



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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6 February 2022
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-8
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 5:1-11

“Christianity began as a religion of the poor and dispossessed - farmers, fishermen, Bedouin shepherds. There's a great lure to that kind of simplicity and rigor - the discipline, the call to action”

Camille Paglia

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. ‘I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to the house.’

The old woman smiled, ‘Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot’s side?’ ‘That’s because I have always known about your flaws, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.’ For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.’



In the first reading Isaiah feels that he is a man of unclean lips; in the second reading, St Paul incriminates himself as the persecutor and his self-esteem is down to zero; I am the least of the apostles and I am unfit for the apostolate...In the Gospel, Peter sees himself as a sinful man unworthy to stand near to Jesus. All three of these men look at themselves in relationship to the Creator or the Christ, and recognise their own sinfulness and lowliness in the face of a being that is so awesome to them. All three of these men who were humbled and felt sinful in the face of their God, are cleansed by God, and called to do God’s work.

Each Sunday, we go through the same process ourselves at Mass. Before receiving the body of Christ, we all pray, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed”. Just like Isaiah, Peter and Paul, we recognise our unworthiness in the face of God, but show faith that God can heal us and make us better.

And like Isaiah, Peter and Paul, we too are called to go out into the world and to be ambassadors of Christ, ‘fishers of people’, ‘fishers for people’ living out the good news and making some sort of difference in the world. Taking the love of Christ to others is what being a fisher of people is. To be a fisher for people is ‘to speak up, to heal, to feed, to forgive, to include, to risk, to reach out. To be a fisher of people is to transcend the element of fear, or low self-worth and to listen to the call of Jesus and ‘put out the net into the deep’ and embrace mission. The fishermen of the disciples most likely thought they would never leave the sea. In reality, Andrew travelled to all countries surrounding the Black Sea. Thomas and Bartholomew went as far as India. Peter even travelled to Rome. We can be just like them when we expand our horizons beyond those in our close circles. We don’t have to be socialites or wealthy to be fishers of people. We just need to love Jesus and obey like Simon and Andrew did as they threw down their nets and followed Him.



Life is full of imperfect things . . . and imperfect people. Learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

“A young man was eager to grow in His Christian life. He got a piece of paper and made a list of all the things he would do for God. He wrote down the things he would give up, the places he would go to minister and the areas of ministry he would enter. He was excited. He took that list to the church and put it on the altar.

He thought he would feel joy, but instead he felt empty. So, he went home and started adding to his list. He wrote down more things he would do and wouldn’t do. He took the longer list and put it on the altar, but still he felt nothing.

He went to a wise, old pastor, told him the situation and asked for help. The pastor said, “Take a blank sheet of paper. Sign your name at the bottom. Put that on the altar.” The young man did, and then peace came to his heart”. Source: The Pulling Down of Strongholds, R.B. Ouellette

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



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
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

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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Account Number : 00000388

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,081.60
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Loose = \$775.20
Envelopes = \$1,061
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit & Tap n'Go = \$1,978

Our condolences and prayers for

Catherine Diekman and her family over the demise of her mum Norah Therese Joy
Louie Adorni and his family over the demise of his wife Marian Adorni
Phyllis Hannah and her family over the demise of her father-in-law Neville Hannah

PIETY SHOP

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.

2022 Daily Reflection books
\$15 each



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

Norah Therese Joy, Marian Adorni, Neville Hannah



For the dearly departed

Sheila Lopez, Michael 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, Feliciano 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.**

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
Welcomes Coordinator:

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



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.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

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:

This month can you provide Transport for Pastoral Care in Malawi? Your support will help priests and religious to visit their people and aid their ministry to administer the sacraments and to keep the Faith alive. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



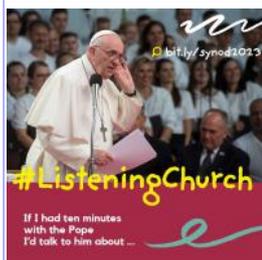
World Day of Prayer 2022

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**.

St Scholastica

Feast Day 10 February

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up



together until he

left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies. Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters. According to the *Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great*, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica and Benedict gave themselves totally to God and gave top priority to deepening their friendship with him through prayer. They sacrificed some of the opportunities they would have had to be together as brother and sister in order better to fulfill their vocation to the religious life. In coming closer to Christ, however, they found they were also closer to each other. In joining a religious community, they did not forget or forsake their family but rather found more brothers and sisters. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>



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.

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Belinda Da Ruos Mary Sammut	Nigel Saunders Gerry McArdle	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
12/13 Feb	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Belinda Da Ruos
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Darren McNeil	Phyllis 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