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**23rd May 2021
Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2: 1–11

1 Corinthians 12: 3–7, 12-13

John 20: 19–23

'Make your life a mission - not an intermission' - Arnold H. Glasow

The Pentecost marks the birthday of the Church's mission-- Church as a Spirit filled community sent out, in the name of the Risen Christ, to transform the world. It doubles our joy as we celebrate the 34th birthday of our parish with the vision of uniting the people around Kenthurst into a community of faith, love and peace. We are thankful to God for having blessed our parish during these years and calling us to be united in the Holy Spirit in embracing diversity and nurturing our community with the utmost care and concern for one another. On this day, we are reminded of the truth that every one of us is a missionary by our baptism.

The Church is essentially missionary or, as The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) expresses it, "missionary by its very nature" (AG, no. 9). Witnessing to and proclaiming the Gospel is the fundamental reason for the existence of the Church. If the Church ever stopped reaching out to others to witness and proclaim the Gospel of Love, it would cease to be the Church of Christ. In his first Encyclical Letter, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis reminds us that the true Church 'is a Church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security' (EG, n. 49). The great Protestant theologian, Emile Bunner, employed a striking simile to express this truth when he wrote: 'the Church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning' (*The Word and the World*, p. 108). And the fire that burns in the heart of the Church and keeps her alive in mission is the fire of the Holy Spirit as today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles makes clear.

The Holy Spirit is the principal agent of this mission. We, the members of the Church, are simply instruments in her hands. We forget this truth at our peril, at the risk of becoming agents of an enterprise that has little or nothing to do with the promotion of God's Reign of justice, peace and love. Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch woman famous for sheltering Jews from the Nazis during World War II, uses the image of the hand in the glove to express our dependence on the action of the Spirit. She writes: 'The glove cannot do anything by itself, but when my hand is in it, it can do many things. True, it is not the glove, but my hand in the glove that acts. We are gloves. It is the Holy Spirit in us which is the hand, who does the job. We have to make room for the hand so that every finger is filled. The question on Pentecost is not whether God is blessing our own plans and programmes but whether we are open to the great opportunities to which his Spirit calls us'.

Catholics have been accused of sometimes paying mere token respect to the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church. So, we should ask ourselves: Do we put more trust in our resources and expertise than in the action of God's Spirit in our lives and in the lives of those among whom we work? Do we leave enough room in our various ministries for the Spirit, the 'God of surprises', the God who chooses the weak to confound the strong, the God whose light invariably enters through the cracks in our lives rather than through our successes and achievements? Pope Francis reminds us that 'there is no greater freedom than that of allowing oneself to be guided by the Holy Spirit, renouncing the attempt to plan and control everything to the last detail, and instead letting her enlighten, guide and direct us, leading us wherever she wills. The Holy Spirit knows well what is needed in every time and place' (EG 280).

The goal of Mission is to create a unity that respects and embraces diversity. Pentecost reverses the confusion of Babel (Cf. Genesis 11: 1-9). On the day of Pentecost, as the first reading tells us, people of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds (Persians, Asians, Romans, Egyptians, Libyans, Cretans and Arabs) were gathered together for Jewish Harvest feast (Shavuot). Because they spoke different languages, they were unable to communicate with one another. However, they were all able to understand the message of the Spirit-filled apostles. 'Surely, they said, all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own language?' (Acts 2:7-8).

The miracle of Pentecost was a miracle of mutual understanding, a restoration of the unity humanity lost at Babel. Today we might ask what gift of the Spirit, what language do we need so that everybody can understand no matter what their ethnic or linguistic background? Yes, there is such a gift, such a language. It is the language of Love. This is a language that all people understand. For example, everybody understands when you smile. Love is the language of the Spirit, the one language capable of creating a unity that respects diversity (Thanks to Fr Michael McCabe SMA, Cork, May 2021).

May I request our community to heed to the call of the Holy Spirit and step forward to be more involved in various ministries that provide opportunities for understanding each other and acting together for the overall growth of our Church - the people of God!

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

Commitment for First Reconciliation and Communion — 23 May

Parents and child are to attend one of the weekend Masses (Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 8am, 10am and 5.30pm) to commit to the Sacrament process. Preparation sessions are now to be held on Sundays, 30 May, 6 and 13 June.
Sandra De Nardi — M: 0410 587 735 or email stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



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We currently have a few advertising spaces available in our bulletin on the back page. If you know anyone with a local business who would like to advertise through this means, please contact our parish office during office hours: 9am—4pm, Tuesday to Friday on 9654 2260.

Social Justice @ St Mads

Some news: Catholics in England and Zimbabwe are celebrating the canonisation cause for John Bradburne (1921-1979), an English lay Franciscan missionary who devoted the latter part of his life to helping forgotten leprosy patients at the Mutemwa Leprosy Settlement in Zimbabwe. The Catholic Bishops have backed the call for a National Voice for the First Peoples. They say it should involve as many First People as possible including faith-based groups like the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). LAUDATO SI' WEEK: 16-25 MAY 2021 Laudato Si' Week brings an announcement from the Vatican about its new Laudato Si Action Platform and Goals. www.laudatosi.org/action/laudato-si-action-platform/

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in India. For strength and courage for our sisters and brothers in the most marginalised communities. For generosity and provision from the international community. For the fair and equal distribution of a vaccine. Breathe on us your fresh breath of life O God... Amen

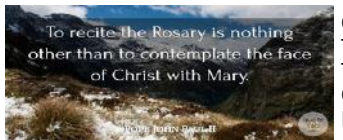


We are now exploring Thomas Merton's autobiography, *Seven Storey Mountain*, which looks at his spiritual pilgrimage. Next meeting 20 June 2021, 7.30pm.

If you would like to join our zoom group send me an email to register.careyanmoylan@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 careyanmoylan@hotmail.com or 0438 791 813



Come and pray the rosary after Morning Mass on Thursdays!
Time: 9.45am;
Contact: Kay - 0429965858
Lydia Ceccato - 0400372561



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) = \$1339.70

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$1235.90

Loose = \$862.05

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$1532.00

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$3629.95

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, 5 June 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, 23rd May
Xavier Jude Dixon



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

Romano Bandiera, Justin Ryan, Elsa Piovesan, J.P. Meiring, Marlene Coble Moussa, Frank Jeffreys, John O'Brien



For the dearly departed

Patrick Sherlock, Dianne Caruana, Rita Franceschina, Norman and Chahida Hajje, Shaddy and Chahide Hajje, Betty and Mary Merhi, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Guilia & Fulvio Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Maria & Giacomo Battaia, Warwick Rule, Olive Burns & Harold Burns, Matteo De Santi, Luisa & Lucia Nieves, Paul Castolino, Nina Giudice, Anthony Baptiste Vieira, Paul Cascun, Christy & Breda Sherlock, John Henry Doyle, Ann Kennedy, Jim Leyne, David & Adelaide Baldi, Ben & Paula Dieudonne

For healing of the sick

Josh Kennedy, Imelda Pellison, Jasminka Medak, David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aileen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowszky, 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 Biford 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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Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones

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Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

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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

Join us for live-stream Masses on
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School Maintenance Position

We are currently seeking a school maintenance person for 49 hours a fortnight. Days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7am - 2pm and every second Thursday.

Essential Criteria

- to support the operational requirements of the school
- able to work with minimum supervision
- ability to communicate effectively with all staff
- experience in maintaining grounds and gardens
- practical handyman ability
- understanding of WH&S legislation and its implication in the workplace
- experience in organising / supervising other contract workers employed by the school
- hold a current WWCC

Commencing Monday 21st June with a week of induction with outgoing Groundsperson.
For more information please contact Mrs Jeanette Black at St Madeleine's 9654 6751



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A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit www.yearofstjoseph.com.au

Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood

At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

There will be an appeal next weekend at all Masses, 29/30 May. Thank you!

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St Philip Neri

Feast Day:
26 May

Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise.

At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip's appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome.

At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church.

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Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-philip-neri>



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Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter on the proposed Parental Rights Bill

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. The letter can be read here: <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>

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. It is currently highly recommended 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

Manage your Fertility Naturally!

Are you looking for a natural effective method to manage your fertility? Are you trying to achieve pregnancy? Are you breastfeeding and looking for a natural way to space your children? Natural Fertility Services – Diocese of Parramatta might just have the answers you're searching for. For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org or visit www.parralmf.org.au



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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo		Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Joan Sattler		Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
29/30 MAY	FLOWERS	WEDDING		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt
	WELCOMERS	Trisk Keating Belinda Da Ruos	Maureen & Rick Jones	Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Mary Sammut	Anthony Hooper Gerry McArdle	Marietta Nesci	Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS			Christopher Kang	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler		
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
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