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13th June 2021
11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ez 17: 22—24

2 Cor 5: 6—10

Mark 4: 26—34

The kingdom of God manifests itself in the modest changes in our attitudes and in the little improvements in our behaviour that no one may notice, including ourselves. These are the mighty works of God, not great external accomplishments- Thomas Keating

On this eleventh Sunday of ordinary time, we are reminded of the kingdom of God. Also, we are reminded that the church of Christ is like a tree planted in the world. From the smallest of seed, it becomes the noblest of trees and a physical evidence of God's kingdom which fills the earth. We are therefore encouraged to seek this kingdom with Faith.

The first reading brings us images of a plant or a tree and the message standing out is very simple: God is God and we humans are not God and cannot control our world or anything in it. We have the appearance of control, but the world spins out of control when we humans no longer respect God nor respect the ways of God for us. This has happened over and over in human history and we humans seem incapable of learning the lesson: follow the Lord and life is very good! Abandon the Lord and life becomes unbearable.

The second reading is from the Second Letter to the Corinthians. The small passage that we read today repeats the lesson from the Prophet Ezekiel: "We walk by faith, not by sight." When we walk by faith, we listen to the Word of God and strive to form our lives by that Word. If we walk by sight, we no longer believe in the Lord because the present world tells us that God is not necessary and that life is much better without God. Once again, we are confronted with the truth: With God there is mercy! Without God, all becomes useless and without meaning. We are someone only in relation to God.

In the gospel, Christ uses two parables to describe and invite us to the kingdom of God. The kingdom He invites us to is a simple and peaceful one which grows gradually and steadily. It is open to all who seek it with a sincere heart. God owns, controls, and sustains everything within it. The focus of this parable is not on the work of the farmer who planted the seeds, but on the work of the seed, which obtains its growth from a mysterious source and grows so slowly that one can hardly notice it. In this kingdom, God is present and doing His thing in a manner that we can hardly explain. The only thing we need to do is simply to sow a seed of faith in Christ Jesus, and God himself will be in charge of the rest. Only those who have faith and believe in Christ would be admitted into this kingdom.

Hence, in the second parable, the mustard seed which is the smallest seed refers to our faith as a church and, in relation to the kingdom of God. This is why Christ also tells us that: "If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed...nothing will be impossible for you (Mt 17, 20)." Faith grows and when it does, it achieves great things. As it grows it leads us to Christ and consequently to his kingdom. Also, it opens up rooms for others to come to Christ and the church His body. This is what Christ means in the parable that "The birds of the air come to take shelter under its branches." Hence, when we preach, and witness, the result we achieve is greatly ordinary. For example, a few children may come forward to listen, a youth may present him or herself for a particular sacrament, and a young couple may decide to get married in the church. Also, someone may decide to give up a very old bad habit and another may decide to forgive someone or even ask forgiveness from someone else. These may seem little effort or achievements, but the seed is growing! As our faith grows, the church, the body of Christ grows and more people are drawn into the comfort of God's kingdom. Christ asks us to embrace the faith of the sower: to be willing to plant seeds of kindness and joy wherever and whenever we can in the certain knowledge that it will, in some way, result in a harvest of God's life and love. (Sources duly acknowledged)

A church had collected clothing for the poor and homeless. The parish youth group volunteered to sort, fold and pack the clothes. The kids made a game of it, trying on items that caught their imaginations, creating weird costumes, merrily clowning as they worked.

Then one of the kids felt a lump in the pocket of a worn cardigan sweater. He reached in the pocket and found a little bundle. He opened it to find a gold wedding ring. On the paper wrapped around the ring was written in a shaky hand: I have no need of this now. I hope it will help you.

The hilarity in the room was hushed. The ring glowed as it was passed silently and reverently from one young hand to another. No one joked, no one presumed to try on that sacrificial gift for a needy stranger.

Tenderly, the ring was refolded inside the note. It was secured inside the pocket of the sweater with a strong safety pin; the sweater was then packed off with the other clothes. But for the students, the radiance of the ring remained. [Phoebe Ann Lewis, Catholic Digest.] Source: A Sampler Connections)



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

Sacramental Programme: First Reconciliation

Preparation session is on Sunday, 13 June.

For further details, contact Sandra De Nardi

— M: 0410 587 735 or email stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



Social Justice @ St Mads

As winter starts we will be holding our 2021 Winter Appeal for the St Vincent de Paul Society in the next few weeks. This week Catholic Mission launched Socktober www.socktober.org.au/. Socktober aims to engage Catholic school students' heads, hearts, and hands in key issues of mission and social justice through powerful metaphors found in sport, especially the world game of soccer. Socktober ambassador is W-League soccer star Sarah Willacy.

As part of our Women's Breakfast Saturday 19th June, we are joining the Refugee Council Share a Meal, Share a Story project, please donate.

<https://share.refugeeweek.org.au/stmadeleinsteineam> For Refugee Week Sunday 20 June - Saturday 26 June, 2021 we will be holding a food can drive, more details coming next week.



St Mad's Women's Breakfast

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

Speaker: Sr Anne Love RSJ

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

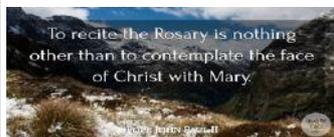


We are now exploring Thomas Merton's autobiography, Seven Storey Mountain, which looks at his spiritual pilgrimage. Next meeting 22 June 2021, 7.30pm.

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

Craft Morning

After such a long break, we are holding another craft morning/morning tea. Please feel welcome to come along and bring your knitting or stitching or in fact just come along for a chat and a cuppa! There will be a couple of charity projects available to work on if you wish. There will be a couple of sewing machines set up and cutting tables. If you'd like to come along just to be inspired or ask a few questions, please come join us! Morning tea will be provided and we will be observing social distancing. Would love to see you there - any questions please contact Deb Rankin 0409 158 980.

Tuesday 22nd June from 10 am till 12pm in the St Madeleine's Centre

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) = \$1021.50

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$1268.00

Loose = \$821.15

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$1532.00

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$3621.15

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, 3 July 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, 13th June

Axel Morales



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

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



For the dearly departed

Joseph Culligan, James Mulvihill, Culligan & Mulvihill family, Pietro Ceccato, The Ferraro Family, Jed Manning, Bridie McMahon, Sam Dominello, Teodora Canseco-Pardo, Patrick Sherlock, Dianne Caruana, Rita Franceschina, Norman and Chahida Hajje, Shedly 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 Castelino, Nina Giudice, Anthony Baptiste Vieira

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, 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

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

Join us for live-stream Masses on
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Mrs Black bids a fond farewell to the St Madeleine's community.

After ten years as Principal at St Madeleine's, I bid a fond farewell to this beautiful school and parish community. It has been my privilege and pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with Fr Vince and his vibrant, faith filled community. Mrs Barbara Young takes over from me from the beginning of Term 3.

Barbara is looking forward to working with Father Vince and the Parish in continuing the important work of building God's Kingdom here at Kenthurst. God bless you all.

Jeanette Black

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!



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St Anthony of Padua

Feast Day:
13 June

The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely.

His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents.

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Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-anthony-of-padua>



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PARRAMATTA

Positions Vacant:

Private Secretary to the Bishop of Parramatta – Applications close Monday 14 June

Secretary to the Vicars General – Applications close Monday 14 June

Parish Secretary (part-time) – Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham-Warragamba
– Applications close Tuesday 15 June

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.

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB Public Lecture: 28 June

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth and President of the Plenary Council, will be speaking on the coming Plenary Council at a public lecture in the Diocese of Parramatta at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Monday 28 June at 7pm. Bookings are essential, as limited spaces are available. Please RSVP by 25 June to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

Tri-Diocese Social Justice Reflection Evening: 30 June

You are invited to attend a social justice reflection evening jointly hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club on Wednesday 30 June from 6pm. The reflection evening will discuss the ACBC's 2020-21 Social Justice Statement 'To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today'. RSVP by 16 June to this free event by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048>

Office for Worship RCIA Teams Formation Sessions: Starting 21 July

The Office For Worship will be running a series of formation sessions for RCIA coordinators and teams in parishes. The sessions will take place in the evenings and will run over 5 weeks, beginning on Wednesday 21 July 2021. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 13 August

Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children" at the Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 13 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 7.30pm. The event is free, but booking is required. Free parking will be available at the Cathedral and overflow carpark. Please register your attendance to 02 8838 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

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	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
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	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
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