



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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7th November 2021
32st Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17 : 10-16
Hebrew 9: 24-28
Mark 12: 38-44

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

— John Bunyan

Dear sisters and Brothers,

The scenario of people begging in front of churches, temples, and shopping centres are phenomenal in Asian developing and underdeveloped countries.

The story is told that one day outside the shops, there was a mother nursing a baby. She was very thin and dressed in rags. She had only a few coins in her plate. On the other side, was a young girl leading a blind woman. People seemed attracted to her young voice and smile and she had much more in her mug of coins. It was near evening time. The girl walked to the woman with the baby and she poured all her coins in the woman's plate saying: "You did not have much luck today; this will help you."

Generosity is the central theme of today's readings. In the first reading, the prophet asks the widow to share in her nothingness. She shared the little she had, relying on the words of the prophet. In the gospel, another widow comes to the Temple with her offering, not knowing someone is watching her. This someone is Jesus who is touched by what he sees her do. The first widow was asked by Elijah to give what she had. This one, without being requested, gives ALL. What an amazing trust she had in God's providential care! These women today speak the same message: it is a call to us to be generous. What is challenging is their total trust and dependence on God having been neglected by society. God is the source of help and hope.

As you hear the word generosity, some of you may be counting what you give for the churches, to beggars, perhaps to some charitable organisation. This is important, but it is not all that we can do, generosity is not only about money. It is all about your love, time, understanding, service, listening, encouraging, appreciating, complimenting etc. Some people are difficult to love but still, we are commanded to act lovingly towards others in the same way that God acts towards us.

There are three kinds of givers.... Grudge givers, duty givers, and love givers. Grudge givers give but do it grudgingly or reluctantly... half-heartedly, duty givers give with a sense of obligation. Love givers give because they want to... they do it freely and joyfully motivated by love or compassion... What kind of giver are you?

In the prevailing culture of 'accumulating', we are invited to create a counter culture of 'giving'... The so-called 'have-nots' of today around the impoverished nations (like the widows in the first reading and the gospel) are the real challengers... God has given us all... to give and to share....

In the context of our faith community today... I greatly appreciate the volunteers of various ministries of St. Madeleine's such as the sacramental co-coordinators, collaborators and the group leaders, Vinnies, ministers on the altar, cleaners musicians, singers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, formators of Faith programs, care group, social justice group, junior altar servers, catechists, collectors, welcomers, florists, parish council, finance committee, junior youth group coordinators, children's liturgy facilitators and so on ...in giving their time and God-experience for the integrated development of our community. Each member of our congregation has something to give and often we have much more to give than we might at first realise. We would all like to be viewed as generous. Let our parish community set itself as a challenger in living out the "ever Living ... Giving, & Loving God". (Source of thoughts duly acknowledged)

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 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

COP 26 is continuing with many able to participate through the YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/COP26> Anti-Slavery legislation is before our NSW parliament at the moment, Archbishop Anthony Fisher is calling on all to support stronger legislation to combat modern slavery. It is getting business to identify and reduce the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in their operations and supply chains. St Bakhita is watching!
Our journey to be an **Earthcare parish** – living Laudato Si' tip for National Recycling week 8-14th Nov is choose second hand.
"If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously." Laudato Si' 11



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 : 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) = \$1012.20
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$2434.00
Loose = \$903.85
Credit cards/Direct Debit Ave weekly= \$2087.50

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
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.



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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Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

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Finance Committee Chair: Aaron Cauchi

Welcomes Coordinator:

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretaries:

Anastasia Abdipranoto
Susie Lee

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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>



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parish Facebook page:

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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!



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.



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: 5 kilometres
Grade: Easy to moderate
Time: Two hours

We'll meet and finish at Knightsbridge Shopping Centre and have scones and tea together. Free.

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



Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Feast Day: 13 November

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.

Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her. Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there. She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did. In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes. . . con't-

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Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta
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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.

CYP HSC Livestream: 7 November

Year 12 students, their families and supporters across the Diocese are invited to share in a LIFTED experience on Sunday 7 November at 8pm with Bishop Vincent. It will include a blessing, music and numerous messages of support from other students, parish priests and Catholic Youth Parramatta. Tune in at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparr>

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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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	Kerstin Grima		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Zakia Touma & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Donate and arrange by Elisabeth Salim		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman
13/14 Nov	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino		Belinda Da Ruos Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington		Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Mary Sammut Heidi Harb	Belinda Da Ruos Tony Hooper	David Hall-O'Dwyer	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
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