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25th July 2021
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

“SPEND TIME WITH YOUR ELDERS. NOT EVERYTHING CAN BE FOUND ON GOOGLE”



On January 31, 2021, Pope Francis announced a new day of celebration to honor all grandparents and the elderly, who are so important to our communities and our Church. This new ‘World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly’ will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday in July. May we pray for all grandparents and elderly in our community that they may share their experiential wisdom with the younger generation for a brighter future! Spending time with our elders, making them feel special and invaluable is more important and vital than merely spending money on them (I often feel disheartened when I see elders being neglected by their families in their old age).

In his message, Pope Francis says, “I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers, dear grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic is creeping on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for the elderly. Many of us fell ill, some have died, some have suffered the loss of a spouse or loved ones, while others have found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

[1] Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes,[2] seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed. The Lord is aware of all that we are going through in this time. He is close to those who feel isolated and alone, a feeling that is becoming more acute during this pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, seemed worthless. So, the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, “Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer”. Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of the pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: “I am with you always”. He says this to you, and he says it to me. That, is the meaning of this Day....which I hope to celebrate, particularly in this year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who feel very alone, receive the visit of an angel!”

Following is the reflection for this Sunday given by Fr George Smiga:

Cami Walker was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis a month after she was married. She began to lose the use of her hands and the sight in her right eye. Walking became difficult and she had to suspend her promising career as an art director. Soon her life spiraled down into depression. She became addicted to painkillers. One evening she called a friend for support. But instead of offering her pity, he gave her a challenge. He asked her to do something. He asked her to give one thing away each day for the next twenty-nine days. This request seemed strange to Cami, but she decided to do it. The results of her experience are chronicled in her book, 29 Gifts. Each day she gave some simple things away. One day she gave away half an hour of her time to a friend. Another day she gave a bouquet of flowers to a stranger on the street. One night she made dinner for her husband, which is the first time she had done so since she had been diagnosed with the M.S.

As the time proceeded her life began to change both psychologically and physically. By day fourteen she was able to walk rather easily, and by day twenty-nine she was able to go back to work, part time. She still had the symptoms of the M.S. but her new routine gave her the ability to cope with them. She would describe her experience this way: No matter how many material things we have we are still tempted to see ourselves in a place of scarcity. We are afraid we do not have enough or that we are not good enough. Giving moves us out of our story and connects us with someone else. Giving takes us out of a place of scarcity and introduces us to something much bigger. This experience not only enriches us, it heals us.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus decides to feed the multitudes in the wilderness, but he begins with something. He begins with five barley loaves and two fish. This paltry food does not belong to Jesus. It belongs to a young boy in the crowd. What would have happened if that boy had been unwilling to give his food to Jesus? I imagine Jesus would have found another way to perform the miracle. But in the story, Jesus’ ability to feed the crowd depends on the willingness of the boy to share what he has. We know that it turned out to be a good deal for the boy. By the end of the gospel, with twelve baskets of fragments left over, he had more to eat than if he had kept the food for himself.

Each one of us in a variety of experiences has to decide whether we are going to hold on to the things that we have or share them. Indeed, sometimes the right decision is to hold on to them. There are times when we need to keep our time, energy, and resources because of responsibilities we have to others or to ourselves. But, as we make the decision whether to hold on or to give, it is important that we do not make that decision out of fear. It is also important that we understand what the advantage of giving is.

Giving does not simply bless the person who receives. It also blesses the person who gives. As Cami Walker would say, “It not only enriches us, it heals us.” Or as the young boy in the Gospel might say, “I was afraid when Jesus asked me to give him my lunch. But when I did, he fed thousands. And I had more to eat as well.”

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

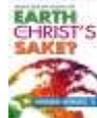


Social Justice @ St Mads

July 31st is St Ignatius feast day, I will be helping Christian Life Communities with an on-line retreat Greening your Heart. www.clcaustralia.org.au/, a Jesuit run organisation with the tagline, Ordinary people leading ordinary lives inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Regenerative Songlines is launched www.regenerative-songlines.net.au/events/symposium-2021/ August 1st National Tree day, a covid friendly activity is to befriend a tree <https://emergencemagazine.org/practice/befriending-a-tree/>

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



Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. We continue to pay off the loan towards the construction of our beautiful church. May we ask of your generous contribution towards the upkeep of the parish with its various incidental expenses. You can drop off the envelopes at the parish office or you can do it electronically to:-

Account Name: Kenthurst Catholic Church
No: 0000388
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Please, include your name and envelope number in the reference description or simply state 'donation' if you have not joined the Planned Giving Program. You can specify if it is for the first collection (to the diocese for the maintenance of clergy) or second collection (for the upkeep of the parish).

Your good will and support are very much appreciated.

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.



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. If you have a special intention or want someone prayed for contact: Lidia 0400372561 or Kay 0429965858



When: Thursdays Time: 9.45am Meeting ID: 884 0505 6508

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

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

For the dearly departed

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

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 Krakowski, 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 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
Vinnies good works

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 gospel 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'd like to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal please do so by visiting www.vinnies.org.au, calling 131112 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 visit an envelope with details.

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, 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.



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
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Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman
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Finance Committee Chair: Aaron Cauchi
Welcomes Coordinator:

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Secretaries:
Sharyll Netto
Susie Lee
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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 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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Saints Joachim and Anne
Feast Day: 26 July

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing



ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-joachim-and-anne>



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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.

Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be running a second time in August. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or download the enrolment form via officeforworship.org.au

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.

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

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?

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	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS			CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech

01 AUGUST	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Rosa & Tony Carlino Helen & Charlie Harb	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina Belinda Da Ruos
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	READERS	Belinda Da Ruos Mary Summut	Gerry McArdle Nigel Saunders	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
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