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08th August 2021

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

“BE A GIFT OF LOVE AND COMPASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER”

St. Mary Mackillop

Happy Feast Sisters and Brothers! Australia marks the feast of its Patroness Saint Mary Mackillop this Sunday. Mary MacKillop lived in the second half of the nineteenth century, respected and revered for her firm faith in God, her simplicity, commitment to uplift the poor and especially in the field of education despite the hardships she had to endure. It was during her time when devotion to the Blessed Sacrament was the hallmark of the faithful Catholic. Mary loved nothing better than to be in the presence of her Lord, and invited her Sisters to do likewise. It appears that many who knew Mary testified to the many hours she spent in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and the frequency of her visits, both before and after she became a Sister of St Joseph. What a coincidence that the Gospel of this Sunday talks about the Eucharist, the bread of life!

We have been listening to the discourse on the Eucharist for the past two Sundays. Today's gospel takes us to the synagogue where Jesus reveals himself as the bread of life that came down from heaven to give life to the world. Some of the listeners could not comprehend what Jesus was talking about, because they saw him only as the son of Joseph not as a new Manna, the Son of God. They began to murmur against the teachings of Jesus. I hope that we don't murmur against the Gospel we listen to, rather, we believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and its centrality in our daily life, without reducing the Eucharist to a "once a week spiritual vitamin".

The first and second readings set themselves as a perfect context giving meaning to the text of the gospel. When we look at reality, we realize it is not simply the word or action of an event that gives meaning but also the context in which the word or action takes place that defines its meaning. Take for example, the case of a man who walks up to a woman, hugs her and gives her a kiss. That action means one thing if the man is the woman's husband and means something totally different if the man is a stranger to the woman. So too, the text of the gospel is prefigured in the first and second readings.

King Ahab of Israel married a pagan queen Jezebel who tried to import pagan worship into Israel. Elijah the prophet challenged 450 of the pagan god's prophets, defeated them in a public sacrifice-contest and killed all of them. The furious queen sent soldiers to kill the prophet. The prophet was totally despaired and frustrated and he began to flee for his life. He tells God that he cannot go on and he would be better off if God killed him. The Lord however, lets him rest and sends him food and drink. Please note, that God does not just comfort Elijah and say, "Good job, here is some food and drink, now you can retire from your work" Rather, he gives Elijah food precisely so that he can continue to do what the Lord wants. Nourished by the food and drink, Elijah continued his prophetic mission. Similarly, Christ gives himself to us that we must continue to do what God wants us to do in our life despite the hardships, frailty, despair, or frustration we may go through. He gives us the strength to continue our journey even in the midst of loss, pain, stress and hurts. It's amazing what strength can come from fighting on in the face of discouragement and looking to the Master for the spiritual energy to carry on. One of the wise sayings in the Book of Proverbs insists that although good and honest people may fall seven times, they will rise again, whereas the evildoer is overthrown by calamity (Prov 24:16). Faith enables us to keep going on. (Source duly acknowledged)

The second reading presents Jesus as the 'sacrificial offering to God as a fragrant aroma'. Here is a good example of how living the life of Christian love does not involve being a 'holy Joe' but rather is made up of practical and often difficult strategies for seeing and appreciating Christ in others. It is worth embracing the practical details mentioned in this reading, such as, kindness, forgiveness, not harboring grudges and not being spiteful in our relationships. Perhaps, the new Manna (referring to the Eucharist) might also mean consolation and support, generosity, kindness or a constant love for family and friends.... God sends Manna in many forms every day of our lives. Let's take time to recognize the 'daily manna' God rains down on us and recognize 'His Presence' in every person we meet. Let us reach out to the suffering and the poor. The manna we receive challenges us to continue our journey like prophet Elisha - to do what God wants us to do despite the situation we are presently in.

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

MARY MACKILLOP today

This Sunday August 8th is the feast of Mary Mackillop whose legacy is boundless visit www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/. Guided by the Gospel, we stand with the poor and the marginalised so they can realise their potential and participate fully in the community. Through access to education and learning of practical life skills, we seek to transform lives. "I'm a teacher, let's start today!" - St Mary MacKillop

Getting ready for Social Justice Sunday August 29th, the statement can be downloaded from <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>. Please note that the next Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing is postponed to Friday 13 August, 7-8:30pm via Zoom Email MET@parracatholic.org for Zoom details.

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

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.

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

India, Fr Peter Caruana, Fran Sanders, Edith Irwin, Jim Shipley, Philomena Beresford, Maureen McCartney, Lenard Gauci, Romano Bandiera

For the dearly departed

Angelina Pardo-Adan, Mulvihill and Culligan family, Dermot Murphy, Emmanuel Galea, Ivan Ceccato, Helena Culligan, Laurie Riley, Tom Mulvihill, Maria Ceroli, Costantino Giudice, Sr Rona Collins, Rena Hooper, Percy Hooper, Patricia Bryant, Pablito Corpuz, Milagrin Castelino, Aldo Tallon, Sylvia Borg, Joseph Tallon, Louis Aquilina.

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 Biford 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.*



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 special donation to the Vinnies Winter Appeal please do so by visiting www.vinnies.org.au, calling 0218122 or using the envelope system available inside the church foyer during mass times. Envelopes can be left inside the foyer 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. Enclose your details on the back or inside an envelope with donation.

Will you help me find some more safe to sleep tonight?

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.

Vinnies Community Sleepout

Friday 27 August 6pm

To join or make a donation visit [Vinnies Community Sleepout Western Sydney 2021 \(vinniesnsw.org.au\)](http://Vinnies Community Sleepout Western Sydney 2021 (vinniesnsw.org.au))



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

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu
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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

Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day: 08 Aug



Mary was born in Victoria to Scottish immigrants. She was the eldest of eight children and spent her early years working to support her family. At the age of 24 she dedicated her life to God and took on the name "Mary of the Cross". Along with Fr Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary opened a school in a disused stable in Penola, South Australia. Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children. Many other women came to join her there, and Mary and Julian founded Australia's first religious order: the Sisters of St Joseph. Mary and the Sisters were committed to serving the poor – to going to where the need was and living amongst those in need. This took Mary all over Australia to many rural areas. Mary faced fierce opposition throughout her life, which at one point culminated in her being excommunicated. In the face of trial, Mary was a model of forgiveness, insisting no ill be spoken of those who wronged her, while also remaining resolute in her convictions. Mary was remarkable as a strong female leader in 19th century Australia. Education in this country is what it is today thanks to her dedication and determination.
Source: <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/who-we-are/mary-mackillops-story/>

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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!



Aid to the
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ACN AUSTRALIA

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



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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

'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.

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.

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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	JNR MINISTERS				
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	COUNTERS			CHILDREN’S LITURGY	
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15 AUGUST	WELCOMERS				
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	READERS			David Hall-O’Dwyer Rosanna Ceroli	
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
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