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**19th July 2020**

16th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Wis 12: 13, 16-19;

Rom 8: 26-27;

Mt 13: 24-43

**“Learning about doctrine is easy; Jesus calls his people to learn to be his people”- Thomas Loughlin**

Matthew’s Gospel has been called the “Gospel of the Kingdom,” containing some 51 references to the kingdom or reign of God. Three of Jesus’ “kingdom” parables make up this Sunday’s Gospel:

The magic words of the parable of the wheat and weeds were spoken by Jesus because of the criticism he and his disciples received from the Sadducees and the Pharisees. The Sadducees and Pharisees separated themselves from the tax collectors and sinners whom they saw as unclean and outside the saving power of God. But Jesus made a point of searching sinners out to teach them of God’s love in the words he spoke and the miracles he performed. So the magic of the parable of the weeds and wheat rejects elitism; stresses the fact that the human community is a combination of both good and bad; that all judgment belongs to God; that judgment will take place only at the end of the world; and that there is ample opportunity for every person to change and grow. Evil-doers can respond to God’s offer of love and turn to goodness. Weeds can be transformed into wheat. What magic is greater than this?

The explanation of the parable that Jesus gives to his disciples after returning to the house does not come directly from Jesus. The words were spoken some eighty years after the resurrection of Jesus when members of Matthew’s community were trying to prevent the community from splitting apart. Some members of the community believed that the community needed to be purified by tossing out the less than perfect Christians, while others believed that the church that follows Jesus should not play God.

Any separation of people must be left to God at the last judgment. The work of the Church is to preach repentance and practice patience and compassion and not condemn its members. (Dominican Centre: Spirituality for Mission) As Pope Francis says, “The Church, in this world, is more a hospital for sinners than a club for saints”.

Through the magic words of the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, Jesus taught that even insignificant beginnings, a small seed, a little yeast, a group of twelve followers, can bring forth a new and better world. Our faith in the compassionate Lord gives us the ability to see the potential in the smallest of things and the courage and perseverance to unlock the potential. Humanity’s dreams of peace, community and justice will be realized, first, in the everyday acts of such goodness of each one of us. God’s reign is a powerful albeit unseen force.



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A parable is told about Good and Evil. "One day, Good and Evil met upon the shore of the sea. They said to each other, "Let us disrobe and bathe in the sea." After they bathed in the sea for some time, Evil came to the shore and clothed itself with the garment of Good and walked away. Later Good too came out of the sea and found that its clothes had been taken away by Evil. Feeling ashamed to go naked, Good garmented itself with the clothes of Evil. To this day, both Good and Evil walk around in their disguised clothes. Only some who know the face of Good and Evil are able to identify their true nature in spite of their garments. (Fr John Jose from Bangalore) To this day, both Good and Evil walk around wearing each other's clothing. Only those who have experienced God's patience and compassion are able to identify their true nature in spite of their garments. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit to give us the wisdom and patience needed to make good choices in this world where Good and Bad often come wearing disguises (Sources duly acknowledged).

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 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:  
9654 2260 (Tue-Fri, 10am -4pm)

[stmads@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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, Betty Toomey

### For the dearly departed

Ivan Ceccato, 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



### 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 Biford 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) = \$ 718.80

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1859.00  
Loose = \$ 497.50

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

**TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$ 4356.50**

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

Our Social Justice catch-up this week had lots of new ideas for our parish to consider, one is to build a friendship with a parish in Timor Leste, Cailco parish in Maliana diocese. Ornella Byak from Better Timor is an ex-student of Monte College North Sydney who is planning to move to Cailaco next year (if borders open). <https://bettertimor.org/> I met her in Dili last year when I was there. We are open to any ideas you may have to grow this friendship group.



Our Northern Deanery is working with Sydney Alliance to create a Hills Reconciliation group. These will be a gathering and zoom option on the August 25<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's Josephite Centre Baulkham Hills. The aim is to explore how we can work together towards reconciliation with the Indigenous community in the Hills District. For more information contact [ann@stjosephscentre.org.au](mailto:ann@stjosephscentre.org.au)

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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,  
or during 10am Masses

**Weddings:** By appointment

## OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

### Positions Vacant

Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta  
HR Project Officer – Payroll and Talent (Permanent position) -  
Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – Applications  
close Monday 20 July  
Head of People and Culture – CatholicCare Western Sydney and  
the Blue Mountains – Applications close Tuesday 28 July

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://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>

### 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](http://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  
0409 399 505 or [patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org](mailto:patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org)

## We welcome and congratulate the newly baptised into our community!

Daisy Claridge

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

<b>25/26 JULY</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Carol & Terry Scott Amber G, Brendan F	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Helen and Noel Ross
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders	Sandra Tabone Caryanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil	Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Already arranged for this week		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Rosa Carlino