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17 October 2021

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found a way to serve." Albert Schweitzer

In a world of stars and stripes, titles, and accolades, we have been told what matters is not where you sit, but how you serve. Not what you know but how much you impart; not what you teach, but how much you tithe (give). The greatest among us are not those who exercise power over others, but those who serve others. The parameter of greatness according to Jesus is humble service to the needy and vulnerable. Greatness is not to be measured by achievements, medals won, accomplishments, power, status, wealth, influence etc. but it is to be measured by one's readiness to be at the service of others without expecting anything in return. Serving others is not a bed of roses, it may incur suffering and hardships and one must be 'ready to drink the cup'. I would like to share a few excerpts at random from various articles for our reflection this Sunday.

- The breakfast you make early in the morning so the children and your spouse can go to work or school is a more sacred and admirable mission than that of the missionaries who go out into other lands.
- Your example, your practice of faith and your presence is as much a witness and missionary activity as the preaching of the gospel to the gentiles.
- The daily cup of sacrifice and hardship, thankless chores, patient endurance, silent tears and unspoken grief are all part of the price of being a disciple.
- A crisis can be viewed as a challenge or a predicament but a crisis can also be seen as an 'opportunity' for many positive things in life. The pandemic has given us an opportunity to identify who is in our community and to explore what their needs are. How can we serve them? In other words, how can we become a better church? The pandemic has taught us that we really need other people. We find a new respect for each other in that. We see that people have various needs, once we realize this, we can then see that even we can do our part. Jesus was right. "The son of man has come to serve, not to be served". (Mark 10:45)
- Mother Teresa of Kolkata was once summoned to court on a trumped-up charge that she was converting children in her care to the catholic faith. Standing before the judge, she was asked if that was true. Turning to one of her sisters, who was cradling a little baby in her arms, Mother Teresa asked for the infant. Then turning to the judge, she replied: "Your honour, I picked this little baby from the garbage bin. I don't know the religion of the family into which this innocent infant was born, nor do I know the language that its parents speak. All that I do is that I give this child my love, my time, my care, my food and the best thing that I have in my life - my faith in Christ Jesus. Can't I give this child the best that I have in life?" The case was dismissed in favour of Mother Teresa.
- It may sound unbelievable, but it is true that Asia's first Nobel Prize winner in Literature (1913), Rabindranath Tagore, was behind the three great national anthems of three great nations, viz. Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. He was also the first non-westerner to win the Nobel Prize in literature. He did so in 1913. He wrote this short poem: I slept and dreamt that life was Joy; Then I awoke and realized that life was Service. And then I went to work - and, lo and behold, I discovered that Service is Joy.
- St. Vincent de Paul explained the costly grace of the Christian vocation when he told his followers: "Let us work with a new love in service of the poor, looking for the most destitute and abandoned among them. Let us recognize that before God they are our Lords and masters, and we are unworthy to render them our small services."
- Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings might help us focus on Isaiah's Servant Song and today's Gospel. While in a Nazi prison, Bonhoeffer reflected that all people turn to God for help when they are "sore bestead." On the other hand, he said that those who have been captivated by Christ turn to God when God is "sore bestead." Bonhoeffer believed that Christians stand by God in God's hour of grieving: when God is poor, scorned, homeless and hungry, "whelmed under weight of the wicked."

While we recognize many servants in the spectrum of life, the largest sector of the economy comprised of those involved in cooking, cleaning, washing, caring for the elderly and disabled and many other areas goes unrecognized. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that even if markets collapse, the care economy continues to function; that the care economy is perhaps the most fundamental and important part of the economy. And with growing elderly populations in most countries, the importance of the care economy will only increase. The importance of care work must be recognized, drudgery and danger in some care work reduced, responsibilities redistributed between men and women as well as between households and the State. More care work should be remunerated, and care workers should be represented through collective bargaining and in policy debates about care work. (David Kane, Mary Knoll reflections)

Let our focus not be on our own advancement or position, but on the needs and concerns of others. Whether we're at home or in the workplace, at church or in the community, we will seek to be Jesus's disciples who serve others in humility and love. Let us be great in the sight of God by 'drinking the cup' in the love and service of our fellow sisters and brothers!

God's blessings,
Fr. Vince



Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, a community of faith and service, strives to be a witness for Christ's love far and wide, reflecting the humility and wisdom of St Madeleine, the Patroness of the parish.

PARISH NEWS

WE ARE RE-OPENING

We are re-opening for public masses effective Tuesday 19 October 2021. We are looking forward to seeing you and praying together as a community. COVID Safe practices for indoor venues including 4 square metre rule, wearing masks, maintaining physical distancing and hygiene requirements and record keeping/sign in using QR Codes will be maintained.

Please note that this Sunday mass will be live streamed mass at 10am
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses-11337783718546/>



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 on 0438 791 813 or

careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MADS

Story Telling from the Heart webinar October 28th 4-6pm with Richard Campbell.
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/story-telling-from-the-heart-painting-through-the-pain-tickets-173939316177>

Anti-Poverty Week 2021 17th - 23rd supporting the campaigns to Raise the Rate for Good and Everybody's Home.

Since 2002 this week emphasises the 17th of October, the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Do the Watertight Challenge for Water Week, on October 22nd can you not use a tap for 12 hours?



ST MADS BOOK CLUB

This work revises, restructures, edits, augments, and develops the early works into a single coherent case for belief. It does not shy away from the biggest challenges to faith inside and outside of the Church but outlines a contemporary and accessible response to the issues that confront and sometimes confound believers today. **27 October 2021, 7.30pm.** To join our Zoom group, email careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



ON-LINE DIOCESAN TRAINING COURSE: SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

Could I please request everyone who has a particular role in the parish to participate in the **Mandatory** Safeguarding Training conducted via Zoom by the Diocesan Professional Standards Office. The training relates to two diocesan documents: "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" & "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children". The training aims to ensure that all those who work with children and persons in positions of responsibility in our Parish have read and understand the documents. I do appreciate your readiness to resume serving our Parish community once the Covid restrictions are eased. Please email Maria Kervin on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org for training dates, registration and for Zoom meeting details - Fr Vince



ZOOM ROSARY CHANGE, EXTRA ONE 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



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



ST VINCENT De PAUL at ST MADS

Donations via Direct deposit will be appreciated and can be made through the Vinnies website or by dropping in your contributions at our Parish Office



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.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For recently deceased

Aureen Dunn, Filonila Cruz, Sr. Mary Conway, Fatima Lizi, Engracia Corpuz, Barry McBride

For the dearly departed

Leonard Meryment, Giovanni Scarpin (30th anniversary), Giuseppina Scarpin, Giulia and Fulvio Russo, Eduardo and Maria Piccoli, Maria Battaia, Domenica Scarpin

For healing of the sick

Margaret Doyle, Josh Kennedy, David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Imelda Pellison, Jasminka Medak, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Joe Fuda, Keith Dawson, Aura Krakowszky, Nancy Anne Kazzi, 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, Giuseppi 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.*

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:

Anastasia Abdipranoto
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

ON AIR

<https://www.facebook.com/>



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish>

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!



October 15 World Mission Month

POSITION VACANT

Catholic Mission is seeking applications for a **Donor Relations Officer** role. Full-time or Part-Time, the role is based in North Sydney in NSW and incorporates supporting Catholic Dioceses in NSW & ACT. This is an exceptional opportunity to join the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, which supports children, communities and church leaders both in Australia and overseas. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
ACTS 4:20

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



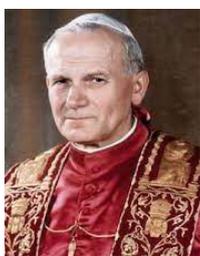
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catholicmission.org.au/thailand



Saint of the Day : Saint John Paul II

Feast Day : October 22

"Open wide the doors to Christ," urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978.



Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon Fr. Wojtyla earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland's University of Lublin.

Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong! Bishop Wojtyla attended all four sessions of Vatican II and contributed especially to its *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later.

Elected pope in October 1978 - con't-
Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-paul-ii>

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: As we approach the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit: www.aidtochurch.org/Masses



Volunteer in Australia and Overseas The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close 30 Oct 21. Visit www.cagliero.org.au

READERS ROSTERS 17 OCT 2021

Phillys Hannah
Tony Hooper

	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
23/24 OCTOBER	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Brendan Ford Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone Joseph Spina Lidia Ceccato
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo		Joe Touma Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima Jack Treak Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS			
	COUNTERS	Maria Baldi, Vicky Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY
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Positions Vacant

Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

"I am with you always" – Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

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 or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

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