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16th August 2020

20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15: 21-28

“NEVER LOOK DOWN ON ANYONE UNLESS YOU ARE HELPING THEM UP”

- Jesse Jackson

The techno advancement resulting in instant interconnectedness across the globe made the entire world a ‘global village’. This term ‘global village’ has got a great resonance today with the outbreak of covid19 knowing no borders or boundaries. This tiny virus has no mercy affecting the young and the old, the weak and the strong, the black and the white, man or woman, across the globe. Daily life, almost everywhere, has come to a halt. The unprecedented impacts of covid19 on the wellbeing of humanity in its various aspects is huge and beyond comprehension. The virus does not have respect or have mercy towards humanity. It is so sad to note that the political leaders have no respect or mercy towards the afflicted in this situation and they seem to feel that they live in a bubble cut off from the rest of the world. They even try to politicize the issues at the expense of human lives. Generally speaking, it is natural for human beings to be clannish, but this is not the time to incline to such bubbles, as the virus affects everyone without any distinction. Hence, humanity should fight against it in similar terms. We can do this only with the grace of who God invites everyone to His Kingdom without borders. This means, we all have to work together responsibly in mercy and compassion for one another. This is the clarion call for us through the readings of this Sunday.

In the first reading, God promises to bring all nations together. This is the expansion and extension of His project of salvation towards all nations of the earth. First, this project began with and was for Israel, “God’s first born” (Ex 2, 22). Now, out of his mercy, God extends it to all others nations of the earth provided they have attached themselves to the Lord, in order to love Him and to serve Him.

In the second reading, Paul also strikes on the same chord as Isaiah did. It suffices to note that when Paul says, “Mercy to all,” he is not saying that God will save everyone. Rather, that His mercy is available to all those who will respond accordingly to his invitation. For, “Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2: 21). Paul reminds us of God’s faithfulness to His word and promise. He ‘never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice’. Paul warns us not to be proud or unmerciful to others because of the mercy we have received from Christ. This is because our situation has nothing to do with merits. Rather, we are who we are, through the mercy and kindness of God (Source duly acknowledged).

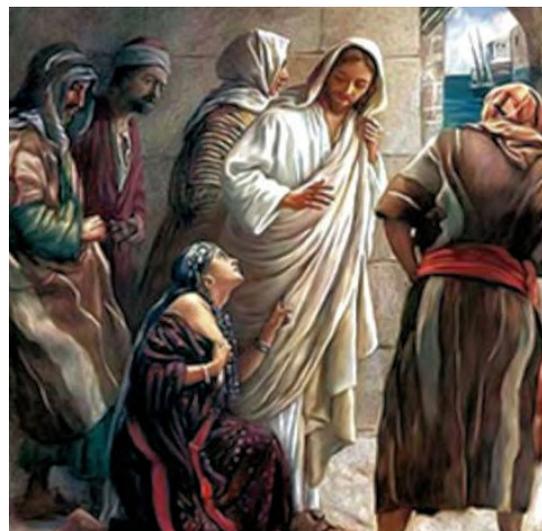
Today’s gospel goes further to illustrate the universality of God’s mercy. Jesus’ compassion for the Canaanite woman and his healing of her daughter breaks down the wall between Gentile and Jew. One who aspires to be a follower of Jesus should look beyond labels and stereotypes to realize that everyone of us is a child of God.

Pope Francis in his recent general audience on 12th August 2020, has to say the following: “The renewed awareness of the dignity of every human being has serious social, economic and political implications. Looking at our brother and sister and the whole of creation as a gift received from the love of the Father inspires attentive behaviour, care and wonder. In this way the believer, contemplating his or her neighbour as a brother or sister, and not as a stranger, looks at him or her compassionately and empathetically, not contemptuously or with hostility. Contemplating the world in the light of faith, with the help of grace, we strive to develop our creativity and enthusiasm in order to resolve the ordeals of the past. We understand and develop our abilities as responsibilities that arise from this faith, as gifts from God to be placed at the service of humanity and of creation.

While we all work for a cure for a virus that strikes everyone without distinction, faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combat indifference in the face of violations of human dignity. This culture of indifference that accompanies the throwaway culture: things that do not affect me, do not interest me. Faith always requires that we let ourselves be healed and converted from our individualism, whether personal or collective; party individualism, for example.”

God’s blessings,

Fr. Vince



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
As you may be aware, there have been a significant number of cases at Tangara School for Girls, Cherrybrook as well as several cases at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta. We realise that a few of the families that attend these schools belong to our parish community. Don't be alarmed! They are very sensitive and responsible people and they have isolated themselves on the advice of NSW Health. May I request our community to include them in your prayers for the restoration of their health! May I remind our community to continue to follow social distancing and other requirements as outlined in the COVID Safety plan and to wear a mask as you come to the church. You are expected to wear it during the entire Mass. May I also request the worshippers to leave the church premises as soon as the Mass is over. If you feel unwell, kindly stay home.

The readers, the welcomers and other volunteers are well informed of the safety measures to be adhered to. We continue to follow our COVID Safety plan which includes wiping pews and surfaces, no singing, hand sanitising, recording the details of the attendees and social distancing and thereby ensuring the health and safety of the community. Let us work together to ensure the safety of our community! Let us not give up storming Heaven for a swift end of this pandemic!

United in prayer,
Fr. Vince

The Feast of the Assumption of our Lady 15th August 2020

Join us for Live-Streamed Mass on Saturday at 9am

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

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI writes, "By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods, we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful."

Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon."
(General Audience August 16, 2018)



Prayer for Lebanon

God of Compassion,

You are strength to those who suffer and comfort to those who grieve.

We pray for the people of Lebanon in this time of disaster.

Embrace those who died so suddenly and console those who grieve for loved ones.

United in solidarity with our Lebanese sisters and brothers, we pray:

For healing and strength for those injured and suffering

The international community will respond with generosity and compassion

And the stability and peace will be restored in Lebanon.

(<http://www.mnnews.today/your-diocese/2020/prayer-for-lebanon/>)



FR CHRIS DIXON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fr Chris Dixon will be ordained to the Priesthood 50 years on 22nd August. Our heartfelt, prayerful wishes to him who ministered the parish of St Madeleine's for 24 years as the first Parish Priest, leaving a great legacy. He is in good health and continues to supply at different parishes. May the Good Lord, who anointed him a priest, continue to bless him and his ministry to the people of God! He will celebrate the **8am Mass on 23rd August** in our church. His contact details are 0410 549 260.
~ Sr Anna Conway



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In the coming week, a few children from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We ask all in our community to pray for these children at this special time.



Planned Giving Envelopes

We thank you for your generous support over the past months despite the current situation. We wish to inform you that the Planned Giving Envelopes for FY 2020-2021 are available for collection at the parish office.

Thank you for your continued support!



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, Julianio Uy

For the dearly departed

Joseph Njay, Sarah T Murray, Alegria Ricafrente, Marcello Pellizzon, Ubaldo Turcato & family, Isaias Navea, Emanuel Galea, Sabina Spina, Angelina Adan, Marcel Desnoux-Frane, Joseph Conti, Helena Culligan, Ivan Ceccato, Eriberto Adan, Pablito Corpuz, Louis Sammut, Costantino Giudice, Mary Ellen Bradley, Milio Kazzi, Michelle Kazzi, Pietro Ceccato

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 parish office.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$617.50

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$829.00
Loose = \$533.90

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$3362.90

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

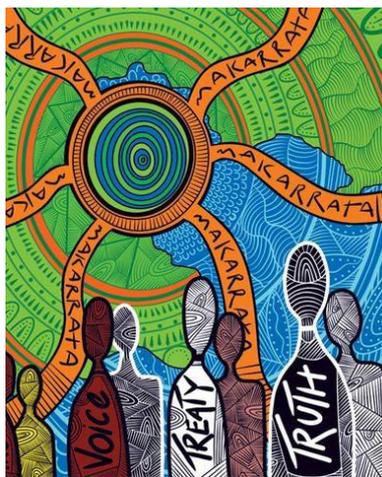
Thank you for your generosity!

Social Justice @ St Mads

August 25th 6:30-8:30pm: Invite to the Hills Reconciliation information night will now be on Zoom, details to follow but the Makarata Statement will be a focus. Please RSVP name, organisation and email to: ann@stjosephscentre.org.au

Our Cailico – Kenthurst parish friendship group begins. Our Social Justice group meet after mass last Sunday to explore what this Friendship group could look like. It was great to learn from Ornella Byak who shared her passion for education in Maliana diocese in Timor Leste, lots of ideas were suggested. This will be a long and exciting journey for us as a parish. Visit <https://bettertimor.org/> for inspiration. Thank you to Patrice Moriarty who chaired a wonderful Tri Diocesan Social Justice Dinner last week. We heard from Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, he has some great Podcasts and Beth Doherty, an author, communicator, educator, and justice advocate, the author of the book, "Tweet others as you would wish to be tweeted: A scripture-based guide to social media for the church".

Sue Martin



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

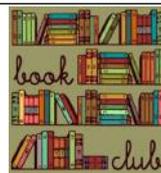
Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment



We had a terrific time on Wednesday evenings with 18 participants joining in. They were great nights spent discussing issues of faith, relationships, our church, discernment and sharing our lives. New friendships were formed, and no one wanted the evenings to end! Many have been inspired to continue their journey in other ways. We are now starting an Online Day Alpha on Wednesdays at 1.30 pm for an hour, beginning 2 September 2020 for 11 weeks. If you are interested in joining us please contact Suzanne Kingston-Hunt 0410 936 108 or Suzannekingston@gmail.com or Careyanne Moylan on 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PREISTS - FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020

Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf or electronic funds transfer to

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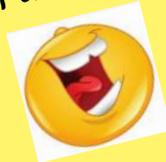
If you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your name and address details.

The CSF Committee thanks you for your support of the Clergy Support Foundation over the last 15 years. May God bless you at this difficult time in all our lives.

Institute for Mission Reflective Ministry Program starts 18 August

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead, occurring every Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm, starting on 18 August. Registrations to participate in the program online are still open, so please contact Sr Grace on grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au or visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> for more information.

Have a bit
of a laugh!



A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing. This went on and on throughout the group. God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground. When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again."

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"



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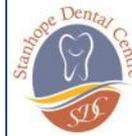
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	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry		
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Tony Hooper Maree McNeil	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil		Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	COUNTERS			CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Peter Tallaridi Arranged by Linda Boffo-Pellizer		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow
22/23 AUGUST	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carol & Terry Scott Amber G, Brendan F	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Helen & Noel Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Justin Kyngdon Anne Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders	Sandra Tabone Caryanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JUN MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil	Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Already arranged		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow