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**11th October 2020**  
28th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 25: 6—10  
Phil 4: 12—14, 19—20  
Mt 22: 1—14

**“Nourished by the Eucharist, we are called to bring the joy of the gospel to those who have not received it. Strengthened by the living Bread we are called to bring hope to those who live in darkness and in despair.” - Pope Francis**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace and joy of Jesus to you all! I believe you are all safe and well! May we persist in storming the heavens with our prayers that the Lord may come to the rescue of humanity which is under the clutches of the pandemic. The students and the teachers are back to school this week for the final term of the year. We wish and pray that this term ends well with a happy note for everyone. Nealy 90 children from our parish are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday (13th October) for the first time in their lives and they will begin preparing themselves for the First Communion immediately after the celebration of the Confession. May I request our community to keep them in prayers that what they experience in the Sacraments has a deep and lasting impact in their lives. For the past few Sundays, we have been listening to the Gospel where Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God through parables. Again, this Sunday, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a wedding banquet in fulfillment of the prophecy by Isaiah in the first reading. We are invited by God for the banquet. God has given us the freedom to reject or accept the invitation. The secret to successful living is to realize the importance of the invitation from God and reserve time to partake in the banquet which will make our lives flow smooth, thereafter, even in the midst of disappointments, challenges and adversities of life. Let us make sure that we are part of the banquet (Eucharist) without fail and encourage others to join us in the party. Below is the reflection by Michael Moore OMI:



We all love a good meal with our friends and family. Whenever we share a meal with those we love, there is a sense of joy, community and belonging which is experienced by those around the table. Stories are told and new memories are created.

The same was true at the time of Jesus. We know from the gospels, that Jesus sat and ate with many people. To share a meal with another person then was sign of equality. All those around the table were seen as equals as they often ate from the same plate or bowl. However, if you were sick in any way, you were not allowed to sit at the table with others, even members of your own family. To be sick was to be seen as a sinner who was being punished by God. The Pharisees, Scribes and the Jewish elders decided who could come into Temple, the synagogue and sit at the table to share a meal. If a person didn't reach the standard that they laid down, then they were ignored, dismissed and unable to eat with others.

Jesus is very well aware of this. He himself often ate with those who were ignored, hated and dismissed. We read in the gospel of Mark that the religious leaders pointed to Jesus and complained that he even eats with sinners. Nobody was excluded or dismissed by Jesus; all were invited, welcomed and included.

In the first reading and gospel this Sunday the image and symbol of the meal and banquet are used to let us know how generous God is. The first reading tells us that the Lord will prepare a meal of rich wine and food. The Lord will remove the veil of sadness and all people will be invited to this celebration. In the gospel, Jesus continues this message. The table is set and the food is ready. However, those invited gave various excuses why they could not go to the feast. In response, the king invited and welcomed strangers, good and bad alike. They were the ones who enjoyed the food and wine.

Jesus calls us by our name and invites us to come to the feast. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation. We are all invited personally to the table of the Lord. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is the host and we are his guests. We come as we are, not how we would like to be. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. It is God's gift to us and no one is to be excluded.

As Pope Francis reminds us, 'the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak... the church is a place for everyone, with all their problems.' "Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will only be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish".

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



# DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

## Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

### Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – The Well. In what can be described as ‘Netflix for Catholics’, The Well is a new online platform that provides free, ‘on-demand’ inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Mountains Deanery Liturgical Formation Course 2020

The Office For Worship will be running two Liturgical Ministry workshops at St Finbar’s Parish, Glenbrook. Workshops are Saturday 24 October from 2-4pm, for Ministers of the Word (Readers) and Saturday 31 October from 2-4pm for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Communion to the Sick & Dying. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

### Office for Worship RCIA Introduction and Overview Workshop: 26 October

The Office for Worship will be running a workshop: “RCIA: An Introduction and Overview of the RCIA Process” for RCIA coordinators & teams on the evening of Monday 26 October at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP by 22 October, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org). Please note, there will be limited spacing due to social distancing.

## 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

9:45—10:15 Fridays - Adoration

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays after the 9.15 am Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.00pm

**Baptisms:** Every Sunday at 11:20 (Must make a booking)

**Weddings:** By appointment

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

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

## BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 7 November 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

Albert Herminado, Amanda Gatt, Serena Spina

### For the dearly departed

Maria Battaia, Giovanni Scarpin, Leonard Meryment, Teresa Maguire, Daniel Francis Doyle, Pietro Ceccato, Gloria Cabigting, Feliciano & Benito Sabellano, Roberta Alumios, Lamberto Alumios, Marlon Alumios, Ruperta Sabellano, Frank Piperata, Domenico & Aunina Piperata, Pedro, Sidro, Antonio, Lourdes, Juana, Salvador, Maria Dias, Howard Langham, Antonio Votano



### For healing of the sick

Kerry Rogers, Michael O’Conner, Aureen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowski, June Brennan, John Spencer, Keith Dawson, 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, Tricia, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, 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) = \$579.70

**2nd Collection** (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1034.00

Loose = \$619.70

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

**TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION** = \$3653.70

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

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**St Teresa of Avila**  
Feast Day: 15 October



Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous life-long struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this, she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honoured.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-teresa-of-avila/>

# PARISH NEWS

## Social Justice @ St Mads

World Mental Health day October 10th resources are available to assist parishes <https://www.catholic.org.au/donotbeafraid>  
People with mental illness have many gifts and talents that add to our life as a community of faith.

The first step in interacting with people with a mental illness is to recognise that each person has dignity.

The next step is to recognise in ourselves any preconceived negative images and prejudices we may have toward people with mental illness.

The Hills area Reconciliation with First Peoples is holding its third gathering via Zoom on Tuesday 13th October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Our presenter this session is Terry Evans a Darug and lifelong resident in the Hills area. He is currently a teacher at Seven Hills Public School as well as an author. You are invited to come along and meet other Hills people from various faith expressions who combine to progress the pathway toward Reconciliation. Please forward your name and organisation to [ann@stjosephscentre.org.au](mailto:ann@stjosephscentre.org.au) and the Zoom link will be sent to you. Don't forget the Vinnies Community Sleepout 23rd October. [www.vinnies.org.au/content/Document/2020\\_COMM\\_SLEEPOUT\\_HR.pdf](http://www.vinnies.org.au/content/Document/2020_COMM_SLEEPOUT_HR.pdf)



We call parishioners together to pray the Rosary as we ask Our Lady to intercede for God's blessing on us. Prayer helps us to slow down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. Through Mary, we are led to a closer relationship with her son, Jesus. The Rosary is an invitation for us to present our needs to God and to love Him more. In this time of uncertainty, dealing with COVID restrictions, ill-health, financial concerns and anxieties, we turn to Mary. We will also be using the Mass Facebook site.

Date: 10 October 2020 Time: 10:30am. Where: St Madeleine's Church  
Contact: Kay - 0429965858; Lydia Ceccato - 0400372561  
[careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)



Book Club is continuing via Zoom. We are reading a thought provoking book called The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr. In this radical message of hope, Rohr shows how "Jesus" + "Christ" reveal the divine wholeness at the heart of things--and what that means for every one of us. Drawing on history, theology, and psychology, Rohr articulates an exhilarating and ultimately more sensible view of Jesus Christ as a portrait, so to speak, of how God works. If you would like to join our zoom group on Tuesday 27 October at 7.30pm send me an email to [register.careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:register.careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)



**Western Sydney Vinnies Community Sleepout**  
23 October 2020

The Western Sydney Vinnies Community Sleepout is going virtual and seeking your support to assist those in need our local community.

On Friday 23 October, participants across NSW will sleep out at home in their cars, backyards or couches and come together in a state-wide effort to help those in regional communities who are doing it tough.

From the devastating droughts to the brutal bushfires and now a global pandemic, townships far and wide across NSW have been hit hard. It's why we need your help more than ever.

The night will be live streamed connecting participants from twelve locations across NSW. That means everyone can sleep out – no excuses! And we'll be doing it together as an entire state. [JOIN NOW](#) and register as a team with your family, school, sports club, business or join as an individual.

All funds raised from the Western Sydney Vinnies Community Sleepout will go towards three Western Sydney Vinnies Hubs, providing vital support to those experiencing hardship and disadvantage in our local community. Proceeds will also help fund the Western Sydney Vinnies Van, offering food and drink and some basic amenities, social interaction, and a listening ear to those in need in Mount Druitt and Parramatta.

To join or donate visit [www.vinnies.org.au/communitysleepout](http://www.vinnies.org.au/communitysleepout)



Our parish is a community gathered to worship God, bring His light to the world and care for his body. We have responded to this by creating the **St Mads Care Group** whose mission is "to bring Christ's light through giving hope and service to others." Our aim is to "provide to members of our parish practical support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance". If you are interested in joining us, would be willing to cook an occasional meal for those in need or know of anyone who needs assistance, please contact us through Bernadette, 0418 248 256

## Congratulations to the newly baptised!

4th October 2020—Abigail Moran and Alexandra Ellen Orianna Holmes



Have a bit of a laugh!

A little girl came home from Sunday school and said to her mother: "Mummy teacher told us that God puts people in this world so that they can get ready for a big banquet in Heaven."  
"Yes, that is right," she said. "But why doesn't grandma get ready for that banquet by getting a set of new teeth from her dentist?"  
Mother replied: "It is because she knows that God will give her a brand-new set of strong and beautiful teeth in heaven."

### 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:** Suzanne Kingston-Hunt  
**Adult Faith Formation:** Careyanne Moylan

**Property Maintenance Manager:** Rick Jones  
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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Darren McNeil	Phyllis Hannah	HJS—Akash Arnold
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Belinda Da Ruos	David Hall-O'Dwyer	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christopher Kang	Saniya Arnold
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
FLOWERS	Donated by Nick Ceroli Arranged by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper	
17/18 OCTOBER	WELCOMERS	Belinda Da Ruos	Maria & Steve Fry Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra De Nardi Belinda Da Ruos	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	JNR MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggling	Patrick McNeil	Elizabeth Cauci	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Donated by Nick Ceroli Arranged by Teresa Boemi		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper