



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**20th June 2021**  
**12th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Job 38: 1, 8—11  
2 Cor 5: 14—17  
Mark 4: 35—41

### **Every storm we face—whether it's heavenly or hellish or human in origin—brings a fresh invitation for us to love our neighbours - Mark Stibbe**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

❖ *I would like to welcome Rev Dr Deacon Michael Tan who has been appointed by Bishop Vincent to assist our parish. Deacon Michael Tan is a retired GP who was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Vincent on 11<sup>th</sup> June, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. He is a convert to Catholicism, having been baptised in 1975 when he came to Australia to pursue his Medical Studies. He has a background in Charismatic Renewal, where together with his wife, they have led a Prayer Group since 1985. He has also been a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, stepping down last year in preparation for his ordination. His home parish is Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville. With all his vast experiences in the medical and spiritual fields, he is looking forward to his diaconal ministry in our parish. He is requesting our prayers that he may serve us with humility and compassion and in support of me in the parish. May I request our parishioners to make him welcome in our midst!*

❖ *Congratulations to the 92 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday at 5.30 pm and 7 pm. Let us keep these children in our prayers so that, as they experience God's mercy and forgiveness in this beautiful sacrament, may be empowered to speak the language of forgiveness in their day to day lives. If any parishioner likes to avail this opportunity to receive the sacrament, you are more than welcome.*

*The following is the reflection for this Sunday from Connections Sampler:*

*A parishioner, in her will, left her small house to the parish. The property was adjacent to the church property.*

*The pastor and the parish council began to look at possibilities for the property. A number of options were suggested: a religious education centre; a residence for the pastor, enabling the parish to sell the big, two-thirds-empty house he now lived in; tearing down the house to create a memorial park or expand the church parking lot.*

*Then a group of the town's residents asked to meet with the council. They proposed that the house be used as a temporary shelter for battered women, a safe place where women and their children could escape an abusive husband and begin the process of rebuilding their lives.*

*The council listened politely and empathetically. Then the "buts" started . . . It's important work, but the house would be empty most of the time. Do we want to get involved in these family situations? Can we really make a difference here? What about liability, the safety of parishioners who work on this, potential damage to the property?*

*A member of the parish council said nothing during the barrage of questions and concerns. Finally, she was asked to speak. She told her own story of being in an abusive relationship years before and that a house like this and the group who maintained it had saved her life and her daughter's. She had never spoken about it before but felt she needed to speak up now. This is more important than you know, she said quietly. So, the little house became Bethany House, named after the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, the friends of Jesus with whom he often stayed. Members of the parish stepped forward to fix up the house and furnish it. And it has been a safe place for families battered by the winds of abuse and hardship.*

In a storm of doubt and skepticism, the "sleeping" Jesus awakens in the courage of a woman whose powerful story leads her parish to take on a challenging but important ministry in their community. We don't realize that the Gospel Jesus "sleeps" within our own "boats"; he "awakens" during the most difficult and demanding storms we encounter, enabling us to do what is right and just. Within each of us is the grace of the "awakened" Jesus in today's Gospel: the wisdom, the patience, the courage to discern the presence of God amid the storms of tension, fear, anxiety, and injustice we experience. As Frederick Buechner writes in his book, *Secrets of the Dark*: "Christ sleeps in the deepest selves of all of us, and whatever we do in whatever time we have left, wherever we go, may we in whatever way we can call on him as the fishermen did in their boat to come awake within us and to give us courage, to give us hope, to show us, each one, our way. May he be with us especially when the winds go mad and the waves run wild, as they will for all of us before we're done, so that even in their midst we may find peace, find him."

God is truly present with us in the storms of life!

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



# PARISH NEWS

## Social Justice @ St Mads

Thank you to all those who shared with us at our Women's Breakfast hearing about the local project Hills Yarning with Sr Ann Love RSJ. You can still contribute to our Share a Meal page <https://share.refugeeweek.org.au/stmadeleinesteam> In the 14-week period from Australian Refugee Week (20 – 26 June) to the Catholic Church's International Migrant and Refugee Sunday (26 September), our Diocesan "Walking with Refugees" team would like to give Refugees and People Seeking Asylum or Protection a stronger voice and raise awareness for their stories and their needs.

The End Child Detention Coalition (ECDC) hosts a webinar series called "State Of Play". Registrations are now open for the fifth biennial Mission: one heart many voices conference online. 1-3 September <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/mohmv-mission-one-heart-many-voices>



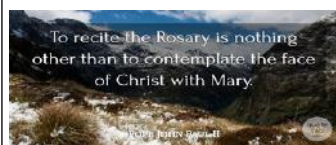
We are now exploring Thomas Merton's autobiography, Seven Story Mountain, which looks at his spiritual pilgrimage. Next meeting 22 June 2021, 7.30pm.



If you would like to join our Zoom group send me an email to [register.careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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) = \$1033.35

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$1371.00

Loose = \$1133.50

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$1532.00

**TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$4036.50**

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](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, 20th June

Archie Vella



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

### For recently deceased

Philomena Beresford, Maureen McCartney, Lenard Gauci, Romano Bandiera, Justin Ryan, Elsa Piovesan, J.P. Meiring



### For the dearly departed

Aldo Tallon, Joseph Tallon, Sylvia Borg, Louis Aquilina, Sacco Family, Pulis Family, 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

### For healing of the sick

Margaret Doyle, 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, 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

**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  
Sunday at 10 am on

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### Dope on a Rope (motivation to overcome fear)

There once was this criminal who had committed a crime (Because, hey, that's what criminals do. That's their job!). Anyway, he was sent to the king for his punishment. The king told him he had a choice of two punishments. He could be hung by a rope or take what's behind the big, dark, scary, mysterious iron door. The criminal quickly decided on the rope. As the noose was being slipped on him, he turned to the king and asked: "By the way, out of curiosity, what's behind that door?" The king laughed and said: "You know, it's funny, I offer everyone the same choice, and nearly everyone picks the rope." "So," said the criminal, "Tell me. What's behind the door? I mean, obviously, I won't tell anyone," he said, pointing to the noose around his neck. The king paused then answered: "Freedom, but it seems most people are so afraid of the unknown that they immediately take the rope."



### 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](http://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 Thomas More

Feast Day:  
22 June



His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost Thomas More his life.

Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, on July 6, 1535, More steadfastly refused to approve King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England.

Described as "a man for all seasons," More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children, and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church in England, breaking with Rome, and denying the pope as head.

More was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason: not swearing to the Act of Succession and the Oath of Supremacy. Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-thomas-more>



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### Positions Vacant:

Non-Executive Director (2 positions) – Holy Family Services – Applications close Thursday 1 July

For a copy of the information pack, please contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055 or [anthony@reachhr.com.au](mailto:anthony@reachhr.com.au) or Sr Grace Roclawska on 0420 754 733 or [grace@csfn.org.au](mailto:grace@csfn.org.au)

### 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>

### CYP LIFTED Retreat "Stay with Us": 2 - 4 July

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta at this year's annual retreat. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life. Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18- to 35-year-olds, \$100 per person. Register at [parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat](http://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat)

### 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](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

### Annulment Information Webinar: 21 July

The Diocese of Parramatta's Tribunal Office, together with CatholicCare Solo Parent Services, are presenting an Information Webinar to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. The event will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 21 July from 7pm to 9pm. Registration is essential. For further details and to register, please call the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@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](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org)



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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	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>			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>	Donated by Vince Luca Arranged by Alice Garratt		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Jan Parslow	

<b>26/27 JUNE</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Dianne Millington	Brendan Ford Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Lidia Ceccato
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo		Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Matilda Rogers		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
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