, Eriberto Adah, Costantino Giudice, Joe Vella, Michael Caruana, Grant Brackenbury, deceased of the Saeco family, Pulis family, Sultana family, Spadaro family, John Frenedo, Carmelo & Victoria Hili, Pietro Ceccato, deceased of the Ferraro family



For healing of the sick

Sheila Cañabano, 10-mo old 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 Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1225.10

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1410

Loose = \$ 828.15

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$4345.15 (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 respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship

PARISH COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

A committee will be putting together a commemorative book for the occasion of the blessing of the new church. We would like you to be part of it by sending in little stories and anecdotes about the history of the parish and how it has evolved.

We will hold on to materials you send in because the items that do not make it into the book will be featured on our updated website later on.

If you have a story to tell about our parish, please email it to bookforstmads@gmail.com or write it down and drop it off at the office by 23rd July 2019.

Your memories of St Madeleine's will be valuable in the passing down of our history. Thank you!

NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS CATH-UP OVER COFFEE

All our dear volunteers to the nursing homes and retirement villages (Lady of Grace, Arcare, Carinya House, BUPA Dural, and Mountainview) are invited to get together for coffee on

Thursday, 25th July, 11:30am,
at Rose & Herb Café,
Round Corner

Please let Suzanne know if you're coming!



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

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The **Information Sessions for First Communion** will be on

Tuesday, 6th August, at 4:30 and 7pm.

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program **MUST** attend one of these sessions.

This sacrament is offered to Year 3 and older who have already done their First Reconciliation.

For any queries, please feel free to contact

Sally Coppini by email: stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



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LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall).

NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory.

Enrolments close on 5 August 2019. Please visit the Parish Office for a form or for more information, contact 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: 20 AUGUST

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program - Component 2 starts on August 20. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to ifm.org.au for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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- ◇ Indigenous proposal
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- ◇ A doctor life
- ◇ Movie review: *Yesterday*
- ◇ Monica Doumit: *The cost of freedom*

-St Madeleine Sophie

Any delay with God is a kind of denial.

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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Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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		5:30 Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
THIS WEEKEND	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Marian Piper Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil	James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	No musicians	Joan & David	Mark	No musicians
	COUNTERS	John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	FLOWERS	Denis Secco, arr'd by Lesley & Ann		ALTAR LINEN	Barbara Madafiglio
27/28 JULY	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell		Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil		Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trish Keating Anne Kyngdon	Frances Sanders	Ann & Mark Lee	Tereza Barisic Trish Maidens
	JUN MINISTERS	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil		James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Lisa J	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS	Denis Secco, arr'd by Alice Garratt		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow