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2nd August 2020

18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3

Rom 8: 35, 37-39

Mt 14: 13-21

“The providence of God is the way in which He governs everything wisely, first for the glory of His own Name, and second for the ultimate blessing of His children”

- Sinclair Ferguson

Fallen into the trap of fear and anxiety of our daily concerns and especially of the impacts of COVID19, we may probably fail to realize God's caring for us. We are much worried about what is going to happen tomorrow, and for a few years to come, even after the COVID19. This worry can concern us regarding all parts of our lives - relationships, emotions, material needs, spiritual strength, etc. When is the virus going to have its upper hand? Only God knows!

In our readings today, we hear much about the reverse side of the coin. We meet someone who has the power to give us food, all the food we would want and no money needed. “Though you have no money, come! Listen to me and you will have good things to eat” – Isaiah 55: 1. This was the invitation to the people of Israel. Matthew's story tells us that the heavenly banquet is for anyone and everyone. “They all ate and were satisfied.” Psalm 145 assures us four times that God loves and satisfies all people. God is near to all of us. Paul shares his confidence that nothing will separate us from that love. This love is proven in the abundance of food and drink God provides for all. This abundance is not only for all humans; it is for all God's creatures.

In the midst of all the starvation, loss of human lives, protests against the deep grained inequalities, strategic exclusion of the groups of people based on racial and ethnic prejudices and the wild animals losing their habitat, God is calling us, “Come to me heedfully. Listen that you may have light.” He is inviting us to place our complete trust in His providence and generosity and, with His power, to care for one another with love and patience.

When confronted by his disciples with the need to feed the crowds, Jesus first challenged them to give something from what they had. The instant reaction of the disciples was ‘helplessness’... “we have nothing” they said. At the same time, believing in the words of Jesus, they managed to scrape together a few pieces of bread and fish - and with that Jesus worked a miracle. Whatever pieces of bread and fish we have and are willing to give for the good of others, God can take and transform them into something good, healing and affirming. Like the disciples, we might heed a call to be God's instruments in finding ways to see that more of God's creatures share in the abundance that God has created in the heavenly banquet and that of the earth. Let us not forget that God is ultimately the one taking care of us and is the one most attentive to our every need. Let us renew our faith in God who is closer to us than we are to ourselves. An inspirational thought from Fr Pat:

“A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Mark McGuire's hands is worth \$19 million. It depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands. A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship. It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal. A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea. It depends whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy. A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon. It depends whose hands it's in.

Cont...



Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands. It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends whose hands it's in. As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in.

So, we can put our concerns, our worries, our fears, our hopes, our dreams, our families, and our relationships in God's hands because -- It depends whose hands they're in".

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ, our true healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people, especially this pandemic.

We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disabilities, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care.

Enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science who are working to find a solution to this viral infection. Guide their research and help them discover what you provide in creation, sure ways of control, protection and healing. Strengthen them in their tiring work and enrich in them the virtue of hope.

Mother of mercy and compassion, look kindly on your children who seek your help and consolation in these times. Pray for our protection and healing, for patience, perseverance in suffering, and conformity to God's Will.

Amen!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

As you are aware in March, we postponed the preparation for Confirmation due to Covid-19. We are now in a position to offer an altered program that will comply with Health Department regulations to those who had previously enrolled.

The modified program will run 3 x 50 minutes sessions over 3 weekends Sunday 26th July, 2nd and 9th August. There will be 2 options for each Sunday 3pm or 4pm.

The session will be held in the Church with your child and one parent attending. This allows us to have a maximum of 100 in the Church which is following current social distancing requirements.

Please contact stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 5 September, at 4:30pm** in the function centre.

Please ring or email the office to book in: 9654 2260 (Tue-Fri, 10am -4pm)
stmads@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

Donald Martin, Juliano Uy, Michael Hanna

For the dearly departed

Angelina Adan, Marcel Desnoux-Frane, Joseph Conti, Helena Culligan, Ivan Ceccato, Eriberto Adan, Pablito Corpuz, Louis Sammut, Costantino Giudice, Mary Ellen Bradley, Frank Piperato, Annina & Dominico Piperato, Filomena & Frank Coreoglioniti, Caterina Musso, Laurence Bernard Riley, Dermot John Murphy, Maria Ceroli, Milio Kazzi, Michelle Kazzi, Pietro Ceccato, Jed Manning, deceased of the Ferraro family, Joze Skok, Caterina Musso, Filomena Corcoglioniti

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, Giuseppi 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) = \$ 525.95

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 719.00
Loose = \$ 487.65

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$ 3206.65

Thanks to everyone for generously supporting the parish to pay off the loan and to maintain the parish.

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 9654 2260.

Thank you for your generosity!

Social Justice @ St Mads

This past week we celebrated PRAYER FOR 2020 WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

ACRATH Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans have some specific actions to consider and discuss:

- Become an ethical consumer of coffee, chocolate, fashion and electronic goods etc;
- Ensure your school/workplace staff room and your own kitchen use only slavery free products;

· Talk with 4-5 friends or family members about the issue of human trafficking;

<https://acrath.org.au/>

Catholics for Refugees have started a petition to the Federal government, please sign the change.org petition - We Won't Leave Anyone In Our Community Behind During COVID-19 Pandemic, to assist Refugee and Asylum seekers.



Dates to consider:

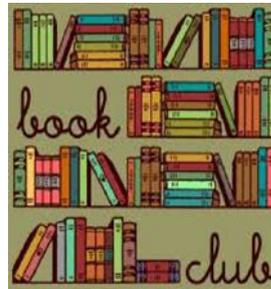
The Tri Diocesan Social Justice dinner launching the 2021 statement To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today is hosted by Sydney Diocese on 12th August, email Ruth.Moraes@sydneycatholic.org for the Zoom link.

St Mads parish friendship with Cailico Timor Leste, Ornella Byak is coming to Kenthurst 9th August to share some more, let us know if you are interested joining in, e-mail sue@kcj.net.au.

Book Club is continuing via Zoom. We are reading an interesting book called *Mere Christianity* by C.S.Lewis. It is a collection of talks given on the Christian faith, examining the truly important things in life and shows the way to hope, contentment and joy.

If you would like to join our Zoom group on Tuesday 25 August at 7.30pm send me an email to register —

careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Plenary Council Discernment Papers released

You are encouraged to take the discernment papers from the six national Plenary Council writing groups for your own discernment about how to bring to life a Christ-centred community in your area. These papers can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>. The Pastoral Planning Office can accompany you in reflecting on these papers. Please contact pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org to discuss ways to engage with these discernment papers.

ACBC Catholic Men's Gathering: 15 August

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be made available from 15 August and will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions. The gathering is free and registration is available from 29 June. Visit www.catholicmensgathering.com.au for more information and registration.

Institute for Mission Scripture Reflection Night: 18 August

The Institute for Mission is hosting a free online scripture reflection night with Dr Laurie Woods on Tuesday 18 August at 7pm. The livestream will be hosted on the Institute for Mission's Facebook page www.facebook.com/ifmconnect. Registration is not required.

We welcome and congratulate the newly baptised into our community!

Cristiano Alessio Hornsby



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish>

Join us for live-stream Masses on Sunday at 10 am on

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses>

JUST TO LAUGH

Late one night, a preacher was driving on a country road and had a wreck. A farmer stopped and said, "Sir, are you okay?" The preacher said, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." The farmer said, "Well, you better let him ride with me, because you're gonna kill him."



One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator:

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

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RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator:

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

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Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

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St Madeleine's Primary School

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Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

TBA

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

10-10:30 Fridays - Adoration

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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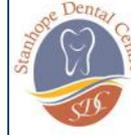
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1/2 AUGUST		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
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	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS		Catherine Diekman Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christian Maaait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Thomas		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Peter Tallaridi Arranged by Maureen Marynet and Mari Gregory		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino

8/9 AUGUST	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone	Nicole Foxall Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Dianne Millington		Phyllis Hannah	HJS—Akash Arnold
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang	Thomas Foxall Saniya Arnold
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Thomas		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Already arranged for this week		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino