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01st August 2021

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

The key to Christian living is a thirst and hunger for God. And one of the main reasons people do not understand or experience the sovereignty of grace and the way it works through the awakening of sovereign joy is that their hunger and thirst for God is so small - John Piper

Once there was a young Hindu hermit who lived as an ascetic in a forest. He owned nothing except a pair of loincloths. One morning, to his great disappointment, he found that mice had destroyed one of his loincloths. He brought a cat to kill the mice, and then, a cow to give milk to the cat. Later, as the cows multiplied, he hired a girl from the nearby village to look after the cows and to sell the extra milk in the village. Eventually, his growing worldly desire prompted him to end his religious life, marry the girl and settle down as a farmer in the village. This little story illustrates how the never-ceasing hunger for worldly desires can easily side-track us.

As human beings, we hunger for many things besides food and material possessions. We hunger for recognition, true friendship, truth, faith, hope, love, appreciation, encouragement and so on. But only God can satisfy our various forms of hunger, particularly our spiritual hunger. St. Augustine said: "O Lord, you have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless 'till they rest in You."

Have you ever had an experience of being hungry despite eating and gorging yourself with delicious food? Have you experienced emptiness despite being surrounded with all the luxuries of life? It is in these moments that we realize that there is more to life than eating and drinking, and having all that money can buy.

"At the age of 40, Tom Phillips was the president of the largest company in the United States of America. He had plenty of sophisticated cars, a beautiful home, a lovely family. But Tom Phillips was not happy. In fact, he was downright unhappy. Something was missing from his life; he didn't know what it was. There was this inner emptiness he experienced. Then one night during a business trip to New York, something happened to him. Tom Phillips had a religious experience that changed him for ever. Speaking of that experience he said: "I saw what was missing from my life." It was Jesus Christ. "I hadn't ever ... turned my life over to him." And that night Tom did just that. And that night Tom's life changed in a way that brought him happiness he never dreamed existed. - Mark Link in 'Sunday Homilies'

I think, sometimes we must be stripped of our usual sources of support in order to be reminded that our ultimate sustenance comes from God alone, and we have to humbly acknowledge our total dependence on God. Won't you agree that this horrific pandemic makes us think about what is essential and what counts most in life? Are we really concerned about the safety and wellbeing of one another, especially the vulnerable? We are hungry for freedom from the clutches of lock down... but do we also recognize the hunger of people who are lonely, isolated, abused or victims of the ruthless behaviour of a few? If we truly believe that Jesus is the bread of life and He quenches our thirst and hunger by giving himself to us in the Eucharist, and in every single gesture of love, and grace in our lives, then we are obligated to see the hunger and thirst of the people around us and offer Jesus, the bread of life, in our reaching out to them.

Recalling the gospel of last Sunday, Jesus moved with compassion and he fed thousands of people with the five barley loaves and two fish. The joyous crowds now search for Jesus (but for wrong reasons) and track him down. Jesus confronts them and tells them that they are after a miracle worker who would make all hunger disappear. Further, from his teaching to the crowds, we understand that Jesus does not want us to settle for junk food; he affirms that life does not have quick fixes; "Instant" religious gratification, the 'perishable food' of the gospel quotation, doesn't last. "Instant religion" is no religion at all. It is a fleeting 'high'. It is so easy for us humans to want "instant everything", especially in a modern culture that suggests that technology can produce it. Supermarkets have shelves screaming out "instant ice-tea "Quick Quaker Oats," "one-minute muffins". Drive-in restaurants assure us that our orders will be ready in the time it takes to drive to the serving window. Banks boast that all our bills for months can be paid in a one, three-minute smart app. Jesus does not promise us instant religion. The "food that remains unto eternal life," the very presence of Jesus himself, does not suddenly turn us into perfect saints, into deliriously joyful religionists who are never depressed. Rather, Jesus comes to us constantly to partake of the experience of true religion; effort-filled prayer, the tedious struggle to serve humanity, the disciplined commitment to gospel values. – edited Eugene Lauer

We need this bread... for every day! When Jesus fills our hearts and minds, our spirits can be hopeful even in the face of failure, sickness and hurt. The promise is food for the soul that will never leave us hungry no matter what life throws our way!

May we constantly hunger for what truly nourishes us!

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>

St Mads Care Group

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



Sunday Gospel



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

Social Justice @ St Mads



Homelessness Week is the 1-7 August, see the End Street Sleeping Collaboration <https://endstreetsleeping.org/>. This week a group of us have been participating in the Sydney Alliance Foundations Trainings www.sydneyalliance.org.au/. News from ACBC, Australia’s Catholic Bishops have joined the Bishops of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands in calling for detainees on Manus Island and Nauru to be resettled in Australia – eight years after the advent of mandatory offshore detention. The campaign End Offshore Detention. For more information see the Eight years too long: report on the Human Rights Law Centre website.

St Mads Book Club

New Seeds of Contemplation seeks to awaken the dormant inner depths of the spirit so long neglected by Western man, to nurture a deeply contemplative and mystical dimension in our lives.” “Every moment and every event of every man’s life on earth plants something in his soul.”



Join us for a sharing of our thoughts and meeting new friends. **24 August 2021, 7.30pm.** To join our zoom group contact me at: 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

Pope Francis’s prayer to Mary during Coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will Provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. *Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

Zoom Rosary Change, Extra Night.

"The family that prays together stays together"

We invite parishioners and others to join us to pray the Rosary asking our loving Mother Mary to intercede for the suffering humanity due to the pandemic. Join us on Zoom on **Mondays at 7 pm Meeting ID: 840 2707 2956** and **Thursdays at 9:45am Meeting ID: 884 0505 6508** If you have any special intention in offering the rosary contact Lidia 0400372561 or Kay 0429965858



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

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

For the dearly departed

Emmanuel Galea, Ivan Ceccato, Helena Culligan, Dermot 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.

For healing of the sick

John Burford 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 Biford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Gorac, 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 homelessness, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If you'd like to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal please do so by visiting www.vinnies.org.au, calling 131122 or using our envelope system available inside the church foyer during mass times. Envelopes can be left inside the foyer 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. For more details, see enclosed or send an envelope with donation.

Our Parish Winter Appeal will be held 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

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 4 September** 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.



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
Welcomers 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 2022

We are still accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2022 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!



A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Especially in remote and non-Christian areas, the faith is often nurtured via faith-based TV and radio programs. For over thirty years ACN has supported the *Catholic Radio and Television Network* which provides programming to networks in developing countries which do not have the means to buy or produce Catholic content. These programs are seen and heard by about 36 million people worldwide every day. Can you help ensure that the faith is available in every corner of the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/media

FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP SUNDAY AUGUST 8

No Masses will be celebrated at Mary MacKillop Place. The Chapel remains closed, Prayer resources are available on the website <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-resources/>



Saint John Vianney Feast Day: 04 Aug

A man with vision
overcomes obstacles
and performs deeds
that seem impossible.



John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained. Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep. With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home. His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day. Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement - con't-

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-vianney>



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

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive.

'The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

Join us on 'Home Ground' over the next four weeks

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight for the next four weeks, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at parracatholic.org/homeground. The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

CANCELLED 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 13 August

We regret to inform you that the 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar, scheduled for Friday 13 August, has been cancelled. The seminar will be rescheduled to a date to be advised. If there are any issues, please contact the Mission Enhancement Team – Parramatta on met@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 or visit www.parralmf.org.au



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01 AUGUST	WELCOMERS				
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR				
	READERS			Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS			CHILDREN’S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech

08 AUGUST	WELCOMERS				
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR				
	READERS			Gerry McArdle Nigel Saunders	
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS			CHILDREN’S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold