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13 February 2022
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Becoming a child is living the Beatitudes **and so finding the narrow gate into the Kingdom**

Henri J Nouwen

Today's gospel is acclaimed as the 'sermon on the plain' in contrast to the 'sermon on the Mount', the Matthean version of the Beatitudes. Luke's version of the Beatitudes is shorter and more personal than Matthew's account of the Kingdom character. Whereas Matthew has eight beatitudes, Luke has just four categories of people declared blessed: the poor, those who are hungry, those who weep, and those who are hated because of Christ. In Luke's version, Jesus addresses his audience – his disciples, along with a large group of people – in the second person, 'Blessed are you...', whereas in Matthew's version, he addresses them in the third person, 'Blessed are those...' Unlike Matthew, Luke also balances his four beatitudes with four 'Woes' or warnings for the 'well heeled' and those the world puts on a pedestal.



Jesus identifies himself with the 'have-nots' and proclaims them 'happy' or 'blessed': because their condition will witness a change with the advent of God's reign not only after this earthly journey but here and now. Jesus is strongly saying that if you are poor, hungry and weeping the kingdom of God is yours. Is this really possible? What does it mean? God is inviting us to express love to the marginalised in our communities. We may need to think about who the marginalised are. Anyone who feels excluded from society because he/she does not fit into the standards set by the society is marginalised. These people lack the power, resources or skills to advocate for themselves and as a result they are totally voiceless, pushed to the fringes of society.

In thinking about how much God loves the marginalised and those who are grieving and suffering, I am reminded of the story of a young woman who was diagnosed with MS. Her relationship with her partner had broken down, and she needed to go into the hospital for ongoing treatment. Her grief at her body not functioning as before, which made her unable to look after herself and her children, was profound. This woman's identity was so strongly connected to the idea of being a mother that she felt her role in life had been taken away from her. Anyone who is marginalised in any way has to work extra hard to be able to find a fulfilling life financially, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. As this woman learned to accept the progressive changes in her condition and the dynamics of her family, she found the courage to connect with others, including people with disabilities. By humbly asking for assistance, she was able to rebuild a life of independence. (Reflection by Peter Gormley)

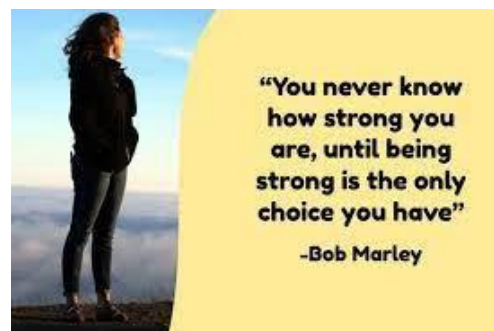


In what ways do I use the power in the people I meet? Do I find ways to share my power with marginalised people?

The Beatitudes have often been described as a framework for Christian living and indeed they are. They offer guidelines for living out our vocation as Christians. Each of us is called to be a person of the Beatitudes. We are called not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. This means to live simply, to be humble, gentle, merciful and just in our relationships and to place our ultimate trust in God. Today's readings challenge us to examine our lives in the context of the horizon of God's Kingdom and its Charter, the Beatitudes. (Source: Vinnies' reflection and Society of South African Missions)

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 in the St Madeleine centre
St Mad's Book Club	To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
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 MAD'S



2022 - is a big year for Catholic Mission and all invested in the work of mission. It is the 100th anniversary of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (as well as the beatification of its founder, Pauline Jaricot), and the 400th anniversary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

www.catholicmission.org.au/ Our Vision: That all may have life in Christ.

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. Tip 12. Try taking a shower in the time that your favourite song lasts. Be creative so that saving water is not a nuisance but a fun game. Our parish Laudato Si' circle meet the second Thursday of the month via zoom, next is **7pm 10th February**.

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:

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

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 2nd Collection (for Parish)
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 Envelopes = 1,353

Congratulations to Monica and Arun on their wedding

Congratulations to the newly baptised
Conner McCarthy, Cooper McCarthy and Brodie Barnett

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Confirmation

Parent Information Evening

Tuesday, 8 March 2022 4.30pm or 7pm

Applications available online and in the parish office. All documents due to the office no later than **Friday, 4 March 2022**

Contact: Sandra De Nardi 0410 587 735
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

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2022 Daily Reflection books
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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
 Theresa Alphones



For the dearly departed
 Joe Galea, Norah Theresa Joy, Marian Adorni, Neville Hannah, Engracia Corpuz, Sheila Lopez, Michele Vaccarella, Shaju Xavier, 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, Feliciana 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

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.



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 Shop: Sandra Tabone
Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman
Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle
Finance Committee Chair: Aaron Cauchi
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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

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Susie Lee

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St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Dr Gavin Hays

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 Claude de la Colombiere Feast Day 15 February

This is a special day for the Jesuits, who claim today's saint as one of their own. It's also a special day for



people who have a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a devotion Claude de la Colombiere promoted along with his friend and spiritual companion, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. The emphasis on God's love for all was an antidote to the rigorous moralism of the Jansenists, who were popular at the time. Claude showed remarkable preaching skills long before his ordination in 1675. Two months later, he was made superior of a small Jesuit residence in Burgundy. It was there he first encountered Margaret Mary Alacoque. For many years after he served as her confessor. He was next sent to England to serve as confessor to the Duchess of York. He preached by both words and by the example of his holy life, converting a number of Protestants. Tensions arose against Catholics and Claude, rumored to be part of a plot against the king, was imprisoned. He was ultimately banished, but by then his health had been ruined. He died in 1682. Pope John Paul II canonized Claude de la Colombiere in 1992.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>



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<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/>



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022 England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Date: Friday, 4 March at 10am
Location: St Benedict's Catholic Church,
2 Fagan Rd, Arcadia
Contact: St Mads: Careyanne Moylan 0438 791 813
Arcadia: Pauline Honor 0490 025 759



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](http://portal.operated.by.the.ACBC). Responses will be accepted up until **27 February 2022**.



Positions Vacant

Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers
Graduate Accountant – Diocesan Development Fund, Diocese of Parramatta
More details: 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

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.

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Darren McNeill	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Mary Sammut	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				
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino
19/20 Feb	WELCOMERS	Belinda Da Ruos	Maria & Steve Fry Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS		Patrick McNeil	Elizabeth Cauchi	Sarah Sawaya
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Maria Baldi & Vicky Cooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow