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**18 April 2021**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B**

Acts 3: 13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2: 1–5

Luke 24: 35–48

**“The believer's job is to shine out Christ in their living and in their speaking.” – Henry Hon**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy and graceful weekend to you all! Believe, the students, parents and teachers had a great break and now they are replenished with energy to start the second term of the school year. I would like to wish everyone good luck for this term. In two weeks' time, the year 5 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and I earnestly request our community to keep them and their families in your prayers. May the reception of this Sacrament help them to own their faith and to venture out to be powerful witnesses of God's love, peace and justice!

Following is the reflection of Fr Ken Thesing, MM for the Third Sunday of Easter! This week, we are filled with the emotions and remembrances of Easter. The dark Holy Week images of the suffering of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and the crucifixion and death at Golgotha linger in our minds, too. But still more we are filled with the joy of Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning. Our Gospel today begins with the joy of the disciples. The two disciples returned from Emmaus tell of their experience of Jesus on their journey. The other disciples tell of their experience and share the news that Christ is risen. And even as they are speaking excitedly of this, our reading says, “Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ And they were startled and terrified, and thought they were seeing a ghost.”

Scripture teaches us that when human persons enter into God's presence, they are seized by wonder and fear. This was the experience of Zechariah and Mary when they received the messages of the angel. And it was the experience of the apostles, too, at the transfiguration of Jesus. This fear is not the terror of danger but rather the feeling of being astonished and overwhelmed when God reveals Godself.

Doubt is also present whenever Jesus appears but is not immediately recognized. Mary mistakes him for the gardener early on Easter morning; the Emmaus disciples mistook him for another traveller when they met and talked on the road. And today, too, the disciples are asked by Jesus, “Why are you frightened and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

Living in our modern times, with our knowledge of and belief in science, and with so many competing voices and sources telling us what is ‘true’ and what are ‘facts’, we can understand and appreciate the doubts of these disciples of Jesus who did not easily come to belief in the resurrection. Jesus showed himself to them. Today he speaks, “Peace be with you.” He says, “touch me and see.” He asks them, “Have you something to eat?”

It took time for the apostles and for all the disciples to accept the new reality, the reality that Jesus had entered into God's glory, the one Jesus called Father, and that he was now alive and present with them with that life of God.

That spiritual journey of the disciples to faith in Jesus is ours now, too. We, too, are invited to gather at the Eucharist. We are invited to gather as companions to share this one body and one blood and listen to Jesus' words. Even with so many doubts and uncertainties, we might still know the same Jesus is with us, as he was with the early disciples.

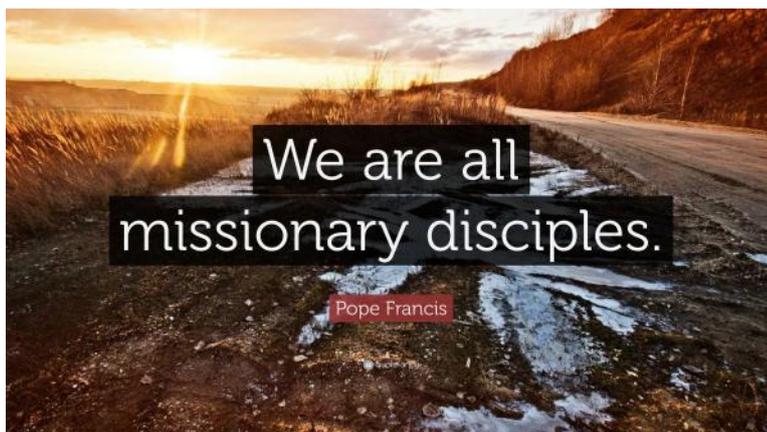
And so, we, as Jesus' disciples, what are we to do? Pope Francis says we are called to be “missionary disciples.” All of us, laity and religious and clergy, we are all called by Christ to conversion and prayer, and to be witnesses of Christ's peace. At the Eucharist, as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, we hear the words, “Do this in memory of me.” And the very last words of our Gospel reading this morning give us the same challenge: “You are my witnesses of these things.”

Of what are we witnesses? Again, what are we to do, we might ask? And our answer is found in another question. What did Jesus do? He cured the sick, fed the hungry, searched out the lost, gave voice to the mute. When these things continue to be done through us, it means that Jesus is still alive today and that his Spirit is still present in the world.

Our belief in the Lord's resurrection should urge us forward and move us to change our ways of thinking and acting and living, so that we can be the “witnesses” Peter calls us to be in today's first reading. And now, as missionary disciples, let us do what we have seen and heard in Jesus, who remains alive in our midst and in our hearts today.

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



*Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, a community of faith and service, strives to be a witness for Christ's love far and wide, reflecting the humility and wisdom of St Madeleine, the Patroness of the parish.*

# PARISH NEWS

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

Many friends have shared the need for prayers for those in Myanmar and Indonesia and Timor Leste. Many communities have rallied to assist Alice from OverTurnTheTables shared the Carmelite's appeal [www.carmelites.org.au/item/940-timor-flood-emergency-appeal](http://www.carmelites.org.au/item/940-timor-flood-emergency-appeal) Compass had a wonderful story looking at friendships between Australia and Timor Leste, [www.fotofriendship.com/](http://www.fotofriendship.com/)

Laudato Si' week is starting May 16th, the Ignatian Enviro Justice Challenge will get us ready <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/21-day-catholic-enviro-justice-challenge/>



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 to hear and participate in the Listening and Sharing rounds of the themes of the Plenary. There are three sessions, examining two themes in each one. Every week there will be a day and night session. We will begin on 20 April 9.45am and repeated on 22 April 7pm in St Madeleine Function Room. The sessions will take

90 minutes. The two themes shared firstly will be 'Missionary and Evangelising', and 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal.' Your responses will be recorded and shared with the council.

For further information contact Careyanne Moylan 0438791813

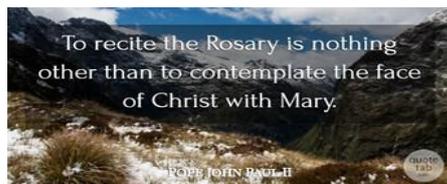
Copies of the documents are available from this site:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

**WHAT DO YOU THINK  
GOD IS ASKING OF US  
IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?**  
YOUR VOICE MATTERS



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



Come and pray the rosary after Morning Mass on Thursdays!

Time: 9.45am;  
Contact: Kay - 0429965858  
Lydia Ceccato - 0400372561

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$664.65

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$812.30

Loose = \$1056.30

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$1532.00

**TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$3400.60**

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, 1 May 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, 11th April 2021

Samantha Zeaier



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

### For recently deceased

John O'Brien, Frangiska Dimech, Carole Philomena Roberts, June Brennan, Betty Merhi, Bishop Metod Birah



### For the dearly departed

John Henry Doyle, Ann Kennedy, Jim Leyne, David & Adelaide Baldi, Ben & Paula Dieudonne, Milagria Assumpta Castolino, Martin Mileto, Marlon S. Alumios, Wilfredo Lising, Vickie Rose Camilleri, Annamaria Spina, Pietro Ceccato, Ferraro Family, Jed Manning, Dan Doyle, Maureen Deeham, Michele Vaccarella, Mary Merhi, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Shedly & Chahide Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha

### 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, 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

**Welcomers 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

## Congratulations to the newly married this year!

20 Feb – Analise Gauci & Adrian Borg

28 Feb – Jessica Comisso & Anthony Tannous,

6 Mar – Judith Sultana & John Camilleri

19 Mar – Prudence Parsons & Michael Aiossa

27 Mar – Debora Faraone & Andrew Sidis

27 Mar – Rebecca Tasses & Cameron Schofield

9 Apr – Stephanie Ede & Daniel Micallef

17 Apr – Karina Takchi & Joseph Scuglia



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>

## HOW CAN WE BECOME MISSIONARY DISCIPLES?

Perhaps you have heard the terms “intentional disciple” and “missionary disciple.” What exactly do these mean? The first is probably the easier one both to grasp and to put into practice. Think about it in these terms: I presume dads want to be intentional dads; moms, intentional moms; students, intentional students; etc. If we are engaged in something, we want to make sure we are consciously engaged in it.

Now this does not mean that we are thinking about our role 24/7; after all, we do have to sleep! But it does mean that because we value being who we are so much, we want to make sure that we are as fully engaged in our lives as we can be. We don't want to daydream our way through life.

Well, the same is true about being a follower of Jesus Christ. Most of us ended our formal education in the faith with confirmation or the end of Catholic high school. That formation was meant to set us on a path of being more intentional about being a Christian and a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. If we continue to say we are Catholic, do we give some time and effort into being engaged in what that means? Do we pray so as to be closer to Jesus? Do we seek ways to worship with other Catholics so as to give God his due? Do we seek to serve our neighbours in charity and in justice so as to demonstrate our love of God?

In these, and many other ways, such as regularly participating in confession and the Eucharist, are the signs of our being intentional about our following Jesus, and thus, being his disciples. As I said, this is the easier of the two terms to understand.

Cont...

(Source: <https://faithmag.com/how-can-we-become-missionary-disciples>)

## St Gianna Beretta Molla

**Feast Day:**  
19 April

In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint!

She was born in Magenta near Milano, the tenth of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: “Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women.” In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage. Early in her fourth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week Gianna Molla died at home, and was buried in the cemetery of Mesero. Cont...

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-gianna-beretta-molla>



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### Positions Vacant:

Young Christian Students Worker (full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – Applications close Monday 30 April

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://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](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

### 'The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### 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.

### 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](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.



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	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Belinda Da Ruos	Maria & Steve Fry Carmel & Mike O'Connell		Joseph Spina	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier		
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon	
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>		Patrick McNeil	Elizabeth Cauchi	Sara Sawaya	
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan Sattler			
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	WEDDING		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman		
<b>24/25 APRIL</b>	<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>	Paul Vella & Belle Craig		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced	
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Donated by Diane Bennett		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Marian Piper	