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31st October 2021
31st Sunday of Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 6: 2-6
Hebrew 7: 23-28
Mark 12: 28-34

**“LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOURS. AND WHILE YOU ARE AT IT,
LOVE YOURSELF”** - Bishop Michael Curry.



Dear sisters and Brothers,

We know by faith that death is not the end but the birth of new life at a new place. The memories of our loved ones cannot be stolen. By remembering them we cherish all beautiful memories and the legacy they have left behind. In our tradition, the month of November is dedicated in remembrance of them whereby we are called to offer our prayers for people known and unknown. We begin this with All Souls Day on November 2 with two celebrations of Mass at 9.15 am and 7 pm. As we remember our loved ones, we renew our faith in the Communion of Saints. Looking forward to see you in either of the two celebrations.

Every first Friday of the month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will have a special adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning Mass and I ask our parishioners to join the celebration. Let me know if you prefer to have the Holy Hour in the evening on every First Friday of the Month. If quite a number of people prefer the evening service, I will reconsider the morning adoration on every First Friday.

A pastor was speaking to a Sunday school class about the things money can't buy. "It can't buy laughter and it can't buy love" he told them. Driving his point home he said, "What would you do if I offered you \$1000 not to love your mother and father?" Stunned silence ensued. Finally, a small voice queried, "How much would you give me not to love my big sister?"

In Calcutta, India, there is a children's home named Shishu Bhavan founded by Mother Teresa. The home continues to be operated by her community, the Missionaries of Charity. On the wall of the home hangs a sign which reads:

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. LOVE THEM ANYWAY
If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives, DO GOOD ANYWAY
If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies, SUCCEED ANYWAY
The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow, DO GOOD ANYWAY
Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable, BE HONEST AND BE FRANK ANYWAY
What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight, BUILD ANYWAY
People really need help but may attack you if you help them, HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY
Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth, GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY

The challenges offered by this sign can be met only if human beings are motivated by a love and a respect for one another which looks beyond faults, differences, ulterior motives, success and failure. Mother Teresa once said of herself, "By blood and origin, I am all Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the whole world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus." (A Simple Path, Ballantine Books, New York: 1995). It is this relationship of belonging and the loving service which grows out of that belonging which the scriptural authors called covenant.

This Sunday, we are reminded of the Covenant God has established with us and challenged to be faithful to God in loving Him and loving our sisters and brothers. The important dimension of faith is Love which has three facets.

Love of God. Francis de Sales tells us that the reason that we love God is because of who God is: our dignity, and our destiny. "We love God because God is the most supreme and most infinite goodness."

Love of neighbour: Francis de Sales tells us: "Love of God not only commands love of neighbour, but it even produces and pours love of neighbour into our hearts. Just as we are in God's image, so the sacred love we have for one another is the true image of our heavenly love for God."

Love of self: This is the aspect that perhaps we are most tempted to overlook: after all, "self-love" sounds suspiciously like being self-centered. Why should we love ourselves? Simply and profoundly because "we are God's image and likeness," says Francis de Sales. When we are at our best all of us are the "most holy and living images of the divine."

Why is authentic love of self so critical to our love of God and neighbour? Simply, if we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly give praise and thanks to God for creating us? If we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly love our neighbour who is not only made in God's image, but who is fundamentally made in the image and likeness of us since we all come from the same source – God himself.

The fullness of Christian perfection – the fullness of living Christ's life – can be likened to a three-legged table. To the extent that any one of the three legs is weak, the whole table is seriously at risk. Such a table cannot hope to support any significant weight. So, too, if any one of the three loves of our lives – God, self and others – is deficient, all three will suffer, and we cannot hope to carry the weight of God's command for us to build up something of God's Kingdom here on earth.

To be sure, love is the simple answer to what is most important in our lives. In our lived experience, however, this love is never quite so simple as we might like to believe. How is your love of God? How is your love of neighbour? How is your love of self?

(Courtesy: Oblates of St Francis De Sales)

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

All Soul's Day Mass will be celebrated on 2nd Nov 2021 at 9.15 am and 7 pm. During the month of November, individual names of the departed will not be mentioned in the bulletin. Instead we will have a short prayer for all. **The Book of Life** will be available at the entrance of the church for everyone to record the name of their beloved ones. Mass offering envelopes are available in the church. Your intentions will be included during all the masses in November.



The 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

Prayer Group@ St MADS

Starts straight after 9.15 Mass in the Function Room next to Church. Come and join us. EVERYONE IS WELCOME Any questions? Call Paoline.0407417039

WE ARE OPEN

COVID Safe practices for indoor venues including 4 square meter rule, wearing masks, maintaining physical distancing and hygiene requirements and record keeping/sign in using QR Codes will be maintained. Please note: Sunday 10 am mass will be live streamed. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses-113377783718546/>

Sacramental Program - Holy Communion

Given the easing of restrictions for Churches, we are commencing our preparation sessions for Holy Communion in November. Enrolment & Commitment meeting **Wednesday, 10 November** at 4.30pm and 7pm. One parent only is required to attend this meeting. Preparation Sessions: **Sundays, 14, 21 and 28 Nov.** at 3pm or 4pm. Each child is to attend with one parent. Please contact Sandra for further details and to confirm your attendance. Mob 0410 587 735 stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MADS

Diocesan Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing (Wed 3 Nov, 6:30-8:00pm): Everyone interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation and/or Global Peace is invited to meet like-minded people. For zoom details, contact sebastian.salaske-lentern@parracatholic.org Congratulations to our parish Laudato Si' circle team who have registered our parish as an Earthcare parish catholicearthcare.org.au/earthcare-parishes and we have received our first certificate. You may want to register your family as an Earthcare family. catholicearthcare.org.au/laudato-si-families We continue to pray for all participating in COP26 deliberations, the Jesuits will be organizing a Faith at the Climate Frontier November 8th event, see www.raoen.org

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

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 MADS ROSARY

Join us to pray the rosary led by Kay Brooks and Lydia Ceccato. They will lead us in prayer after mass on Thursdays and continue on zoom on Monday nights at 7pm. Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Please join with us in growing our faith community.



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. You can drop off the envelopes at the parish office or you can do it electronically to:
Account Name : Kenhurst Catholic Church
Account Number : 00000388

Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church and submit to Fr Vincent after completion

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1215.60
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$1371.00
Loose = \$1133.50
Credit cards/Direct Debit Ave weekly = \$1411.15

Thank you for your generosity!

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 6 November at 4:30pm via Zoom.**
Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/9245186262?pwd=a1UrTnVhb2J1MVI0dkdwTE5VZk9zZz09>

Meeting ID: 924 518 6262
Passcode: baptism
Pease 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 PRAYER REQUESTS:

For recently deceased

Don Khoury, Fr Renato Paras, Maria Bernado, Joe Martins, India Spink, Aureen Dunn, Filonila Cruz, Sr. Mary Conway, Fatima Lizi, Engracia Corpuz, Barry McBride

For the dearly departed

Monica Walcott, Sleiman Freiji, Louis, Frank. Gostana Sammut, Paul, Grace Buhagiar, Juana, Salvador, Hilarion, Petra, Joann, Joeme, Joe Galea, Ernesto Murdocca, Maria Rose Murdocca, Tom Palmer, Domenico Francesehina, Dominica Barbaro, Francesco Luca, Leslie George Waters, Leonard Meryment, Giovanni Scarpin, Giuseppina Scarpin, Giulia and Fulvio Russo, Eduardo and Maria Piccoli, Maria Battaia, Domenica Scarpin

For healing of the sick

Eduard Affolter, 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 Irgalbandra, 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

Welcomes 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/St-Madeleines-Masses>



Stay in touch through our
parish Facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/
St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish](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!



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

Would you consider becoming an ACN parish representative and volunteering to help ACN tell more Australians about the suffering Church? If you are interested in representing ACN in your local parish, please call 1800 101 201 or email cecilia@aidtochurch.org.



October 15 World Mission Month

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
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Saint Peter Chrysologus

Feast Day: 5 November

A man who vigorously pursues a goal may produce results far beyond his expectations and his intentions. Thus it was with Peter "of the Golden Words," as he was called, who as a young man became bishop of Ravenna, the capital of the empire in the West.

At the time there were abuses and vestiges of paganism evident in his diocese, and these Peter was determined to battle and overcome. His principal weapon was the short sermon, and many of them have come down to us. They do not contain great originality of thought. They are, however, full of moral applications, sound in doctrine, and historically significant in that they reveal Christian life in fifth-century Ravenna. So authentic were the contents of his sermons that some 13 centuries later, he was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII. He who had earnestly sought to teach and motivate his own flock was recognized as a teacher of the universal Church.

In addition to his zeal in the exercise of his office, Peter Chrysologus was distinguished by a fierce loyalty to the Church, not only in its teaching, but in its authority as well. He looked upon learning not as a mere opportunity but as an obligation for all, both as a development of God-given faculties and as a solid support for the worship of God. - *con't*



<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-chrysologus>



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

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

As NSW reaches its 80% double dose vaccination target, parishes across Western Sydney and Blue Mountains are opening their door for private prayer Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check Mass and liturgy times and the COVID-Safe arrangements in place. Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#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

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.

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. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

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	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating Belinda Da Ruos	Maureen & Rick Jones	Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Mary Sammut Heidi Harb	Anthony Hooper Gerry McArdle	Marietta Nesci	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Christopher Kang	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
FLOWERS	Donated by Nick Ceroli Arranged by Maureen, Mari & Pauline		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman	
06/07 Nov	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Rosa & Tony Carlino Helen & Charlie Harb	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina Belinda Da Ruos
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Belinda Da Ruos	Gerry McArdle Nigel Saunders	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS			Christian Maaait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Zakia Touma & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman