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**11th July 2021**  
**15th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Amos 7 : 12-15  
Ephesians 1 : 3-14  
Mark 6 : 7-13

**'God calls you to the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet'**- Frederick Buechner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's readings speak of two major concepts related to our lives as Catholic Christians. The first is "called or chosen" and the other is "sent." In other words, we are called to be 'disciples' (followers) and 'apostles' (sent on a mission) of Christ. In the first reading, Amos is called to speak in God's name. Jesus sends forth the twelve apostles to preach the good news and to bring healing to the sick and hope to the downtrodden. St. Paul tells us that we are chosen and sent forth to proclaim the Good News and make the Kingdom of God real in our midst. Not only are we chosen, we are also blessed. Take a minute to count the blessings you have! We are fortunate to be here in Australia and to live in this community. We are blessed to be with our family and friends. We have been blessed with religious freedom though we feel stifled at times. We have been blessed with rich, religious traditions. We have been blessed to live in a wonderful, caring, supportive environment. We have been blessed with clean water, education for our children, medical facilities and many other incentives in this part of the globe. No matter how difficult our circumstances may be at times, we would probably rather be here than in many other countries. Just think of the plight of Australian citizens stranded outside of our country at present who are desperate to come back to their homeland. Don't you think that we are chosen by God and He has blessed us magnificently in unimaginable ways?

In the analogy of Henry Nouwen, "since we are God's adopted children- just as the bread, which becomes the body of Christ, is taken, blessed, broken and given at each liturgical celebration so we as the beloved and chosen, are blessed, broken and given. Just as Amos, and the apostles were chosen and instructed to go out to proclaim the gospel, to heal and cure the sick (physical, relational, mental and spiritual), we too are chosen to live our lives for God. Our mission is to open the minds and hearts of the people starting with our own family, to appreciate the blessings God has given us which are taken for granted quite often. The future generation should be taught to clearly see their blessings so that they may appreciate what they are blessed with. It is in this trajectory of life, we are chosen and sent forth.

God is calling us to help others, even if it is just a kind word, or recognizing them through greetings with due respect and dignity. Wherever help is needed, we are to step forward and do our share. Jesus did this in his public life and so also his followers in history. So too must we fulfill our call to the service of God and his people.

We understand that God's call - to Amos, to Paul, to the Twelve - and now to us- was not and is not always easy. As always, the call of God has social implications and a special relevance to us in our historical situation. In the given situation of lockdown in NSW, we are urged to adhere to the guidelines given by the medical and political officials to contain the transmission of the vicious virus among the communities. We do it for the love of God and the love of our country! I believe this is one of the ways of responding to the call of being a disciple of Jesus in the given context of the pandemic. The pandemic has exposed the harsh realities of the extreme polarity between the haves and have-nots, the ingrained racism in many parts of the world, and the greediness of the wealthy, powerful, affluent etc... and as God's people we are called to drive these forces away from the face of the earth as they are opposed to the Spirit of God. Easier said than done! We have to take this challenge and bring about a change even at the micro level.

When the apostles were not welcome, they were told to shake the dust off their feet and move forward. Jesus admonished them to 'let go' of the rejections and to dust off their feet with love and not with anger and hopelessness. Oftentimes, we are taunted and discouraged by our friends and family members in our effort to fulfill our baptismal call. But we should persevere in handling all the obstacles we encounter in our missionary journey. Our faith in God summons us to be caring and responsible for the wellbeing of everyone.

*The mayor of a certain town decided to hold a harvest festival. All, without exception, were invited. The mayor himself offered to provide the food. To ensure that there would be adequate wine, each guest was asked to bring along a bottle of white wine. The wine would be poured into a huge cask from which all could drink. The day of the festival arrived. Everyone in town showed up. Thanks to the generosity of the mayor, there was an abundance of food. Each guest duly arrived with a bottle of wine and poured it into the cask. When all was ready the mayor went to the cask. An aide tapped it and filled the mayor's glass. Holding up the glass, the mayor said, 'I declare the festival open.' Then he took a drink out of the glass only to discover that it was not wine but water. It seems that each guest had argued like this: 'My contribution won't be missed.' So instead of bringing a bottle of wine they had brought a bottle of water. The festival was ruined! It is a great challenge to us all to be active, not passive followers of Christ; to be not only receivers but also givers. Something is asked of every person. And everybody's contribution, no matter how small, is important. For the forest to be green, the individual trees must be green. (Sources are duly acknowledged)*

Pope Francis reminds us that in the face of so many challenges God "... calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all."

Let us heed to the invitation of God in the given context of our lives!

God's blessings  
Fr. Vince



# PARISH NEWS

## 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.  
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses>

## Social Justice @ St Mads

It's not over until it's over for everyone is the campaign created by Micah The world faces a "catastrophic moral failure" as "richer countries administer the vaccine on a vast scale, while poor countries are left behind. We can show support by signing the petition



[www.micahaustralia.org/end\\_covid\\_for\\_all](http://www.micahaustralia.org/end_covid_for_all)

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

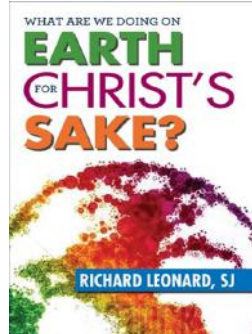
*We pray that our world leaders work actively for the common good, and our Australian Government will continue to provide vital support to vulnerable nations. We desire to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you Lord. Amen*

## 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](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)



## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$0.00

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$0.00

Loose = \$0.00

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$1532.00

**TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$1532.00**

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](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.



## 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](mailto: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

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



### For the dearly departed

Dermont Murphy, Laurie Riley, Tom Mulvihill, Mulvihill and Culligan family, Maria Ceroli, Costantino Giudice, Sr Rona Collins, Rena Hooper, Percy Hooper, Patricia Bryant, Pablito Corpuz, Milagrin Castelino, Aldo Tallon, Joseph Tallon, Sylvia Borg, Louis Aquilina, Sacco Family, Pulis Family, Sultana family, Joseph Culligan, James Mulvihill.

### 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.*

## 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 you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal please do so by visiting [www.vinnies.org.au](http://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 at a later date once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, those who love to contribute may do so by dropping in your contributions at our 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:

Sharyll Netto  
Susie Lee

### Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

### St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

### 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](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!



# FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR



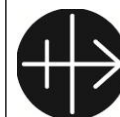
**GUEST SPEAKER**

**DR ROBERT HADDAD**  
Teacher, Apologist, Evangelist  
and Author

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



**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST @ 7:30PM**



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A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

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[monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Feast Day: 16 July

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah



in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel."

They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception. Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary. There is a tradition—which may not be historical—that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-mount-carmel>



## DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

### 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](http://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](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)

### 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](mailto:catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)

### Thank you for supporting our seminarians – our future priests

Your kind-hearted gifts through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal provide for the education, formation, spiritual guidance and practical experience our seminarians need to deepen their faith and prepare for a life of service to our community. Thanks to the generosity of our faith community, we have almost raised \$300,000. If you haven't had a chance to donate, you can still do so by visiting [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for your kind prayers, faithful accompaniment and caring support.



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	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>				
	<b>READERS</b>				
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>				
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
	<b>COUNTERS</b>			<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	<b>FLOWERS</b>			<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Frances Sanders

<b>17/18 JULY</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Belinda Da Ruos	Maria & Steve Fry Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Belinda Da Ruos	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 Cauci	Sara Sawaya
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan Sattler	Anucia & Team	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Paul Vella & Zakia Touma		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
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