

30th May 2021 The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4: 32–34, 39–40 Rom 8: 14–17 Mt 28: 16–20

Trinity Sunday

# "The God who has claimed us for himself is Father, Son and Holy Spirit; not just Father, not just Son, not just Spirit. God is God FOR US - Father. God is God WITH US - Son. God is God IN US - Spirit."

Darrell W. Johnson, Experiencing the Trinity

Every year we celebrate this Solemnity of the Holy Trinity which invites us to be aware of our own fundamental and profound experiences of God and learn to understand them as manifesting the great mystery of the Holy Trinity. I enjoy the playful description of Daniel Durken of the Trinity. The Father played creator and was overjoyed that the world turned out so attractively. The Son played redeemer and put everything right again in the wounded world by stretching out His arms on a cross. The Spirit played a sanctifier. He made room in the heart of each of us for the Trinity. "Today," says Durken, "the Trinity invites us to keep playing with them this delightful game of life and love." And why not? We have nothing to lose but our chains.

Our experience of God leads us to an understanding of God. Theology seeks to understand the truth God has revealed to and through the experience of his people. Definition of Theology: Faith seeking understanding.

- 1. Experience is how we ENCOUNTER God.
- 2. Theology is what we KNOW of God.
- 3. Spirituality is how we LOVE God (King Duncan).

The readings of this Sunday underscore these elements that we give little attention to.

The first reading from Deuteronomy reminds the people of the great things that God has done for them, leading the people from slavery into liberation and making them a community. God always desires healthy, just relationships between peoples. God wants community. God wants to free people from all slavery and lead them to live with dignity as children of God. Today we are invited to enter into this vision. In the gospel, Jesus commissions the disciples to go out and share this vision with the whole world.

The second reading from the letter to the Romans reminds us of our dignity as children of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. This vision reminds us of our Catholic commitment to respect the human rights and dignity of every person. This vision reminds us that God calls us to live in mutual respect for each other. This is the way to peace and justice. The ongoing violence and wars between the countries implicate that we have not yet learnt to be tolerant and appreciative of each other and join hands in creating a just, humane society.

Economic systems have gotten "out of whack." Some people make and hoard excessive amounts of money and others are trapped working long hours in low-income jobs and others have no jobs at all. So many people feel financially insecure or fearful of debt. The pandemic has made it worse for the people at the margins.

Our relationship with the earth has also gotten "out of whack." The climate is changing. Species are dying out. Consumption is out of control. Our way of living is not sustainable.

We read today from Deuteronomy: "You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have a long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever." We need the wisdom of God and the way of Jesus Christ to get our relationships back in order. (Source of these thoughts are duly acknowledged)

"[This] elderly woman had committed herself to works of mercy. As I got to know her better, I was astounded at the many ways in which she had blessed hurting people. Though her income was modest, she lived simply so she could give

generously. Though her many commitments kept her calendar full, she still found time to be present for those who needed comfort. The longer I knew her, the more I marvelled at her charity, given the scarcity of her resources. Because of her humility, she was reluctant to talk with others about her own accomplishments. But one day she let slip the principle that guided her life, when she said to me, 'Little is much when God is in it.' (A sampler connections).

Let the Triune God be a part of everything in our lives!

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



## **PARISH NEWS**

Sacramental Programme: First Reconciliation 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



### ADVERTISING SPACES AVAILABLE

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

June 5th is World Environment day, the theme this year is so beautiful. "IMAGINE. RECREATE. RESTORE. This is our moment. We cannot turn back time. But we can grow trees, green our cities, rewild our gardens, change our diets and clean up rivers and coasts. We are the generation that can make peace with nature. Let's get active, not anxious. Let's be bold, not timid." www.worldenvironmentday.global

What is your moment to make peace with nature? Refugee Council of Australia with Western Sydney University is hosting the fifth annual Refugee Alternatives 6 and 7 July 2021 https://refugeealternatives.org.au/ Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no living thing. Give us wisdom and passion to change our minds and hearts and our ways.

### St Mad's Women's Breakfast

Mark the date. Saturday morning, June 19th in St Madeleine Function Centre from 8:30am—10:00am.

Join with us as we talk about faith and life over a cuppa.





We are now exploring Thomas Merton's autobiography, Seven Story 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.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 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

**Morning Tea** for parents whose children were involved in the Sacramental Programme this year

Monday, 7 June @ 9:15am St Madeleine's Function Centre Contact Sandra De Nardi 0410 587 735



**Craft Activity Morning** for parents and carers with young children

Date: Tues, 22 June @ 10am Bunnings, 248-252 New Line Rd, Dural Contact Sandra De Nardi 0410 587 735



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1285.05 2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1176.00 Loose = \$1071.00

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$1532.00 TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$3779.00

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**, **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, 30th May Chelsea Saliba



### **PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### For recently deceased

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



### For the dearly departed

Sam Dominello, Teodora Canseco-Pardo, Patrick Sherlock, Dianne Caruana, Rita Franceschina, Norman and Chahida Hajje, Sheddy and Chahide Hajje, Betty and Mary Merhi, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Guilia & Fulvio Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Maria & Giaccomo Battaia, Warwick Rule, Olive Burns & Harold Burns, Matteo De Santi, Luisa & Lucia Nieves, Paul Castelino, Nina Giudice, Anthony Baptiste Vieira, Paul Cascun, Christy & Breda Sherlock

### For healing of the sick

Josh Kennedy, Imelda Pellison, Jasminka Medak, David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aureen 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, Giuseppi Grasso, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencvel

\*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

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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

### \$t Madeleine \$ophie Barat

Feast Day: 29 May

The legacy of Madeleine Sophie Barat can be found in the more than 100 schools operated by her Society of the Sacred Heart, institutions known for the quality of the education made available to the young.

Sophie herself received an extensive education, thanks to her brother Louis, 11 years older and her godfather at baptism. Himself a seminarian, Louis decided that his younger sister would likewise learn Latin, Greek, history, physics and mathematics—always without interruption and with a minimum of companionship. By age 15, she had received a thorough exposure to the Bible, the teachings of the Fathers of the Church and theology. Despite the oppressive regime Louis imposed, young Sophie thrived and developed a genuine love of learning.

Meanwhile, this was the time of the French Revolution and of the suppression of Christian schools. The education of the young, particularly young girls, was in a troubled state. Sophie, who had discerned a call to the religious life, was persuaded to become a teacher. She founded the Society of the Sacred Heart, which focused on schools for the poor as well as boarding schools for young women of means. Today, co-ed Sacred Heart schools also can be found, along with schools exclusively for boys.

In 1826, her Society of the Sacred Heart received formal papal approval. By then she had served as superior at a number of convents. In 1865, she was stricken with paralysis; she died that year on the feast of the Ascension.

Madeleine Sophie Barat was canonized in 1925.

Source: https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-madeleine-sophie-barat

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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

### Kindergarten 2021

We are still accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 and welcome your application. Please check the school's website

www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au to download the application and forward it to the school office as soon as possible.

Come and be part of our beautiful community!



### 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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Journey of Faith: 28 May - 25 June

You are invited to a short course on spirituality to reflect on your image of God and how God is present in your life as well as to explore faith through the ages, using input, song, ritual and prayer. These sessions, facilitated by Cecilia Zammit, will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. BYO lunch and your bible. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3486.

### Young Adult Faith Formation: 6 June

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 6 June at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Fr Sam Fancourt will speak and lead discussion on the Attraction of Truth. 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.

### Ordination to the Diaconate of Dr John Collins and Dr Michael Tan: 11 June

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Dr John Collins and Dr Michael Tan at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 11 June at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral Hall following the Ordination. The Mass will be livestreamed on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRqZaG81glo

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	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
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