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6 March 2022
1st Sunday in Lent Year C

Deut 26:4-10
Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Rom 10:8-13

“What use are victories on the battlefields if we are defeated in our innermost personal selves”? -Maximilian Kolbe



The news and images from Ukraine in recent days and floods in Queensland and parts of NSW are truly devastating and depressing. Our hearts go out to them in their struggle and what they go through in the face of such a disaster. Let us stand with the affected brothers and sisters, heart to heart and do whatever we can to lift their spirit of hope to a higher level. Let us offer our fervent prayers that the Spirit of God enlightens the political leaders and other significant people to swiftly bring the war to an end in Ukraine and the restoration of lives in the flood-affected areas of our country. We know by faith that God's plan for humanity is always peace and harmony and not disaster.

As we have just begun our Lenten journey, we are presented with the gospel that picturesquely narrates the temptations of Jesus in the desert. Jesus was tempted to comfort, power and glory which He was able to overcome not through his own strength of will but through his hope in the Father. Every time he was tempted, he went back to the Words (Scriptures) that he learned at home and in the synagogues. He found strength and insight in the Scriptures to fight off evil. On Ash Wednesday the invitation was to 'repent and believe in the Good News'. The word of God in his gospel remains life-giving and strong.

Today's scripture shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path: the path of God. We pass through many periods of testing in our lives-- times of change, decision, transition, growth, discovery, grief, loss and despair. During these times, we do not feel the presence of God and at times wonder if He has left us alone to ourselves. But the truth is that God grants us special graces to help us to grow spiritually while always being with us, but unnoticed. We are not alone as we go through pains and perils in our life.... Jesus is there to transform us and lead us through. He speaks to us through the Scriptures and makes us strong, free and new. A Lenten thing to do could be to read a bit of the gospel every day and encourage our children to read the gospel as well.

We are often challenged by the news concerning the clericalism and the abuse of power in the circle of ministers. It demands extraordinary courage and resolute determination to cherish our Christian values and to stand up for what we believe is both true and right in similar circumstances. The scandals in the Church life may leave us feeling down and weak, but the spirit who kept Jesus strong in the desert experiences of his life will do the same for us" (Source: Donald Neary S.J.)

Let us look to the Word of God to build us up as God's children and community and find strength to use all in the service of God and others in love. Let us feed ourselves with every word coming from the mouth of God! Let us feed ourselves with the Eucharist without fail during this season of Lent!

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that was going on inside himself. He said, "My son, the battle is between 2 wolves.

One is evil: Anger, envy, sorrow, Regret, greed, arrogance, Self-pity, guilt, resentment Inferiority, lies, false pride, Superiority and ego...

The other is good: Joy, peace, love, Hope, serenity, humility, Kindness, benevolence, empathy, Generosity, truth, Compassion and faith..."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied: "The one I feed."

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 Brooks
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)



LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

Wednesday after Morning Mass 10am at St Madeleine Centre
Friday morning 10.30am at St Madeleine Centre
Sunday evening after 5.30pm Mass

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Clean Up Australia day campaign this weekend, www.parracatholic.org/cleanup Prayers for all women this March 8th International Women's Day, the theme this year is Imagine a gender equal world. Sharing an amazing Community Food Program initiative that Dural Baptist has started, in partnership with Hands & Feet, The Centre is providing free vegetables and food for those in need every Monday (except public holidays) between 11.30am-1.30pm at The Centre. Caritas is offering us an opportunity to join in with the Project Compassion Conversations: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/conversations/

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
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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

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,371.15
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$1,062
Loose = \$1,944.30
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,978

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday 9 April Saturday 5.30pm Vigil
10 April 8am, 10am and 5.30pm Mass

Holy Thursday 14 April 7pm

Good Friday 15 April
10am Stations of the Cross
3pm The Passion of Our Lord

Holy Saturday 16 April Easter Vigil 5.30pm

Easter Sunday 17 April 8am and 10am Mass



There will be a special collection next weekend for the PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION to love our neighbours in need. Envelopes are available and can be brought back next week.

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.

FIRST AID: Congratulations to Belinda Da Ruos

who is now trained to provide first aid in the parish. You can avail her service if needed.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the dearly departed: Giuseppe Musso, Benito Sabellano, Cescilita Villavert, Vince O'Neill, Thomas Farrell, Vicky Caruana, Mary Fatima Ovans, Domenico Franceschina, Alegria Canseco-Ricafrente, Sr Mary Eufemia Buhagiar, Patrick Joseph Bradley, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Maria & Giacomo Battaia, Olive Burns, Theresa Alphones, 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 Vaccarella, Pablito Corpuz, Felician Sabellano

Please pray for the sick: Kenneth McLachlan, John Dal Ben, David Jurd, Jennifer Burgess



ST MADELEINE'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are very excited to announce that our Parish is re-commencing face to face Children's Liturgy at the beginning of Term 2. After what seems like the longest time we are all very keen to welcome back the children from 3 years to Year 6. In the meantime, there will be the 'My Faith Booklets' available at the back of the church. Anyone wishing to take one for their child is more than welcome. For school age children we use these booklets during liturgy as they reflect the mass readings at an age appropriate level. For the younger children we have storybooks and age appropriate worksheets. Their liturgy will be held in the St Madeleine's Centre at 10.00 am on a Sunday to coincide with the 10 am family Mass. Children attend Liturgy for about twenty minutes or so until the end of the homily. They will then return to their families in the church for the remainder of the Mass.

We look forward to welcoming you back!

Deb Rankin Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator

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: Carl Mathias

Welcomers Coordinator:

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

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: 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 Dominic Savio

Feast Day:

9 March

Born into a peasant

family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. All the members save one, Dominic, would, in 1859, join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven. As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God." Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life. Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 9.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-dominic-savio>



CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



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.

Could all existing volunteers please email the Parish Office: a form will be provided to you to update your details and confirm your availability.

stmads@yahoo.com.au



Please note that the Internet and Phones are not working in the parish.
Any queries please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 or stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



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Synod of Bishops Local Submissions extended!

The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday 13 March**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at bit.ly/synod2023

Masterclass for Mentor Married Couples: 18 March

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 18 March at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

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.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Belinda Da Ruos Mary Sammut	Nigel Saunders	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Shroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima		Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry

12/13 Mar	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Belinda Da Ruos
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Darren McNeill	Phillys Hannan	
	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	Sonali Arnold & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry