



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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22nd August 2021

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B

Ephesians 4:32 - 5:1-2, 21-32

John 6:53, 60-69

**“Fight your battles through prayer, and win your battles through faith.”**

– Luffina Lourduraj

Dear sisters and brothers,

How are you?

There is certainly a feeling of restlessness among us as we have been in lockdown for a couple of months now. As we are used to a certain lifestyle, we feel that we are robbed of our freedom and rights, and we whinge about many things. Just take a minute to look at the plight of the people in Afghanistan at the rise of the Taliban regime in addition to the impact of the pandemic and compare our situation here. Are we not blessed in various ways? When are we going to open our minds and hearts to realise our blessings, and to cooperate with each other to get to the other side of the pandemic as early as possible? In this regard, Pope Francis wants us to get vaccinated against COVID-19. "Getting the vaccine," the pontiff says, "is an act of love." "Thanks to God's grace and the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19" ~Pope Francis (refer video on our parish Facebook page). "Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable," he said. "I pray to God that each of us can make his or her own small gesture of love." The Vatican has been clear that COVID-19 vaccines are a moral good and acceptable for Catholics to take. A statement in December from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said the overarching moral mandate is to be vaccinated or do the utmost possible to avoid passing along the virus (Catholic World News). As we are at the crossroads of our life, we are to make a choice. How we choose, and what we decide will ultimately determine our destination. Shall we allow Jesus to be a part of every choice that we make, so we may embrace a good future? It is Jesus who gives meaning to our lives, even in the face of uncertainties, fears and anxieties created by this pandemic.



For the last six weeks, we have been reflecting on the ‘food for life’ that Jesus offers, i.e., his own body and blood. He was very strong and firm in telling the people “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood you will not have life in you”. This weekend we see the response of the people to this immortal truth. The hearers were stunned at this statement, and they could not stand this truth. They are being asked to make a choice, as we are, to choose to follow Jesus or not. Most of the hearers opted to be out of the company of Jesus. Turning to the chosen disciples, he asked “Do you want to leave too?” Fortunately, Peter, as the representative of the team, responded “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. The same question is asked to us, believers, if we choose to adhere to Jesus and His Words in this troubling and challenging time in history?

***A group of pilgrims were visiting Chartres Cathedral and its great labyrinth: the circular walkway outlined on the church floor that pilgrims and penitents have prayerfully “walked” for centuries.***

***An older man and woman stood near the entrance watching visitors slowly walk the labyrinth. Then the woman took off her shoes and handed them, with her purse, to her husband. As he watched, she began to walk the intricate path. She cried as she walked; he cried watching her. When they pulled themselves together, they explained to a concerned onlooker that they had come to Chartres to celebrate the end of the woman’s treatment from breast cancer. They had never heard of a labyrinth before they walked into the cathedral that day. She could not explain why she was drawn to walk it, but when she did her husband decided to hold down the centre, giving thanks for her life while she made her way out of the labyrinth.***

***“I began to feel at peace with my body again after being very angry that it had let me down,” the woman explained. As she walked, she found herself remembering all the people who had walked with her through her surgery and treatment. “I now know why we came.”*** [From An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor.]

After all the fear and pain and anguish this couple experienced, they re-discover, as they walk the labyrinth, that God is the ultimate source of everything that is good and that that good will, eventually, rise up over evil and sin and death. The situation of the pandemic and its colossal impact on humanity, the unrest in Afghanistan, the natural disasters of flood and fire, racism, violence, etc. makes us feel that God is not present with us. Doubts creep into our minds causing much mental stress, depression, anger, anxieties etc. While it's hard to dismiss such feelings, we can almost certainly rediscover God in the service of the frontline workers, the vaccines, the support and healing extended to us by others. Let Jesus' “words of eternal life” be the light that illuminates our own daily “labyrinth” walk; may they be the wisdom that guides us on our journey – sometimes lonely and dangerous – to the dwelling place of God. (Edited: A Sampler Connections)



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](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com) or 0438 791 813

## Social Justice @ St Mads

### Modern Slavery: What's the Plan?

A Webinar hosted by ACU  
26 AUGUST 2021 @ 4:00-5:00PM  
<https://acu.swoogo.com/modern-slavery-whats-the-plan>



Let's reflect, renew and rejoice

### Spring Day of Prayer

Pray together on Zoom and at home  
Pack provided.

9.30 till 1pm, Saturday 4 September.

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84027072956>  
<https://tzwrcu2rqDwiGt3XnbnrQ7rbTO2Eh5WJI0uL>

For further information contact [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" St. Catherine of Siena



## 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."



To 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](mailto: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 BSB : 067950**

**Account Number : 00000388**

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.

## May Doris Emily Jacobs rest in peace!

Our thoughts and prayers are with her beloved husband Alfred Jacobs, her children, and the rest of the family. May the risen and living Christ be a source of comfort to the family!

## BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

Following the extension of the current Covid lockdown, the preparation session scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> September is suspended. The next session will be scheduled subject to the covid restrictions. Kindly keep an eye for the announcements.



## VINNIES COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT

Friday 27 August 6pm

To join or make a donation visit [Vinnies Community Sleepout Western](http://VinniesCommunitySleepoutWestern)



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

### For recently deceased

Doris Jacobs, Kevin Cook, Joseph Galea, India, Fr Peter Caruana, Fran Sanders, Edith Irwin, Jim Shipley, Philomena Beresford, Maureen McCartney, Lenard Gauci, Romano Bandiera.



### For the dearly departed

Marine & Mansour Nasri, Vincenzo Tonitto, Matty Maguire, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Mulvihill and Culligan family, Dermot Murphy, Emmanuel Galea, Ivan Ceccato, Helena Culligan, Laurie Riley, Tm Mulvihill, Maria Ceroli, Costantino Giudice, Sr Rona Collins.

### For healing of the sick

John Burford, Margaret Doyle, Josh Kennedy, David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Imelda Pellison, Jasminka Medak, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aureen Dunn, Aura Krakowszky, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Keith Dawson, Joe Fuda, 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, Pat D, Anis Nicholas, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Dorothy Green, 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, Patrick, Faye Willing, 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.

## 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



## Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

Due to the COVID lockdown, the Clergy Support Foundation is postponing the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal in-Parish collection to a later date, when Churches will once again be open. Parramatta Catholic Foundation is assisting us with a mail and online appeal around the beginning of September. Your thoughtful gift to the Appeal will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves.

For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a kind donation today, please visit [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal).

Thank you, CSF Committee

**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 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 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 131182 or using the envelope system available inside the church foyer during mass times. Envelopes can be left inside the door 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 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

**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](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!



## Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS)

We pray for those affected by the earthquake in Haiti and for the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS) and Sydney Alliance have put forward the following four humanitarian steps that the Australian Federal Government could take immediately:

- Introduce a substantive intake of refugees and forcibly displaced people from Afghanistan, in addition to Australia's annual humanitarian program, noting Canada's recent commitment to take 20,000 refugees.

- Grant permanent protection to refugees from Afghanistan who are currently in Australia on temporary visas

- Provide people seeking asylum from Afghanistan who are currently in Australia with fair and consistent pathways to seek permanent protection, including by permitting people whose claims have been rejected to submit new applications for protection

- Enable priority access to family reunion to refugees from Afghanistan in Australia.

For more details see: <https://aus.jrs.net/en/news/solidarity-with-afghanistan-how-you-can-help/>

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia:*

## Emergency Aid for Haiti.

*Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International)* has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (AUD \$800,000) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time. To donate visit [www.aidtochurch.org/haiti](http://www.aidtochurch.org/haiti)



## Donate to Caritas' Emergency Response Appeal for Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. Donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal by visiting [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413

## Saint of the Day : St Rose of Lima

Feast Day: 23 Aug



The first canonized saint of the New World has one characteristic of all

saints—the suffering of opposition—and another characteristic which is more for admiration than for imitation—excessive practice of mortification.

She was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends.

The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns.

When her parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Ten years of struggle against her parents began when they tried to make Rose marry. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude.

During the last few years of her life Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly - *con't*

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-rose-of-lima>



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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](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

## '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](http://www.thewell.org.au)

## Parish Online Ministry during COVID

There are an extraordinary amount of initiatives taking place online across the Diocese in a number of parishes. These include games nights, trivia competitions, formation, scripture studies and wellbeing check-ins. If your community is willing to share these opportunities beyond your own Parish, the Mission Enhancement Team (MET Parramatta) would love to hear from you and help connect others who are struggling at this time. Email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## UPDATE : Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

## Pastoral Formation Reflective Ministry Program: Begins 24 August

The Reflective Ministry Program is an online self-paced leadership development program to renew or encourage people in ministry. Produced by the Pastoral Formation team, the program covers biblical spirituality, ministry skilling and pastoral theology. Kick off for the program is 24 August 2021.

Express your interest today via <https://tinyurl.com/RMIFM>

## Pastoral Council Formation and Training Session: 25 August

The next Parish, Deanery and Diocesan pastoral council formation and training session will be held on Wednesday 25 August from 7.30pm to 9pm via Zoom. This session will be on 'Listening to the hopes, needs, ideas and concerns of Parishioners' and presented by Sr Ailsa Mackinnon RSM, Chancellor for Ministries in the Diocese of Parramatta. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/erb692mm>. For any further information, please contact Tanya Quinn on [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) or call (02) 8838 3441.



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	<b>READERS</b>			Eileen Sherlock Adriana Kennedy	
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>				
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
	<b>COUNTERS</b>			<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	
	<b>FLOWERS</b>			<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	

<b>29 AUGUST</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>				
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	<b>READERS</b>			Sandra Tabone Phyllis Hannah	
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>				
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
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