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10th April 2022
Palm Sunday, Year C

Is 50: 4 - 7

Phil 2: 6 - 11

Luke 22:14-23:56

“In Jesus Christ on the Cross there is refuge; there is safety; there is shelter; and all the power of sin upon our track cannot reach us when we have taken shelter under the Cross that atones for our sins”. - A. C. Dixon

Dear sisters and brothers,

We begin the greatest week of the year – Holy Week with Palm Sunday. I encourage you to prioritise participating in the Holy Week Services: Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday followed by the Adoration and the Stations of the Cross and the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday (Passion of our Lord) and experience the in-depth love and forgiveness of God. Then on Easter to renew our faith in the risen Christ for a new beginning. Do not miss it.



The primary purpose of the Gospel writers in presenting to us the Passion of Jesus is not to emphasise that Jesus is alone, misunderstood, lonely, isolated, without little support. The gospel writers want us to understand the agony of Jesus' heart that is extra sensitive, gentle, loving, understanding, warm, inviting, and hungry to embrace everyone even in the midst of suffering. The Passion story brings out the inner freedom and self-confidence of Jesus to face his great moment of truth. In the image of Christ on the cross we are reminded of the great dignity of all human life and especially those who suffer and are persecuted and those who are in need of healing and reconciliation. This

point has been too often missed both spiritually and popular devotion.

The liturgy of Holy Week is telling us of the incredible love of a God who will never give up on us no matter if having praised him in good times we will forget his love in hard times. It is very important to note that nowhere in any of the gospel readings of this week does Jesus condemn anyone. Neither does he condemn you and me. The ultimate proof of this is that while hanging, in terrible agony on the cross, Jesus prays: 'Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing'.

These days we witness the war between Russia and Ukraine, poverty in many countries, escalation of violence in and between nations. We are appalled by the indescribable suffering of the people who have fled from the war zones and families who lost their loved ones in the battle. Unless they break the cycle of violence, it is going to be horrific and despicable. Will there be an end to all these? On the cross Jesus broke the cycle of violence. Instead of taking revenge on those killing him and returning hatred for hatred he returned forgiveness and love. Jesus did not act out of a power stance or with any superior force but met bitterness with gentleness, hatred with love, rejection by accepting the others in their anger. Will we be able to reflect the love of Jesus in our interactions with one another? Recently, Pope Francis had an extraordinary week of personal encounters with the three delegations of Indigenous peoples from Canada. At the end of the encounter Pope Francis said, "I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry,". This was a sentence more longed for, and it has led to many more good steps towards healing and reconciliation in the Canadian church.

Following Jesus through sacramental celebrations and prayers may be easier for us and these are very good. But Jesus asks us above all to follow his example by living daily with the same attitudes that he lived by. Speaking the language of forgiveness is very much essential in our day today life. This is the way that leads to real peace and joy.

As we listened to the gospel account today, which of the characters do we identify with most – Peter, the denier; Judas, the betrayer; Pilate, who turned his attention away; and the frantic and fickle minded crowd? (Source duly acknowledged)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

"We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine."
Dwight L. Moody



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 and Wednesday nights 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)



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Palm Sunday, which recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, is an opportunity to be in solitary with refugees fleeing Ukraine, to welcome the Afghan refugees newly settled in Australia, and to reflect on hospitality and welcome, writes ANDY HAMILTON SJ. <https://jss.org.au/palm-sunday-2/> March 30th saw the launch of the Vote for the Common Good project <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/vote-for-the-common-good-launched/>

For our Laudato Si' link this week we are walking with Tonga and seeking support for the beekeepers in Tonga helping biodiversity something for all of us as we mark COP15. <http://www.ohaitonga.org/ourwork/>

Our thoughts and prayers to Alice Garratt who lost her husband

Our condolences and prayers to Sue Martin and her family on the demise of her father

MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTISE

Date: Tuesday, 12 June 2022
Time: 7pm
In the Church
All singers & musicians welcome

Congratulations to the newly baptised:

Sunday, 10 April
Christian Dominici, Kiari Mathew and
Zoe Rita Cross



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:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,233.50
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$1,137 Loose = \$1,137.85
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit
\$1,855.76

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY	Vigil — Saturday, 9 April at 5:30pm Sunday — 8am, 10am and 5:30pm
HOLY THURSDAY	Mass of the Last Supper — 14 April, 7pm NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS AT 9:15AM Adoration throughout the night. After the Holy Thursday Mass, the altar is stripped, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession to St Madeleine centre, the place of reposition. Everyone as an individual, as a family or as a group are encouraged to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament that night.
GOOD FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross — 15 April, 10am The Passion Liturgy — 3pm
EASTER VIGIL	Saturday, 16 April at 5:30pm— We will be renewing our baptismal promises during this Mass. Battery operated candles will be available for purchase. Please also pray for our children who will be receiving their first Sacraments.
EASTER SUNDAY	Sunday, 17 April at 8am & 10am NO 5:30PM EASTER SUNDAY MASS

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased: Victor Batten

For the dearly departed: Norman & Chahida Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, George Hajje, Joe & Adel Abraham, Annamaria Spina 'Mary', Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Olive & Harold Burns, Giovanni Battista, Giovanni Maria Luca, Mary Cumbo, Jessica King, Daad Antonios Khoury Harb, David Jurd, Daniel Francis Doyle, Erminia Vumbaca, Raymond Caruana, Francesco & Filomena Corcoglioniti, Giuseppe & Caterina Musso, June Brennen, R.Eugenio Loccisno, M.Teresa & Pasquale Loccisano, L.Pietro & Giorgio Fudo, Giusseppino & Rosa Murdoca, Rita Franceschina, Eriberto Adan, Giuseppe Musso, Benito Sabellano, Cescilita Villavert, Thomas Farrell, Vicky Caruana, Theresa Alphones, Karen Draddy, Elizabeth Graby, Thea Crowe, James D'arcy, Keith Okey, Marguerita Rigby, Michele Vacearella, Pablito Corpuz, Feliciana Sabellano

Please pray for the sick: Joseph Spina, Kenneth McLachlan, John Dal Ben and Jennifer Burgess

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

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 Bernadette

Feast Day:

16 April



Bernadette Soubirous

was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes.

Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age. There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig. According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was. Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to.

After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862. During her life, Bernadette suffered much.

She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernadette-soubirous>

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

Kindly bring back the Project Compassion box and set of envelopes on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

Your generous contribution to support vulnerable people around the world is much appreciated!

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—or you can use the QR Code—to update your details and confirm your availability.



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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish>



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CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 15 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

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.

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.

Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series: Starting 29 April

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Under the remaining influence of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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.

Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ or email gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

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	WELCOMERS		Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	Nicole Foxall Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Pat Waters Heidi Bou-Harb	Maria Baldi Catherine Diekman	Sandra Tabone Sue Martin	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christopher Kang Monica & Dom Bruggeling	
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold	

16/17 April	WELCOMERS	Joseph Spina	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Joseph Spina	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Lina D'Silva Colleen Dunlop	Eileen Sherlock Tony Hooper	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman