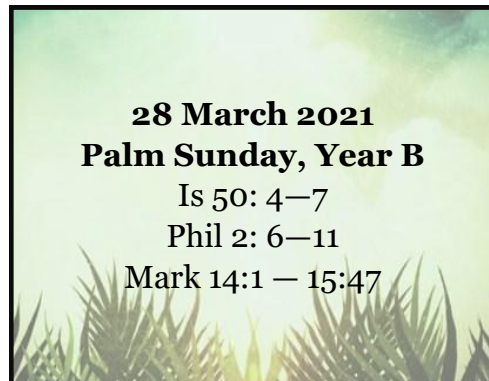




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## 28 March 2021 Palm Sunday, Year B

Is 50: 4—7

Phil 2: 6—11

Mark 14:1 — 15:47



Today is Palm Sunday. It is a unique Sunday in Lent because it marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palm Sunday celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. This entry is highly symbolic. It demonstrates that Christ is the Davidic king that fulfilled this ancient prophecy: “He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness...” (Isaiah 9, 7). The gospel writers present to us the Passion of Jesus not to emphasize that Jesus is alone, misunderstood, lonely, isolated, without little support. The gospel writers want us to understand

the agony of Jesus’ heart that is extra sensitive, gentle, loving, understanding, warm, inviting, and hungry to embrace everyone even in the midst of suffering. The Passion story brings out the inner freedom and self-confidence of Jesus to face his great moment of truth. Instead of taking revenge on those killing him and returning hatred for hatred he returned forgiveness and love. Jesus did not act out of a power stance or with any superior force but met bitterness with gentleness, hatred with love,

rejection by accepting the others in their anger. As we contemplate these great salvific events, let us follow His example by living daily with the same attitudes that he lived by. This is the way that leads to real peace and joy.

As we listen or read the gospel account this Sunday, which of the characters do we identify most - Jesus, Peter, Judas, the Scribes and Pharisees, the fickle crowd!

May I encourage our parish community to be a part of the Holy Week Services and experience the loving presence of the Risen Jesus in our daily lives!

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	Vigil — Saturday, 27 March at 5:30pm Sunday — 8am, 10am and 5:30pm
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	Mass of the Last Supper — 1 April, 7pm <b>NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS AT 9:15AM</b> Adoration throughout the night. After the Holy Thursday Mass, the altar is stripped, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession to St Madeleine function centre, the place of reposition. Everyone as an individual, as a family or as a group are encouraged to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament that night. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church during this weekend’s Masses. Prayers in Arabic at 12am, Portuguese at 1:30am, French at 3am.
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Stations of the Cross — 2 April, 9:30am The Passion Liturgy — 3pm
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	Saturday, 3 April at 5:30pm— We will be renewing our baptismal promises during this Mass. Battery operated candles will be available for purchase. Please also pray for our candidates who will be receiving their first Sacraments.
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	Sunday, 4 April at 8am & 10am <b>NO 5:30PM EASTER SUNDAY MASS</b>

# PARISH NEWS

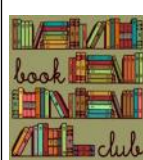
Preparation Sessions for **Confirmation** in the Church for child and 1 parent:  
Sunday, 28 March at 3pm or 4pm  
Rite of Confirmation: **Friday, 30 April** at 7pm or **Sunday, 2 May** at 12noon.  
Enrolment and Commitment Meeting for **Reconciliation and First Eucharist**:  
Tuesday, 18 May at 4.30pm or 7pm.

In order to enrol your Year 3 (or above) child one parent is required to attend this meeting.  
Sandra De Nardi — M: 0410 587 735 or email [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)  
Please pray for our families as their children are about to embark on this next phase of their sacrament journey.

## Social Justice @ St Mads

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/week-6>

The Laudato Si + Conference co-hosted by the Mercy's was held online over three days, 15-17 March with more than 100 registrations. Participants were urged to support the "We Are One Ocean Coalition" [weareoneocean.org](http://weareoneocean.org) and there was much wisdom sharing on our current Laudato Si' initiatives from the Laudato Si' action plan. There were sessions on Contemplative Dialogue as well as Evolutionary Spirituality as our New Story. Archbishop Peter Loy Chong shared his lament with a song titled "The Climate Change Lament", <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1119559664874772> A call to action to care for our common home and be part of a new consciousness to be integral with creation. It was a truly successful and transformative experience. [www.facebook.com/2021LaudatoSiPlusConference/](http://www.facebook.com/2021LaudatoSiPlusConference/)



St Mads Book Club is continuing via zoom. We are reading *The Shack*, a novel by Canadian author William P. Young that was published in 2007. After his daughter's murder, a grieving father confronts God with desperate questions -- and finds unexpected answers -- in this riveting and deeply moving #1 NYT bestseller. In an age where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant for some, *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain? If you would like to join our zoom group on Tuesday 20 April at 7.30pm send me an email to register. [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)



Come join us via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am 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](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com) or 0438 791 813



### Women's Prayer Day

Join us for a day of reflection for Lent and reconciliation. We connect with place, spirit, and heart to reconcile our world, refresh our minds and strengthen relationships.

Date: 27 March. Where: Annangrove.

Time: 9.30 – 1pm and on.

Numbers limited. COVID safe.

Contact: Careyanne Moylan 0438791813 or [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)

### Altar Linen Ministry

The altar linen ministry is performed by a small group of generous and dedicated parishioners. In recent months, two long serving members of this group, Pat Brush and Pat Grogan, have decided to retire. Besides being a long-term member of this group, Pat Brush was also the coordinator of the ministry for many years. We thank these ladies for their generosity in skill, energy and time. We have been very lucky to welcome a number of new volunteers to the ministry over the last several years, which has been a blessing for our community. Anyone who is able to commit to washing and ironing the linen and towels used in the celebration of our weekly liturgies would be warmly welcomed to join this group. Please phone Catherine Diekman on 0416 011 494 or 96296682 or email [cdiekman@bigpond.com](mailto:cdiekman@bigpond.com)



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1031.80

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$779.00

Loose = \$1453.15

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$2000

**TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$4232.15**

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!**

### BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 10 April 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.



### Congratulations to the newly baptized!

Sunday, 28th March 2021

Leonardo Oliver Ceroli



### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### For recently deceased

June Brennan, Betty Merhi, Bishop Metod Birah, Warwick Rule, Kevin Thompson, Marie Linney, Bishop Emeritus Bede Heather



#### For the dearly departed

Dan Doyle, Maureen Deeham, Michele Vaccarella, Mary Merhi, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Shedly & Chahide Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Hajje, Don Winning, Adele Conte Ceccato, Jeremy Vajda, Mary & Anthony Barbutto, Eriberto Adan, Cescilita Villavert Motril, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Domenica Scarpin, Maria & Mateo Desanti, Olive Burns, Lourdes, Juana, Salvador, Romel. Vincenzina Americano, Sebasiano Agresta, Giuseppe Mileto, Mariae Rosario Agresta, Domenica & Francesco Campanella, Giuseppina & Giuseppe Papalia, Benito Sabellano, Nelly Castanares, Giovanni & Marietta Dominello, Anthony D'Anastasi

#### For healing of the sick

Imelda Pellison, Justin Ryan, Jasminka Medak, David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aureen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowski, June Brennan, 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

**Music Coordinators:** Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

**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

**Piety Stall:** Sandra Tabone

**Altar Linen Coordinator:** Catherine Diekman

**Parish Council Chair:** Patrick Tuttle

**Finance Committee Chair:** Aaron Cauchi

**Welcomes Coordinator:**

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

### Parish Secretaries:

Jay-Ann Gutierrez  
Susie Lee

### Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

### 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



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

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to Terry Brennan and his family, who lost June Brennan, dedicated mother and wife. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, 6th April. Time to be announced.



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page:

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

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

**ON AIR**

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

**Palm Sunday** is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance.

The colours of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/palmsunday.php>



## St Peter Regalado

Feast Day:  
March 30



Peter lived at a very busy time in history. The Great Western Schism (1378-1417) was settled at the Council of Constance (1414-1418). France and England were fighting the Hundred Years' War, and in 1453, the Byzantine Empire was completely wiped out by the loss of Constantinople to the Turks. At Peter's death, the age of printing had just begun in Germany, and Columbus's arrival in the New World was less than 40 years away.

Peter came from a wealthy and pious family in Valladolid, Spain. At the age of 13, he was allowed to enter the Conventual Franciscans. Shortly after his ordination, he was made superior of the friary in Aguilar. He became part of a group of friars who wanted to lead a life of greater poverty and penance. In 1442, he was appointed head of all the Spanish Franciscans in his reform group.

Peter led the friars by his example. A special love of the poor and the sick characterized Peter. Miraculous stories are told about his charity to the poor. For example, the bread never seemed to run out as long as Peter had hungry people to feed. Throughout most of his life, Peter went hungry; he lived only on bread and water.

Immediately after his death on March 31, 1456, his grave became a place of pilgrimage. Peter was canonized in 1746.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-regalado>



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A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones and supporting priests in need. The Mass will be offered up for your intentions by priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support. You can also send them a Mass card. Visit

[www.aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings)



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### Positions Vacant:

Graphic Designer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 28 March

Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 28 March

### 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. It is currently mandatory that masks be worn 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)

### Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact House of Welcome on [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or (02) 9727 9290 or JRS on [foodbank@jrs.org.au](mailto:foodbank@jrs.org.au) or (02) 9098 9336.

### Vale Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan

A Mass of Christian Burial for Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan was celebrated at the Parish of Baulkham Hills (St Michael's Church) on Wednesday 17 March. Born on 22 April 1942 and ordained to the priesthood on 27 August 1976, Fr Mick was a priest for 45 years. He died on 5 March 2021, aged 78.

Read more at: [shorturl.at/flyzU](http://shorturl.at/flyzU)

### Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering tips, tricks and best practice in a variety of areas for healthy and productive parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm. If you are on a council or work closely with our councils, claim this date. Register at

<https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

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	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Brendan Ford	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Lidia Ceccato
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Sandra Tabone	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Matilda Rogers	Patrick McNeil	Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
<b>FLOWERS</b>	LENT: NO FLOWERS		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Sonaldi Arnold	
<b>3/4 APRIL</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Rosa & Tony Carlino Helen & Charlie Harb	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>	As per Holy Week Roster	Gerry McArdle Nigel Saunders	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima	Bailey & Casey Gambrell	Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
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