



LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SERVE AND TAKE CARE OF THE WORLD

Dear sisters and brothers,

How are you?

I would like to thank every one of you for your continued support and your cooperation in these challenging times to celebrate the Sacraments and to maintain the parish in ways possible. I would like to congratulate all the volunteers for their magnanimous involvement in various ministries of our parish. I would like to thank the team who keep the faith alive and grow through various programmes via Zoom. Let us keep up the spirit of building our community in Faith, Love and Service. There is still room for improvement and that depends on your support.

Now, our parish is seeking more teams to join the cleaning ministry. We need 4 to 6 people from a family or a group of friends to make a team and take a few hours one morning on the roster to keep our church neat and tidy. I pray that you are inspired to join the ministry. Kindly get in touch with the parish office. Personally, I do encourage you to come on board and be a part of any ministry in our parish which will make our parish vibrant and faithful. Today's Gospel invites us to give to God what belongs to God. Come to think of it, everything belongs to God. In loving and serving our parish community, we glorify God and make Him real in our lives.

A gentle reminder: We would like to socialize with one another after the Masses. However, the directive of leaving the premises as quickly as possible still remains.

Here below is the reflection on the Gospel of this Sunday as found in Just Me Sunday Homilies: There was a story about a certain man who always teased a cross-eyed person. So, the cross-eyed person got angry. The cross-eyed person held him on the neck and said: "Am I cross-eyed or not?" The man was in a dilemma. He said to himself: "What am I going to do?" In the end, he had an idea. He said NO but the cross-eyed person hit him and said: "You are a liar!" So, he decided to say YES but the cross-eyed person hit him again and said: "Huh! You are putting me down!" "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (v. 21).

In our Gospel today, the Pharisees were asking Jesus about civic duty. They asked Him: "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Jesus answered them: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. We all know that if Jesus would say YES, the people would resent and reject Him because nobody likes to pay taxes, especially to foreign government, the Roman government, who dominated them during that time. For the Jews, it is an insult to their religion and a blasphemy against God because they held that only Yahweh is their King. Their nation was a theocracy and to pay taxes to an earthly king was to admit the validity of his kingship and, thereby, to insult God.

According to William Barclay, in his commentary on this passage of the Gospel, said that there are regular taxes which the Roman government exacted. There was the ground tax or a man must pay to the government - one tenth of the grain and one fifth of the oil and wine which he produced. This tax was paid partly in kind and partly in money equivalent. There was income tax which was 'x' percent of a man's income. There was a poll tax. This tax has to be paid by every male person from the age of fourteen to the age of sixty-five and by every female person from the age of twelve to sixty-five. It amounted to one denarius. The tax in question here, according to Barclay, is the poll tax.

On the other hand, if Jesus says NO, the Pharisees would report Him to the Roman government as a revolutionary person or an insurrectionist. The Roman government would then arrest Him and put Him into prison. But Jesus did not bite their trap on Him. What Jesus meant here is that, he points out that we are citizens of two worlds - the world we see and the unseen world. As such, we have duties in both worlds, that is, to a person and to God. It is like, love your God and love your neighbour as you love yourself. Our duties to a person include not only what we owe to the government, like paying taxes and allegiance, but also what we owe to others. These include: taking good care of their health, giving them education, giving them time to rest and to relax, especially workers and laborers. A Christian, for the reason that he is a Christian, he must be a responsible citizen of his own country, that is, if he fails in being a good citizen, he is a failure too in his Christian duty.

But the Christian is also a citizen of heaven. There are matters of religion and religious principles in which the responsibility of the Christian is to God. As Christians, we owe to God praise and thanksgiving, honour and glory. In other words, we owe to God worship because He is All Good and the source of all that we have and are.

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



PARISH NEWS

Social Justice @ St Mads

This week the Faith & Ecology network held a Deep Listening webinar with Andrew Skeoch. The 10 ways to Become Carers of Creation was shared with participants. What is one action you could take on?

1. Love where you are e.g. create community gardens, Bee & Bee highway project
2. Work with local "care" groups e.g. local Bushcare or Landcare groups
3. Build eco citizens in your faith group e.g. undertake the Five Leaf Eco Award
4. Learn from science and make deep connections locally e.g. promote citizen science activities
5. Create a Green calendar e.g. Clean Up Australia day & National Tree Day
6. Share the Good News in your bulletins / newsletter e.g. brand and broadcast
7. Be an active voice for biodiversity e.g. help declare a climate emergency
8. Seek wisdom from the Elders e.g. build Caring for Country cultural ways
9. Celebrate Nature in your faith services e.g. Season of Creation
10. Just enjoy nature e.g. create an Environment Walk around your place of Worship, listen to the sound of nature

The Combined Religious Australia have a National Day of Sorrow & Promise on Sunday, 25 October, which is held on the closest Sunday to the anniversary of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.



Last Saturday, parishioners gathered together to pray the rosary led by Kay Brooks and Lydia Ceccato. Using video, the Joyful Mysteries were brought to life. They now will lead on in prayer after Mass on Thursdays and at 7pm in the church on Friday evenings for the month of October. Please join with us in growing our faith community.



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



Come join us via zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10.30 am for an hour to pray and discuss the coming Sunday's gospel. If you would like to know more about the gospels, what it can mean to your life, pray with others, or just make new friends we would love you to join us. For more info and zoom details contact Careyanne at careyannemoylan@hotmail.com or 0438 791 813



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!

18th October 2020
Evie Micallef



Have a bit of a laugh!

An overweight time traveller goes to ancient Rome and realises he wore historically incorrect clothes for the trip.

Realizing his mistake, he visits a toga shop to purchase new clothes.

He looks around the shop and realises they do not have togas big enough to fit him.

He goes to the counter and asks the clerk:

Time traveller: *Do you have XL togas?*

Clerk: *Well, yes. But why do you need so many?*

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

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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
Families who completed their preparations are welcome to get in touch with the office to schedule their child's baptism.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$585.35

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1967.00

Loose = \$233.00

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$4200.00

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!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Albert Herminado, Amanda Gatt,

For the dearly departed

James Leo Houston, Ronald Madafiglio, Francesco Corcoglioniti, Filomena Corcoglioniti, Caterina Musso, Anna

Maria Buonsanti, Leslie George Waters, 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

Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aureen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowski, June Brennen, 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, Giuseppe 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.*



PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator:

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

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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

St Paul of the Cross

Feast Day:
20 October

Born in northern Italy

In 1694, Paul Daneo lived at a time when many regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but no more. After a brief time as a soldier, he turned to solitary prayer, developing a devotion to Christ's passion. Paul saw in the Lord's passion a demonstration of God's love for all people. In turn that devotion nurtured his compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners. He was known as one of the most popular preachers of his day, both for his words and for his generous acts of mercy.

In 1720, Paul founded the Congregation of the Passion, whose members combined devotion to Christ's passion with preaching to the poor, and rigorous penances. Known as the Passionists, they add a fourth vow to the traditional three of poverty, chastity, and obedience, to spread the memory of Christ's passion among the faithful. Paul was elected superior general of the Congregation in 1747, spending the remainder of his life in Rome.

Paul of the Cross died in 1775, and was canonized in 1867. Over 2,000 of his letters and several of his short writings have survived.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-paul-of-the-cross>



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

HSC Livestream Event: 18 October

Year 12's, their families and supporters across the Diocese are invited to share in a 30 minute LIFTED experience on Sunday 18 October at 8pm with Bishop Vincent. It will include a blessing, music and numerous messages of support from Year 6 students, parish priests and Catholic Youth Parramatta. Tune in at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra>

Mary MacKillop Canonisation Anniversary

On Saturday 17 October, Australia celebrates the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no formal celebrations at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney for the anniversary, however, the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to celebrate this occasion by engaging with the resources available on www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/.

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

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.

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Reach out. Give life.



Chen was only 16 years old when he lost both of his legs in a landmine accident near his home. Fearing that he would not be able to continue his education or help his family, Chen was grateful that Bishop Enrique and the Arrupe Centre reached out to him in his time of need and empowered him to not only finish high school, but to continue into university study and gainful employment. Your gift can help the Arrupe Centre continue this life-giving mission work for other children and young adults like Chen in Cambodia.

If you are able to and wish to donate, you can do so by any of the following methods:

Texting **GIVE** to **0488 854 436** (please include your parish name in the notes)

Supporting online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

Completing and returning your **parish appeal envelope**, if you have received one

Phoning **free-call: 1800 257 296** to talk to one of the friendly team about Catholic Mission projects, regular giving or making a donation over the phone

Catholic Mission thanks our Parish Community for its generosity and ongoing support: "God Bless you all and may He keep you safe."



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	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 Maureen, Mari and Pauline		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper
24/25 OCTOBER	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carol & Terry Scott Amber G, Brendan F	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Lidia Ceccato Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Belinda Da Ruos	Sandra Tabone Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR 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	Donated by Nick Ceroli Arranged by Alice Garratt		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech