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14th November 2021
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Daniel 12: 1-3
Hebrew 10: 11-14, 18
Mark 13: 24-32

"We can see hope in the midst of hopelessness. We can see peace in the midst of chaos. We have a hope that the world does not have. We can see clearly that all things work together for the good of them that love Him and are called according to His purpose."— Priscilla Shirer

The first generation of Christians expected Christ to return in their lifetimes. When their world began to collapse around them under the Roman onslaught of Jerusalem, they wondered in their anguish, when will Jesus return for us? With every experience of loss, with every sign of illness, with every hint of age creeping upon us, we become more and more aware of our mortality. We live on the edge of eternity. Jesus does not deny the pain and anguish of the end (citing in today's Gospel reading the graphic images of the prophet Daniel) nor that the earth will indeed pass away. But the important thing is not when Jesus will come (for we know he will), but our readiness to meet him.

The signs of the end times should not frighten us or terrify us into submission to God. Jesus urges us to recognize such "signs" in a spirit of hope and a perspective of faith in God's providence: to appreciate what a precious gift our limited time on earth is; to realize that every changing world and passing stage, every pain and triumph, are opportunities for growth, maturity and understanding of the transforming presence of God in one another; to embrace change -- the passing away of our own "heaven and earth" as part of our journey to the dwelling place of God.

The unsettling images Jesus articulates in today's Gospel confronts us with the reality that the things we treasure – our careers, our portfolios, our bodies, our celebrity, will one day be no more and that our separation from them will be bitter.

The "signs" that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel are all around us: natural disasters, bush fire, covid, violence, abuse, increase of heinous crimes, global warming etc. With eyes and hearts of faith, we can recognize that God's love is not absent even in the midst of such catastrophes. The Gospel fig tree challenges us to listen beyond mere words, to look deeper than the surface, to realize the presence of God in times and places when and where God seems to be absent. His love is real and his power is real. It is not clear how he will use his power, but it will be for our good. Christ calls us to embrace, not the things of the body but of the soul, not the things of the world but the things of God, but the lasting, eternal treasures of love and mercy, the joy that comes only from selfless giving, the satisfaction that comes from lifting up the hopes and dreams of others. Even in the midst of upheaval, we are asked to continue as faithful Christians, good parents, fair employers, and loyal friends. We must continue to work, to love, and to be thankful, even in the midst of violence and confusion.



There is a Peanuts comic strip in which Charlie Brown decides to build a birdhouse. Lucy comes over and says, "How's the birdhouse coming along, Charlie Brown?" He responds, "I'm a lousy carpenter, I can't pound nails straight, and I can't see straight. I keep splitting the wood. I'm nervous, I lack self-confidence, I have bad taste, and I absolutely have no sense of design. But considering all those things, it's coming along OK." Despite overwhelming odds, Charlie Brown continues. We are asked to do the same thing in our broken world. In this effort our faith can be of assistance, because our faith can support both hope and commitment. (Sources duly acknowledged)



The problems of this world and the difficulties we face in our individual, family and communal lives may press against us in fearful ways and eventually rob us of our confidence, trust and our ability to confront the ordeal of our lives. Today, Jesus urges us to cling to the hope that He stands with us in the midst of whatever we are facing at this point in time of our lives. Let us not give power to the problems instead, let us give power to hope and faith. Let us not collapse or give up. Let us move forward with great hope and resiliency coming from Jesus.

A story to reflect:

In the middle of the vast forest, a battle was going on between two armies. One army was outnumbered in terms of soldiers by the other army. The General of the small army decided to launch an attack as he was confident that they can win the battle. So, he called his lieutenant and told him to get soldiers ready for the battle. The Lieutenant called all the soldiers and informed them about the plan of attack on the enemy army. Soldiers were ready to battle but they had doubts and doubt about themselves being outnumbered by the enemy army. The day for the battle came and the General knew about the doubts of his soldiers. So, on their way to battle, the General told all to stop at the religious shrines for prayer. After the prayer, the General stood in front of his soldiers with a coin in his hand and said, "With faith in destiny, I will now toss the coin, if it's Heads, we will win and if it's Tails we will lose." Then the General tossed the coin and it was head. Soldiers were happy and filled with confidence going into the battle. They went to the battle and executed their plan perfectly with the fearsome attack against the enemy soldiers. The enemy army was taken back by the kind of attack from the small army. Finally, the small army won the battle. After the battle, the Lieutenant told the General "As the destiny showed us through the toss of the coin, we won the battle. so, no one can change their destiny". General smiled and showed the Lieutenant the coin, which had heads on both sides.

Hope is like a light at the end of a dark tunnel and it will lead us to positive results in our life

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



PARISH NEWS

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 Paune.0407417039

WE ARE OPEN

COVID Safe practices for indoor venues including 2 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-11337783718546/>

Sacramental Program - Holy Communion

Given the easing of restrictions for Churches, we are commencing our preparation sessions for Holy Communion in November. Preparation Sessions: **Sundays, 14, 21 and 28 Nov. at 2.45pm for a 3pm start 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

RCIA

The Community of Faithful (Church) invites those unbaptized adults seeking to embrace catholic faith and individuals desiring to become full pledged members of the Catholic Community and even the baptised Catholics aspiring to enhance the Christian life to join the RCIA programme. For any query contact Fr Vincent or the parish office.



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MADS

World Day of the Poor this Sunday. The St Vincent de Paul Society's Executive Director of Mission and Spirituality, Leo Tucker, will reflect on how the Pope's call for 'a different approach to poverty' resonates with Vincentian spirituality. Continue to pray for the CAPSA Afghan campaign <https://capsa.org.au/afghanistan/>. The recent Faith and Ecology Network webinar Deep Listening Biodiversity November 10th, Marian College social justice leader Charlotte Forbes shared with Sue Martin outlining the Platypus Insitu project that Marian College is undertaking next year. <https://www.faithecolony.net.au/>
Our journey to be an **Earthcare parish** – living Laudato Si' tip for FrogID week 12th -21st November get to know a local frog.
The red crown toadlet is an endangered frog locally to us.



Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion. (LS76)

Advent Day of Prayer

Join us for a day of reflection for Advent and healing. We connect with place, spirit, and heart to heal our world, refresh our minds and strengthen relationships.

Date: 11 December 2021

Where: St Madeleine Sophie Barat Church

Time: 9.30 – 1pm and on.

Numbers limited. Covid safe.

Contact: Careyanne Moylan 0438791813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



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 : Kenthurst Catholic

Church BSB : 067950

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) = 1363.15

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$1476.00

Loose = \$1097.35

Credit cards/Direct Debit Ave weekly= \$2087.50

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Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.

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BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 4 December at 4:30pm**

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 Healing of the sick

Jennifer Burgess , Eduard Affolter, Margaret Doyle

Prayer for the departed



As said in 1st John chapter 5—verse 15
You're the omniscient God who we know hears all prayers. So, we pray for the soul(s) of our departed brother(s)/sister(s) that You, oh Lord may nourish and take care of him/her/them in Heaven. You encourage us to ask and that it shall be given to us and so, we've asked and we know our request has been given. We thank You for providing for the deceased when he/she was alive and for sheltering us—also to be present in this prayer. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Love always, in the name of Jesus. Amen

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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Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

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Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone

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Finance Committee Chair: Aaron Cauchi

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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

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to download the application
and forward it to the school
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Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2022

Course will commence early next
year
RSVP by 4 February 2022

For further details please
contact :
Office for Worship
anne.stanton@parracatholic.org



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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.



New Laudato Si Circle November Walk

Come join us for a walk and morning tea for all the family. Young and not so young. Walk all or just a part.

What You Will See: Tall trees, ferny gullies and wildflowers. This walk follows a route through the significant bushland corridor in Fred Catterson and Fullers Road Reserves between Castle Hill and Glenhaven. The area is rich in diverse local flora and birdlife.

When: 27 November, 9 am.
Distance: 500 metres
Grade: Easy
Time: 20 mins

We'll meet at Timber Grove near Linksley Ave. to Citadel Crescent Reserve and have prayer, scones tea together. Then return. **Free.**

RSVP for catering: Suzanne 0410 936 108; Careyanne 0438 791 813, Sue 0432 716 577



Saint : Agnes of Assisi

Feast Day: 19 November



Born Caterina Offreducia, Agnes was the younger sister of Saint Clare, and her first follower. When Caterina left home two weeks after Clare's departure, their family attempted to bring her back by force. They tried to drag her out of the monastery, but her body suddenly became so heavy that several knights could not budge it. Her uncle Monaldo tried to strike her but was temporarily paralyzed. The knights then left Caterina and Clare in peace. Saint Francis himself gave Clare's sister the name Agnes, because she was gentle like a young lamb.

Agnes matched her sister in devotion to prayer and in willingness to endure the strict penances that characterized the Poor Ladies' lives at San Damiano. In 1221, a group of Benedictine nuns in Monticelli near Florence asked to become Poor Ladies. Saint Clare sent Agnes to become abbess of that monastery. Agnes soon wrote a rather sad letter about how much she missed Clare and the other nuns at San Damiano. After establishing other monasteries of Poor Ladies in northern Italy, Agnes was recalled to San Damiano in 1253, as Clare lay dying. Three months later Agnes followed Clare in death, and was canonized in 1753.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-agnes-of-assisi>



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Positions Vacant:

Digital Content Creator – 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

Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout November. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

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.

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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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington		Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Mary Sammut Heidi Harb	Belinda Da Ruos Tony Hooper	David Hall-O'Dwyer Adriana Kennedy	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Monica & Dom Bruggeling	
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Donate by Nick Ceroli; arrange by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman
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	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS			Elizabeth Cauchi	Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Maria Baldi, Vicky Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Donate by Nick Ceroli; arrange by Alice Garratt		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman