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28th June 2020

13th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10: 37-42

**“Hospitality is the practice of God's welcome
by reaching across differences to participate in God's actions
bringing justice and healing to our world in crisis.”**

– Letty M. Russell

Dear Sisters and brothers,

I believe you and your family are well.

**As many of you are already aware Lisa is finishing her service as the Parish Secretary at the end of June. On behalf of the St Mad's Community, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for what Lisa has offered to our community in the capacity of Parish Secretary for the past five and a half years. Lisa's devotion, quality of work, diligence, relationship with the parishioners and her ministry at various levels are truly commendable. I wish her every good luck in her new endeavours. She and her family are a blessing to our parish community and we hope to cherish it continuously.*

We have Jay-Ann Gutierrez taking up the position of Parish Secretary from July onwards. She will focus on the pastoral aspect and day-to-day management of the parish office and the parish community. Yvette Jacobs joins our parish team as the part-time secretary looking after the financial side of the parish. May I ask the parishioners to make them welcome and render your utmost support to enlivening the community!

**From 1st July, all indoor venues (including those used for public Masses and religious events) can accommodate up to any number of people (no upper limit), provided physical distancing and the 4 square metre per person requirements are met. Our church I believe can accommodate approximately 100 people. Still, it is a requirement for the attendees to register their names with details. Please arrive early so you can sign in before Mass begins.*

We are returning to our regular weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday 5.30 pm and Sunday 8 am and 10 am and 5.30 pm.

No more additional Masses.

The evening Mass on Saturday evening will not be live-streamed from July.

The 10 am Mass on Sunday will be live-streamed at least for some time. You can access through <https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses>

I would like to thank our parishioners for following the directives as given by the government as we gather to worship our Lord. Kindly continue the same until we are advised otherwise. The welcomers will be able to assist you as you enter the church for the Masses and other celebrations.

Information regarding the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be given to you next weekend.

As you know already, the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism will resume from July. You can give a ring to the office in regard to weddings.

Let us continue to pray fervently for the end of this pandemic and our life returns to normal!

Kindly don't hesitate to ring the office for any need and we will try our best to attend to the needs.



Reflection on the Scriptures for this Sunday

A story is told about a young clerk in a hotel who was on duty one, not so pleasant, night. All the rooms had been allocated when an older gentleman came in rather late and weather-beaten. He enquired cheerfully if there was a vacant room. The clerk mentioned it had been a busy night and he thought that all the rooms were taken but he would double-check. After a thinking time, he said. “However, I believe there is a small room available, if you don't mind the simplicity.” The guest was most welcome.

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Generous hospitality it was indeed as the room was the clerk's own humble resting place. The clerk was really surprised when he was invited by the guest, as he was leaving, to visit him in a large city when next he had some free time. "I am sure you will enjoy the visit," he said. Later the offer was taken up to visit this kind gentleman. The clerk found the area and then the address which was another hotel. He met with the older gentleman who revealed to him that he was the owner of a chain of hotels and had been looking for a new manager for his new one. He then offered the position to the clerk. He said that he had known straight away when he met the clerk that stormy evening – he had found a person who understood the essence of generous hospitality (Anonymous)



The concluding part of the gospel and the first reading of this Sunday talk about welcome or hospitality. I would like to quote what Fr. Jim Kirstein, SMA shares in his homily: Someone has said that welcome and hospitality were the very basis of the ministry of Jesus. He was constantly welcoming people, whether they were Jews or Gentiles, virtuous or sinners. Little wonder people flocked to him because they knew they were fully welcome. Hospitality constitutes a major theme in both the first reading and the gospel. Jesus identifies what is done to others as done to himself even in those people in whom it is difficult to see any identification with him. If we want simple concrete proof of whether we love God or not, then the way we love and welcome others is the direct proof. And if our prayer does not lead to this then our prayer is surely suspect. The basis of all hospitality is that we all belong to one family and that every person is a brother or sister in a very real (and not just a 'spiritual' or 'religious' sense). It can, in the words of the Gospel, be something as simple as offering a cup of cold water. Unfortunately, in our affluent urban societies, the protection of our material goods now usually takes priority over welcoming the stranger. The open door has been replaced by iron bars, alarms and surveillance cameras. It is again a sign of the serious distortion of our values and a breakdown in human relationships. But at least the Eucharist surely ought to be the place where at least everyone might feel welcome especially newcomers to the area. The 'kiss of peace' is a symbol of our desire to welcome whomever we might meet after the celebration.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing" (13: 2)

Let's always be generous with our hospitality.

God's blessings, Fr. Vince

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- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT -

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BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session
will be on

Saturday, 4th July, at 4:30pm
in the function centre.

Please ring or email the office to book in:
96542260 (Tue-Fri, 10am -4pm)
stamds@yahoo.com.au



Families who completed their preparations are
welcome to get in touch with the office to schedule their
child's baptism.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Betty Toomey, Serena Spina

For the dearly departed

Milio Kazzi, Michelle Kazzi, Pietro Ceccato, Jed Manning,
deceased of the Ferraro family, Joze Skok, Caterina Musso,
Filomena Corcoglioniti, Norman Hajje, Chahida Hajje, Shedly Hajje,
Chahide Hajje, Mary Merhi, Youssef Moit, Hanna Chiha,
Raymond Chiha, Philomena Beresford, Jim Mulvihill,
the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families

For healing of the sick

Aureen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowski, June Brennan,
John Spencer, Keith Dawson, Selina Calleia, Joe Fuda, India, Vince Luca,
Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Sheila Cañabano, Candida Irugalbandra,
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, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh,
Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss,
Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone,
John Lippman, Giuseppe Grasso, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick,
Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina,
Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

**If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please let us know by email, phone call, or by dropping a note in the locked box outside the parish office.*



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1,111.95

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 2,210
Loose = \$ 1,144.30

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

TOTAL = \$ 5,354.30

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!

Social Justice @ St Mads

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

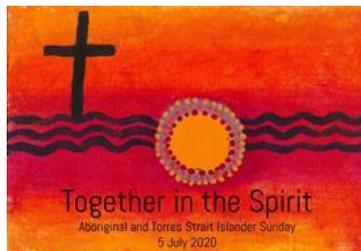
Sunday 5 July

The theme for this year is - Together in the Spirit. NATSICC will be streaming a National Celebration of the Mass on 5 July - live from the Adelaide Cathedral. You can be part of history by joining us via www.natsicc.org.au.

The NATSICC Acknowledgment plaques are a bold statement of support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, it is the first plaque endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for use in Catholic schools, parishes and organizations. The St Mad's Social Justice group has purchased an acknowledgement plaque for our Church entrance.

Please keep donating food items for the Vinnies basket near our piety stall. We have been delivering to the Ignite store within Holy Family parish Emerton.

~Sue Martin

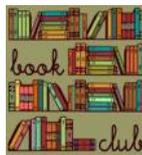


We are getting together via zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10.30 am for an hour to pray and discuss the coming Sunday's gospel. If you would like to know more about the gospels, what it can mean to your life, pray with others, or just make new friends we would love you to join us. For more info and zoom details contact



Careyanne at or 0438 791 813
or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

Book Club is starting again via Zoom. I've read a great book about suffering called, *Where the Hell is God?*



by Fr Richard Leonard, Australian Jesuit. Only 67 pages it is thought-provoking, pastoral, original while stating opposing views, and examines the age-old question of how a kind God allows suffering.

If you would like to join our zoom group on Tuesday 30th June, 7.30pm send me an email to register. careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

POSITIONS VACANT:

*Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

CATHOLIC CARE IS STILL OPEN AND OPERATIONAL

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email – enquiries@ccss.org.au or visit ccss.org.au.

PROJECT COMPASSION UPDATE

Due to COVID-19, Project Compassion has been extended and parishioners can bring their boxes or envelopes to parishes, or if they are unable, can contact 1800 024 413 or go to lent.caritas.org.au. A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvhdL0IM>

For any further support, please contact

Patrice Moriarty 0409399505 or patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

ACU ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE WITH REV. PROF MARK R FRANCIS:

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting the President of the Catholic Theological Union, Rev Prof Mark R. Francis CSV, in a free online public lecture. Titled "The Challenge of Intercultural Liturgy in the Era of Pope Francis," it will be broadcast live from Chicago on Monday July 20 from 10am AEST via Zoom. Registration is essential by 15 July 2020. Register by visiting <https://bit.ly/3h1Rw8e>

The St Vincent de Paul Society is calling for donations to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal, helping people doing it tough in our communities due to coronavirus.

Every dollar you donate will help people to feed their families, put petrol in the car and keep warm during winter – more important than ever during the current health crisis.

Please visit www.vinnies.org.au,

call 13 18 12, or leave a donation in the poor box to make a contribution.

Thank you for your kindness.

Mark Easton

St Mad's Vinnies coordinator

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We can only save souls if we are founded in charity, the bond of hearts. If charity grows weak, all the means we employ will fail. The Heart of Jesus recognises as his own those who put in practice his chosen commandment.

-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

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This weekend, we will live-stream Masses on
 Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 10 am on
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses>
 (In July, we will only live-stream Sunday 10am Mass)

Stay in touch through our
 parish Facebook page:
[https://www.facebook.com/
 St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish](https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish)




HELLO EVERYONE!

With the continued easing of restrictions and the gradual return to normal, we would like to invite anyone interested to help serve at the different weekend Masses.

If you would like to help with welcoming, reading, serving, flower arranging, children’s liturgy, operating the computer, or anything, please ring the parish office—96542260. We could really use your help!

4/5 JULY		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington John Cice	Rosa & Tony Carlino Helen & Charlie Harb	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Catherine Diekman Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christian Maaait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	COUNTERS	Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Maureen Meryment & Mari Gregory		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino	