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7 March 2021
3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B
Ex 20: 1–17
1 Cor 1: 22–25
Jn 2: 13–25

“My eleventh commandment is to make sure I follow the first ten.” – Matshona Dhlwayo

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On these final three Sundays before the Holy Week, we have the Scrutinies for our brothers and sisters who are preparing themselves to embrace our Catholic Faith through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation during Easter Vigil. Let us keep them in our prayers that they are open to the Divine and experience Him in unimaginable ways.

On the first Sunday of Lent, we reflected on the covenant that God made with Noah and the entire world through giving the symbol of a ‘rainbow’ signifying a new beginning, hope and His undying relationship with humanity. Last Sunday, our reflection was based on the covenant promises God made to Abraham and his descendants. This Sunday, we are reflecting on the third covenant God made with the chosen people of Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai and gave the Ten Commandments to be adhered to in enjoying the freedom from the slavery of Egypt.

The Ten Commandments contain little that was new to the ancient world and reflect a morality common to the ancient Middle East. They are a description of the conditions accepted by the community of Israel in its relationship to Yahweh. The differences found in Exodus and Deuteronomy indicate that the process of transmission from generation to generation brought with its modifications. The Ten Commandments had no particular importance in Christian tradition until the 13th century, when they were incorporated into a manual of instruction for those coming to confess their sins. With the rise of Protestant churches, new manuals of instruction in the faith were made available and the Ten Commandments were incorporated into catechisms as a fundamental part of religious training, especially of the young. (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*) Some theologians suggest that we Christians of the New Covenant are bound to God, not through the Law, but through the death and resurrection of Christ. Jesus, who perfectly fulfilled the law, invites us into a relationship with the Triune God based on faith—our trust in God—rather than works of the law. Thus, we Christians are not bound to obey the Jewish law in its entirety. Nevertheless, the theological and moral aspects of the law are still there to teach us, to guide us, and to lead us to Christ. Though we should never think that by keeping the Ten Commandments we can make ourselves right with God, we should also never think that it’s now fine to practice idolatry and adultery, or to dishonour our parents or bear false witness. As we read and reflect upon the Ten Commandments in light of Christ, God will help us know him better and know how to live better. His authoritative guidance for Israel remains valid for us, and not just valid, but helpful, and not just helpful, but extraordinarily relevant to the challenges and opportunities of our lives. (*Theologyofwork.org*)

The ten commandments are democratic in nature as they apply to every human being irrespective of age, gender, race, status or position. Keeping the commandments offers one freedom and helps build a just society based on the principles of reverence for God and respect for fellow human beings starting from one’s own immediate family. Jesus summed up these ten commandments into two: Love of God and love of neighbour. The commandments of God are not a burden but as the responsorial Psalm says, “The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple”.

Let us remember that we cannot keep the Commandments on our own power. Without Jesus, we will fall flat on our faces. Let us pray to St Joseph and Mother Mary, who were so faithful in complying with the Ten Commandments, that with their intercession, we shall try to keep the commandments and create a just, loving humane society.

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments. And His Commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5: 3)

God’s blessings,

Fr. Vince



PARISH NEWS



Thursday Night Lenten Group

Take time this Lent to ponder the word of God, share your thoughts, and reflect on the year that was, and the year to come. Gather for just one hour each week of Lent.

Books available at Piety stall for \$8

When: Thursdays 7pm; Where: St Madeleine Function Centre

More info: Careyanne Moylan 0438791813 or careyanne@hotm.com



Stations of the Cross

During Lent, come and reflect on the passion of Our Lord every Friday at 7pm in the church.



Come and pray the rosary after Morning Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent!

Time: 9.45am;

Contact: Kay - 0429965858; Lydia Ceccato - 0400372561

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CONFIRMATION

Enrolment and Commitment meeting this coming **Tuesday, 9 March** at 4:30pm or 7pm. In order to enrol your child in our Sacramental Programme, One parent is required to attend.

Information Sessions in the church for child and one parent only: **Sundays, 14, 21 and 28 March.** Confirmation: **Friday, 30 April at 7pm or Sunday, 2 May at 12 noon.**

Contact Sandra De Nardi on 0410 587 735 or email stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

Please pray for families as their child is about to embark on this next phase of their sacramental journey.

Social Justice @ St Mads

Caritas Immersion for Week 3 is twenty-two-year-old Oliva who lives in Tanzania with her farmer husband, two young sons and an adopted niece and nephew. Oliva runs a kiosk and works as a farm labourer - her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a classroom at home to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. "I am proud to be a teacher who helps others to achieve their dream," Oliva says. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gENizPmzsEM>

A tip to consider for your Easter chocolate purchases, visit <https://guide.ethical.org.au/guide/> for a slavery free Easter by sourcing ethical chocolate. Also your foil wrapping can be recycled by creating a large ball of foil and placing in yellow recycle bin, small amounts of foil will not be recycled.

March 11th 11am, Catholics In Coalition for Justice and Peace 2021 CCJP is joining the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta for the Sacred People Sacred Earth action organised by the Global Multi Faith group to highlight the 11th hour crisis the planet is facing from climate change. See the CCJP website for more information. www.ccjpoz.org/Home



Book Club is continuing via Zoom. We are reading a best seller, The Purpose Driven Life by Dr Rick Warren. It is a book of 42 short chapters, with ideally one chapter read daily. Leading us through to find God's purpose for us, we discover a deeper meaning of love, of communion, of reconciliation, of truth. If you would like to join our Zoom group on Tuesday 16 March at 7.30pm send me an email to register.careyanne@hotm.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 careyanne@hotm.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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1140.00

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$1369.00

Loose = \$1186.00

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$2000

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$4555.00

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!

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 6 March 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.



Congratulations to the newly baptized!

Sunday, 7th March 2021

Arabella Lazzaro



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

Marie Linney, Bishop Emeritus Bede Heather, Sr Mia Eufemia Buhagiar, Anne Langham, John Spencer

For the dearly departed

Vincenzina Americano, Sebasiano Agresta, Giuseppi Mileto, Mariae Rosario Agresta, Domenica & Francesco Campanella, Giuseppina & Giuseppi Papalia, Benito Sabellano, Nelly Castanares, Giovanni & Marietta Dominello, Anthony D'Anastasi, Pedro, Rommel, Lourdes, Paul Spina, Engracia Corpuz, Rita Franceschina, Alegria Canseco-Ricafrente, Shaju Xavier, Nola Sorbello, Sam Sorbello, Michael Sorbello, Mary Ellen Bradley, Patrick Joseph Bradley, Enid & Laurie Riley, Shiela Lopez



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 Brennen, 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.*

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

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Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

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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



We have been receiving a number of enquiries about Children's Liturgy as it has been nearly a year since we have provided this ministry! Although we are not recommending face to face at this stage, if you or your children are interested, there are some activity booklets available in the Piety Stall. Please help yourself! We look forward to recommending Children's Liturgy as soon as possible.



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Saturday 13th March 2021



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Oakhill College Open Day

We warmly invite prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday, 7th March from 10.00am—2.00pm. Join us for a student led tour around our beautiful campus and visit our subject displays, meet our staff and students, watch some of our co-curricular activities and a variety of performances.

Our Principal's Address is at 10.00am, 11.00am and 12.00pm. Bookings are essential, so please register on our website and for any COVID-19 up-

dates: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au



St Dominic Savio

Feast Day:
9 March



So many holy persons seem to die young. Among them was Dominic Savio, the patron of choirboys.

Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. All the members save one, Dominic, would, in 1859, join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 9.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-dominic-savio>



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Positions Vacant:

St Patrick's Gift Shop Manager – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta – Applications close 14 March 2021

Diocese of Parramatta Senior Receptionist – Bethany Centre, Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

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 or (02) 9727 9290 or JRS on foodbank@jrs.org.au or (02) 9098 9336.

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Young Adults Faith Formation: 7 March

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 7 March at The Hustle (4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. Fr Jack Green will speak and lead discussion on the questions of suffering and mortification. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

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	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS	Joan Sattler			
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	LENT: NO FLOWERS		ALTAR LINEN	Frances Saunders
13/14 MARCH	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino		Joseph Spina
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	READERS	Mary Sammut	Belinda Da Ruos Tony Hooper	David Hall-O'Dwyer Adriana Kennedy	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Monica & Dom Bruggeling	
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	LENT: NO FLOWERS		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech