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12th July 2020

15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 55-10-11;

Rom 8:18-23;

Mt 13:1-23

“All of the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.”

- Indian proverb

Dear sisters and brothers,

I hope you are all well and safe. We are indeed saddened by the fact that 5 million Victorians are locked down due to the fast community transmission of the Coronavirus. Let us keep them in our fervent prayers that the spread of the virus is contained and the ‘new normal’ returns with the tag of mutual responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of everyone.

This Sunday we listen to the parable of the sower, which stimulates us to think broadly about the underpinnings of this story. In the given context of the pandemic and all the directives laid down, I think we need to have the attitude of the ‘fertile soil’ of the parable to receive the ‘seeds’ – instructions and policies and bring them to fruition. Our faith at this time demands a great social responsibility and a compassionate heart to help each other in every way possible. Let us be concerned about the physical, social, mental and spiritual well being of one another. This being one of the dimensions of living our faith in a compassionate and caring God. I encourage the parents and significant others to engage in prayer reflection, and dialogue with the children and teens that they could cope well with the impacts of the pandemic in a constructive way. Now, let us take some time to reflect on the Gospel of this Sunday, the Parable of the Sower.

The gospel is a story about people trying to do well and often not much comes from it. One mother said, ‘I hope I’ll see some of my children at the altar again before I die’. A football trainer said, I wish we won matches when he was in school – but the fruit of all the hours came later when he scored goals for the county!’

A big point of this story is about the fruits – 30-, 60-, 100-fold. When we work at love or faith, the deeper things of life, some-thing good happens.

We try to hand on faith in the family and school situations. Sometimes we feel we see little return for our work or we give time to the family in many ways and see little return for our love.

The consoling point of the story – we never know when or where there will be the fruits of our love... Love given is never lost. Like dropping something into the river, you never know where it will end up. Love given to children in the family may bear fruit in the next generation. We never know. Good may be done in a son’s or daughter’s new country from the seeds of faith planted at home.

Part of life is trial and effort. Jesus’ attitude was the same. He ‘threw’ out love like the sower throws out the seed. He knows it may fall on hard ground, but he gives it anyway. He gave love on Calvary to everyone. God is like that. It may take years to flower. God doesn’t stint the seed, nor does he stint love. -Fr Donal Neary, S.J

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One of William Barclay's friends tells this story. In the church where he worshipped, there was a lonely old man, old Thomas. He had outlived all his friends and hardly anyone knew him. When Thomas died, this friend had the feeling that there would be no one to go to the funeral so he decided to go, so that there might be someone to follow the old man to his last resting-place. There was no one else, and it was a miserable wet day. The funeral reached the cemetery, and at the gate there was a soldier waiting. An officer, but on his raincoat, there were no rank badges. He came to the grave side for the ceremony, then when it was over, he stepped forward and before the open grave, he swept his hand to a salute that might have been given to a king. The friend walked away with this soldier, and as they walked, the wind blew the soldier's raincoat open to reveal the shoulder badges of a brigadier general.

The general said, "You will perhaps be wondering what I am doing here. Years ago, Thomas was my Sunday School teacher; I was a wild lad and a sore trial to him. He never knew what he did for me, but I owe everything I am or will be to old Thomas, and today I had to come to salute him at the end." Thomas did not know what he was doing. (David E. Leininger, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com)

We are all fortunate to the recipients of the Word of God and all other gifts from Him and at the same time to be tenant farmers. Let us keep sowing the seeds and leave the rest to God.

What kind of soil am I? What kind of farmer am I?

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



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, 1st August, at 4:30pm
in the function centre.

Please ring or email the office to book in:
96542260 (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

Juliano Uy, Michael Hanna, Betty Toomey, Serena Spina

For the dearly departed

Eriberto Adan, Pablito Corpuz, Louis Sammut, Constantino 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, Norman Hajje, Chahida Hajje, Sheddy 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 Brennen, 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*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 650.55

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1561.00
Loose = \$ 794.90

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$ 4355.90

With all reluctance, I request you to consider supporting the parish financially to pay off the loan towards our new church projects and pay the bills towards the maintenance of the parish. Your contribution even in the midst of financial difficulties is very much appreciated.

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

Social Justice Sunday August 30th The theme for 2020-21 has been announced. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, the Bishops invite us all to reject the stigmatisation of mental ill-health, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalized members of our community.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16 July
www.carmelites.org.au/

July is the month we work on the 5 R's Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle for single use plastic. What is your challenge for Plastic Free July www.plasticfreejuly.org/ Mine is to only use steel pegs with my washing.

The Social Justice group at St Mad's is planning to catch-up again. Our next meeting will be via Zoom on July 16th, 7:30pm. All are welcome. If you would like to join us, Sue can send Zoom details, sue@kcj.net.au

PLASTIC FREE JULY
 Pledge to join the 5 R's club

1. Refuse
 • Don't purchase these at school:
 • Single use plastic water bottles
 • Single use plastic cups
 • Individual wrapped food products

2. Reduce
 • Only purchase single use plastic containers
 • Single use plastic food containers
 • Plastic food and packaging
 • Single use plastic food and packaging
 • Single use plastic food and packaging

3. Reuse
 • Don't purchase more food containers! Think about what you already own.
 • Glass bottles and other food and drink containers for drinking or food use.
 • Glass jars and plastic containers for food storage.
 • Greener plastic and glass containers are good for drinking from as they are made from recycled plastic and glass.
 • Reuse and share your plastic and glass containers.
 • Reuse and share your plastic and glass containers.

4. Repurpose
 • Don't purchase more plastic containers by the use of:
 • Single use plastic water bottles
 • Single use plastic cups
 • Single use plastic food products

5. Recycle
 • Don't purchase more plastic containers by the use of:
 • Single use plastic water bottles
 • Single use plastic cups
 • Single use plastic food products

Plastic the modern miracle that has made modern life possible. But this non-renewable resource is polluting our waterways, our food, our environment and our way of life. Take the challenge - and go plastic free this July.



On behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society, I would like to thank all our St Madeleines parishioners who kindly donated to the 2020 Vinnies Winter COVID appeal. During this short appeal in June, we have collectively donated \$1800. Big thank you to you all. This helps assist those in need during these difficult times and especially individuals and families who have been greatly impacted from COVID circumstances in their employment, housing and general wellbeing.

Many thanks,

Book Club is continuing via Zoom. I'm reading an interesting book called *God is Good for You; a defence of Christianity in troubled times* by Greg Sheridan. It is insightful, compelling, challenging and look at Christianity, once the moral and legal fabric of Western Civilisation, now becoming a sidelined minority belief.

If you would like to join our Zoom group on Tuesday 28th July, 7:30pm, send me an email register—caryannemoylan@hotmail.com



PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
 Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Assistant Priest:
 Rev Jessie Balorio

Parish Secretaries:
 Jay-Ann Gutierrez
 Yvette Jacobs

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
 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

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

Reopening of church buildings

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors for private prayer, Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check the arrangements put in place.

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>.

Saturday Sessions

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org to join the mailing list to receive session information.

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.

We welcome and congratulate the newly baptised into our community!

Archer Bevan and Julian Attard

Join us for live-stream Masses on
 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>

"Nothing can be compared to the action of the Spirit in souls she inhabits; they rest in the Spirit; the Spirit speaks in them; they act by the Spirit. The Spirit dwells in those persons like gentle refreshment amid stormy passions."

- 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:

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: Rick Jones

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	ACOLYTE	Dianne Millington		Phyllis Hannah	HJS—Akash Arnold
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang	Thomas Foxall Saniya Arnold
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi, arr'd by Maureen Meryment & Mari Gregory		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino

18/19 JULY		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil	James Whittle	Josh Fogarty
	COUNTERS			CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
FLOWERS	Vince Luca, Arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino	