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15th August 2021

The Feast of the
Assumption of Our Lady

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Luke 1:39-56

“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did” ~Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Jesus was making his rounds in heaven. He noticed some seedy and suspicious looking people. Jesus summoned Peter, the gatekeeper, “why are these suspicious characters here? Who allowed them to enter heaven?” Peter scratched his head and sheepishly said, “Lord, I keep on barring them away from the gates, but there is someone letting them in through the windows”. “Who is that?” Jesus asked. Peter pointed at a woman whose back was turned. The Lord approached her only to find out that it was his own mother! It was his turn to scratch his head!

The whole world is in a mess with Covid, blazing fires in many countries, floods, and many other disasters. Australia is battling with the Delta variant infecting a number of people and forcing lockdowns. As a result, there is more regress than progress in all walks of life. Will the situation improve? When will be the end of the pandemic? There are similar questions welling up in the hearts of many people.

As we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of our Mother Mary this Sunday, we are given the assurance that we will get through the odds and ordeals of our life. For a true believer in Jesus, there is always victory at the end of the day!

Mother Mary was indeed a revolutionary in the male dominated Jewish society. She belonged to the lower strata of the society – ‘anawim’ of Yahweh- meaning the oppressed, the poorest of the poor, the voiceless, the marginalized, etc. God carefully chose this young and devout woman to bring forth the Saviour of the world. Indeed, Mother Mary was faithful to the mission, and still, she continues her prophetic role. As devotees of Mother Mary, we are to walk with her in praying for the transformation of our nation and of the whole world that people may find health, peace, harmony and unity and a decent life.

The Jewish community was in no way better than ours...there were class struggles, religious disparities, divisions and discriminations, abject poverty, etc. The poor were the victims of the unjust social, economic, political and religious structures of the society. They were longing for freedom, and a decent life with the basic necessities of food, water and shelter. Their voice for basic human rights and human dignity was not heard by the rich and the affluent. In the midst of such complexity and uncertainty of life, Mary sang the Magnificat. This song empowered the poor and the hungry and at the same time challenged the rich and the famous. She became the prophetic voice of the subaltern sector of society. Mary is a role model for us today in terms of faith, and to be the voice of God in the contemporary world. She calls all of us to walk with her.

To walk with Mary means to become the prophetic voice of the people who find themselves at the edge. Today, people are feeling confused, and are trapped within the grips of fear, anxiety, mental stress, economic deprivation due to Covid, and other unjust and inhumane practices. To be the prophetic voice in this trajectory would mean to be the harbinger of hope, infusing positive vibes in people.

To walk with Mary means to challenge the powerful and the rich, to render justice to the victimized.

To walk with Mary means, reaching out to the suffering and afflicted by sharing material and spiritual blessings and lifting them up even in small ways. To walk with Mary means to assist people in need. Two examples in the life of Mary....visiting Elizabeth, and coming to the rescue of the couple during their wedding reception at Cana; to be of service to those in need even without them asking for it! In other words, be sensitive and be attentive to the needs of the people around us.

To walk with Mary means to be firm in our faith and totally depend on God as our beginning, the center, and the end of our life.

Mother Mary had a very good look in and out of herself: what made her so beautiful is in her inner beauty which she had acquired by “looking up to God...as the only source of our strength; looking forward with hope and prayer; looking back and being thankful; looking around and reaching out”.

The reward of the “Assumption” is purely a gift of God to our Mother. Surely, this reward can be ours too if we walk with Mary with great faith and commitment. May Mary’s persevering love and care inspire us to be mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers to one another, so that her Son’s promise of resurrection may one day be fulfilled in our lives, as well. Happy Feast to every one of you! May our Mother protect Australia and the entire world!

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

We are in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight <https://fairtradeanz.org/> with the tag line **The Future is Fair**. If you see the logo on a business or school you know they have been certified. Certification amplifies sustainable farming practices, promotes gender equality, mandates workers' rights and aligns your business with modern slavery regulation.



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/91234567890>

For further information contact

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."



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.

Collections during lockdown as on 11 Aug 2021

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$410.00

2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$1,800.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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



May they rest in peace!

Joseph Galea and Kevin Cook, our parishioners have gone back to the Creator God. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families in this difficult time.



VINNIES COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT

Friday 27 August 6pm

To join or make a donation visit

[Vinnies Community Sleepout Western Sydney 2021](http://VinniesCommunitySleepoutWesternSydney2021)

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

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

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.*

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



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, 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

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.

Thank you, CSF Committee

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

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PARISH TEAM

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St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

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Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

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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

ON AIR

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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!



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Postponed : 50th Anniversary Celebrations St Michael's Primary School, Baulkham Hills

Due to the current COVID restrictions, the anniversary celebrations planned for the
12 Sept 2021, have been postponed indefinitely.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day: 15 Aug

On November 1,
1950, Pope Pius
XII defined the
Assumption of
Mary to be a
dogma of faith:



"We pronounce,
declare and define it to be a divinely
revealed dogma that the immaculate
Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having
completed the course of her earthly life, was
assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."
The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a
broad consultation of bishops, theologians
and laity. There were few dissenting voices.
What the pope solemnly declared was
already a common belief in the Catholic
Church. We find homilies on the Assumption
going back to the sixth century. In following
centuries, the Eastern Churches held
steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in
the West were hesitant. However by the
13th century there was universal
agreement. The feast was celebrated under
various names—Commemoration,
Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at
least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is
celebrated as a solemnity. Scripture does
not give an account of Mary's assumption
into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12
speaks of a woman who is caught up in the
battle between good and evil. Many see this
woman as God's people. Since Mary best
embodies the people of both Old and New
Testaments, her assumption can be seen as
an exemplification of the woman's victory.
Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul
speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first
fruits of those who have fallen asleep. -con't-
Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/assumption-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary>



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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.

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

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.

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				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS			CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR				
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