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30th January 2022
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Lk 4:21-30

“Rejection does not mean that you aren’t good enough; it means that other person failed to notice what you have to offer”

The Greek philosopher Diogenes was regarded by many who knew him as a somewhat eccentric teacher, not least for his belief that virtue consisted in the avoidance of all physical pleasures, but that pain and inconvenience were conducive to goodness. Few people could accept either his teaching or his way of life. Diogenes was once noticed begging from a statue. When someone asked him the reason for this pointless conduct, he replied: "I am exercising the art of being rejected." Diogenes experienced plentiful rejection in his time; whether he ever became accustomed to being rebuffed remains an open question. (anonymous)

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, after preaching in the synagogue in Nazareth, is rejected by his own townspeople. Some of them are awed by his gracious words, while others are more concerned about his pedigree and address. Take a good look at the reaction of Jesus to the response of the audience. He did not allow himself to be flattered by the appreciation and the amazement of the people. Even the negative reaction did not side-track him. He lifted up his head and went to the nearby towns. He kept his balance in the ups and downs of his life. He kept shining despite the rejection, opposition from the religious and political authorities of his time. He was focussed on 'doing the will of God and doing good to the people'.

Everyone wants to feel loved, appreciated, and understood. But there are many people who for one reason or another feel left out, excluded, and rejected. On the basis of race, language, skin colour, ethnicity, power, position, people may be rejected or unloved or not even tolerated. Senior citizens feel the rejection of a largely youth-oriented society. Parents of children labelled by the world as having "special needs" feel their child's rejection when they see the child socially excluded by peers. Jesus through his own experience teaches us that we should take a legitimate approach to people, circumstances and events. As he was sending out his disciples on a mission, he admonished them, "And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them." Luke 9:5. This is a bold statement of Jesus implicating that not everyone will accept everyone else. This statement tells us two things: First, when we are rejected, it can hurt. As a result, it's easy for us to sulk and stew over the rejection and hurt. It's easy to sit and be angry and, as a result, to allow the rejection to do us even more damage. Shaking the dust from our feet is a way of saying that we ought not allow the hurt we receive to affect us. It's a way of making a clear statement that we will not be controlled by the opinions and malice of others. This is an important choice to make in life when facing rejection. Secondly, it's a way of saying that we must keep moving on. Not only do we have to get over any hurt we have, but we need to then move on to seek out those who will receive our love and our message of the Gospel. So, in a sense, this exhortation from Jesus is not first about dealing with the rejection of others; rather, it's primarily about seeking out those who will receive us and will receive the message of the Gospel we are called to give. (Catholic Reflections).



Are you carrying a truck load of hurts in your heart because of the rejection of others in its myriad forms? Let us try to let go of it and know that God is calling us to seek out others in love and service. To respond to or to reject Jesus and His call to live a life of love with all its characteristics as delineated by St. Paul in the second reading of today depends on us. What is the choice we are going to make?

An event in the life of Blessed Mother Teresa would illustrate this point:

Mother Teresa opened a house to care for men living with AIDS. One time, a reporter asked if her sisters talked to the patients about God. "Of course," she said, we pray with them and teach them to pray. We take them to confession to be reconciled with God". A bit scandalised, the reporter said, "But many people think that evangelisation does not always mean talking about Jesus".

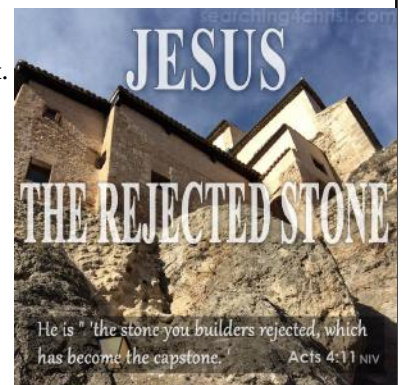
"And who do they think we should talk about?" asked Mother Teresa.

"They say it is enough to simply accompany them," replied the reporter.

"Well then," said Mother Teresa, "They are not missionaries. They are not proclaiming Christ. They are doing it for something, but we are doing it for Someone."

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

The Sunday Gospel reflections	Tuesday at 10.30 am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
Prayer Group	Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am
RCIA	For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office
St Mads Care Group	Provide parish support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance to members of our parish. Contact Bernadette 0418 248 256
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass & Monday night at 7pm Via Zoom Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Contact Lydia Ceccato & Kay Brook
Baptism Preparation	First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260 (Tues-Fri 10am-4 pm or stmads@yahoo.com.au)



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MADS



The [Laudato Si' Movement](#) has come up with 52 ways for you, your family, and community to pray and take action for God's creation this year. This week can you organise a campaign to clean and take care of a public green space near you. At St Mad's our Laudato Si' Circle team would like to create a Laudato Si' community garden for the whole community to join us. We meet the second Thursday of the month via zoom, next is 7pm 10th February.

Feb 8th Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese nun, who as a child had the traumatic experience of being a victim of human trafficking.

Feb 9th Justice & Ecology Online-Sharings contact Sebastian.Salaska-Lentern@parracatholic.org to join

Feb 10th Laudato Si' Circle 7pm via zoom

*Oh God, we didn't see them. But you did- The hundreds and thousands of human beings Trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped in modern-day slavery. Under terrible conditions, they work in factories, plow fields, harvest crops, work quarries, fill brothels, clean homes and haul water.
But you see them all, God of the poor. You hear their cry and you answer by opening our eyes, and breaking our hearts and loosening our tongues to insist: No more.*

Deacon Michael Tan's Christmas homily is now on the Diocesan Website Catholic Outlook. You are encouraged to have a good read.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Wearing of the face mask in our church and Check -in using the QR code or registering your details upon entry is mandatory.



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Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? Come and have a look in the piety shop We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items. Special orders are welcome too. We are open after every weekend mass. Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.

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CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for various ministries in our parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, singer, sacristan or with cleaning.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased
Jennifer Welsh



For the dearly departed

Louis Sammut, Josephine Cortis, John Spencer, Antonio and Rosa Cicino, Barbara Wood, Karen Draddy, Elizabeth Graby, Thea Crowe, James D'arcy, Keith Okey, Marguerita Rigby, Michele Vacearella, Pablito Corpuz, Felician Sabellano, Setna Mulvihill, Mulvihill Family, Culligan family, Dominico Teresa Papaudrea, George Hajje, George Moit, Adel Abraham, Mila Lovric, Pero Lovric, Portelli & Buttigieg Family, Philomena Beresford

**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

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Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

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Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

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Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

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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

St John Bosco

Feast Day: 31 January

John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study and play. Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism. After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring. By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales. With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>



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.stmadeleinekenthurst.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

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin early next year in February. For more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>



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A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

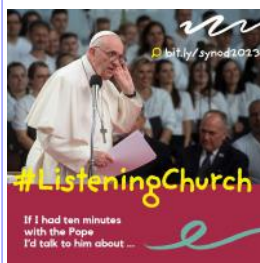
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Mass in Mandarin—Our Lady of Angels, Kellyville

You are welcome to join the Mass in Mandarin every third Sunday in Our Lady of Angels, Kellyville

Synod of Bishops 2021 –2023 Response



Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to participate in the Synod of Bishops by responding to his call for a 'Listening Church'. The first step for Australian Catholics is participation in a discernment process, whereby they consider their thoughts individually or in groups of family and friends. There are resources to help them do this at the website we have created for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta which can be found at the link bit.ly/synod2023 Parishioners can then upload their responses onto a portal operated by the ACBC. Responses will be accepted up until **27 February 2022**.



DIocese of PARRAMATTA Positions Vacant

Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers

Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors 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

World Day of the Sick Mass Cancelled

Please be aware that due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass that was scheduled for 11 February 2022 at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown has unfortunately been cancelled.

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.

World Meeting of Families: 22-26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022.

'The Well' offering on-demand spiritual nourishment

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement? 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.

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	READERS	Mary Sammut	Anthony Hooper Gerry McArdle	Marietta Nesci	Joanna O'Neill Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS			Christopher Kang	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech

4/6 Jan	WELCOMERS		Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina Belinda Da Ruos
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Belinda Da Ruos Mary Sammut	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	Sonali Arnold & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino