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04th July 2021
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9: 9—10
Romans 8: 9, 11 —13
Matthew 11: 25—30

“Every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being redirected to something better.” — Steve Maraboli.

Deep inside of us, we want people to like us and like being around us. Hence, some of us will do whatever it takes to make others happy. But this does not work in the long run. In being honest with ourselves, we have been in instances where we have not felt accepted for our genders; not felt accepted for our abilities; not felt accepted for our looks; not felt accepted for our choices; not felt affirmed; not felt encouraged; not felt guided and nurtured; not felt allowed to speak up; not felt physical affection; not felt protected and secure; not felt truly forgiven; not felt wanted or not felt validated as individuals. But, the readings of this Sunday remind us that the rejections in our lives does not mean rejection from God. In the first reading, Ezekiel is asked by God to go and preach to rebellious Israel. He was not accepted for what he had to say to them. God promised Ezekiel that ‘whether they listen or not, this tribe of rebels will know there is a prophet among them’. Paul, during his ministry, is afflicted with a ‘thorn in the flesh’. It is something that would diminish his Spirit but, the power of God assured him ‘my grace is sufficient for you’. In the Gospel we see Jesus coming to his own home town of Nazareth to preach to his people. Not only did the people refuse to accept Jesus, but they were offended by him, and refused to listen. He continued despite these rejections. He knew his purpose was great, and that God is there approving of what he is doing.

The painful memories of rejection in our lives should be resolved and healed. As a spiritual writer says, these wounds or unpleasant experiences when unresolved and unconfessed can lead us to develop fleshly impulse that are contrary to God’s will for us: “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. (Galatians 5:16-17). God wants to heal all of the wounds that people have inflicted on our hearts over the years. He is nothing like the people who have hurt us. He is loving, kind, gentle, caring and perfect. What He desires is our freedom from bondage to pain we have suffered as a result of human rejection (in marital, family, community, parish or any relationships) and social abandonment. Can we surrender everything that is unpleasant to God in prayer? Can we see the wounds we have inflicted on others and reconcile with them with a repentant heart?

Human history tells us that a lot of great people experienced rejection. Great artists do not always get record label contracts the first time they try. Great literary works experienced a lot of rejections from publishers. Even great athletes experienced being cut from the team they are in. However, what made them great is that they kept trying and did not let rejection stop them. In following Christ, we do experience moments of trial, misunderstanding and rejection. We should not allow these rejections to intimidate us and belittle our self-worth and dignity. We know from our faith experiences that God never rejects us. We just need to hold on to his word that he has great plans for us, and continue doing what he asks of us. Eventually, as we surrender to Him, we will be rewarded and all those rejections will not matter. (Ideas from various sources duly acknowledged)

Two paupers wandered from town to town, begging for alms. One was a giant who had never been sick in his life; the other was a cripple who had never known anything but sickness. The giant used to laugh at the cripple. At last, the two paupers reached the capital city. They arrived just at the time when a great misfortune had taken place. Two of the kings' most trusted servants had died suddenly. One was his personal bodyguard, the strongest man in the land; the other was his personal physician, the most skilful in the entire realm. So, the king sent his courtiers into his kingdom to gather all the strong men and doctors who wished to apply for the vacant posts. The king finally chose one strong man and one doctor from among all the applicants. He then asked them to furnish proof of their fitness for the posts. "Your majesty", said the strongman, "Bring me the strongest and biggest man in the city and I will kill him with one blow of my fist." The doctor said "Your majesty, bring me the most helpless cripple you can find and I will make him well in a week." The king sent his courtiers to bring the strongest man and the weakest cripple they could find. They soon came upon the two paupers and brought them before the king. With one blow of his fist the strong man killed the giant. Then the doctor examined the cripple and after a week's treatment he made him well. The strength of the strong often proves to be their downfall, while the weakness of the weak often saves them. (Floor McCarthy, in 'New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)

Let us brave the rejection of any kind and continue to walk with God who is ever present with us!

God’s blessings

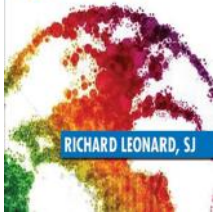
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PARISH NEWS

WHAT ARE WE DOING ON

EARTH FOR CHRIST'S SAKE?



St Mads Book Club

Invites Christians to revisit their faith in the midst of the contemporary world and its challenges. Rather than ignoring the world around us or creating one that is removed from reality, the book encourages the need for honest dialogue, stresses the importance of religious experience, but most importantly, urges the practice of genuine actions for Christ's sake.

Next meeting 27 July, 2021, 7.30pm. To join our zoom group send me an email for details.

careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

Suspension of Masses and Sacraments

All public Masses and Sacraments are temporarily suspended due to the current lockdown and Covid 19 restrictions. Join us for live streamed mass at 9am (Tuesday—Friday) and 10am on Sunday.

Social Justice @ St Mads

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July. Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. www.natsicc.org.au/2021-atsi-sunday.html

Alive in the Spirit on-line conference 8-10th July is \$40 for individuals <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/> which gives you many months access to the recordings. Being the Community Christ Calls us to be.

Remember our StMads Refugee Week <https://share.refugeeweek.org.au/stmadeleinsteinam>

Alive in the Spirit

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$200.15

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$0.00

Loose = \$364.00

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$1532.00

TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$1896.00

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, 7 August 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.



Postponement of Baptisms

Baptisms for the month of July are being cancelled due to the current lockdown and Covid-19 restrictions



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

Zoom Rosary

We call parishioners together to pray the Rosary as we ask Our Lady to intercede for God's blessing on us. On Thursday during Covid Lockdown, join us to pray the rosary, after mass online. When: Thursdays Time: 9.45am Meeting ID: 884 0505 6508



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

Jim Shipley, Philomena Beresford, Maureen McCartney, Lenard Gauci, Romano Bandiera



For the dearly departed

Maria Ceroli, Laurie Riley, Tom Mulvihill, Mulvihill and Culligan family, 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, Costantino Giudice, Rena Hooper, Percy Hooper, Sr Rona Collins, Patricia Bryant, Pablito Corpuz, Milagrin Castelino

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, 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.*



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



2021 WINTER APPEAL

Every day at Vinnies we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the gospels and our catholic social teachings to do things that matter. As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If your able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal please do so by visiting www.vinnies.org.au, calling 131812 or using the envelope system available inside the church foyer during mass times. Envelopes can be left inside the poor box to the left of the foyer or during special collections during mass. We greatly appreciate your support. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Ensure your details are enclosed or noted on envelope with donation.



Our Parish Winter Appeal will be held on the 17th & 18th July 2021

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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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!



FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

GUEST SPEAKER
DR ROBERT HADDAD
Teacher, Apologist, Evangelist and Author

Careyanne Moylan would be willing to accompany a group should they wish to attend.

FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST @ 7:30PM

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Saint Maria Goretti

Feast Day:
06 July



One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti. She was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write. When Maria made her First Communion not long before her death, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class. On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger. Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family), and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack. Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. -*Con't*

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-maria-goretti>



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Positions Vacant:

Head of Finance & Business Operations – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL) –

Applications close 5pm Monday 5 July

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

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.

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

Catholic Outlook Magazine book giveaway

With thanks to Catholic Healthcare, the Winter 2021 edition of the *Catholic Outlook* Magazine is giving away three copies of the wonderful book "Sharing the Wisdom of Time by Pope Francis and Friends" just in time for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. Entries are now open until **15 July 2021**. Pick up your copy of Catholic Outlook to get details of how to enter today!

Themes of Faith 2021 – Diocesan Small Groups Formation Opportunity

A guided exploration of key components of Catholic life through live small group discussion of reading material. The discussion groups are already underway but the remaining 4 out of 10 sessions of the program are still open for sign up until 1 July 2021. Express your interest today and enjoy this shorter experience as a small taste of the full Themes of Faith Program by contacting Donnie Velasco on 0432 042 140 or donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org



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	READERS			Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS				CHILDREN'S LITURGY
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Frances Sanders

10/11 JULY	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino		Nicole Foxall Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington		Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Belinda Da Ruos Tony Hooper	David Hall-O'Dwyer	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christopher Kang Monica & Dom Bruggeling	
	MUSICIANS	Lisa Jacob	Joan Sattler	Merle and Doug	
	COUNTERS	Sonali Arnold & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Wedding Arranged by Maureen, Mari & Pauline		ALTAR LINEN	Frances Sanders