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24th April 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16

Rev 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

“Give it air & let the scar on your soul reveal itself, because, like the body, it too was made to heal itself.” – Curtis Tyrone Jones



Dear sisters and brothers,

Believe, you had a blessed Easter and a joyful family reunion!

The 2nd Sunday of Easter is also known as the ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’ Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Sr. Faustina in the 1930’s and promised that he would bestow his Divine Mercy to any sinner that totally repents his/her sins, no matter how grave and our Lord would not refuse any soul that seeks his mercy. It is not a mere coincidence that in the private revelations that Sr. Faustina received Jesus asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Therefore, on 30th April 2000, when Pope John Paul II canonized his country-woman, Sr. Faustina, he said, “It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter,

which from now on throughout the Church, will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’” In brief, this Sunday invites us to experience the mercy of God. We experience this Divine Mercy very tangibly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and also in Grace - the unmerited favour, the gratuitous gift which God gives to us out of His compassion and merciful love.

Reflections on the gospel of this Sunday:

We all bear some sort of scar or wound on our bodies: the bruise from the baseball that caromed into our cheek when we were a kid, the burn from getting too close to the grill at the summer barbeque, the scar — the beautiful scar — from the birth of our child.

Every scar has a story. Every wound teaches.

For example, wounds mark a break in the surface of things. A smooth surface goes unnoticed, for the most part, but a disruption of that smooth surface gives us pause to wonder. Scars are an invitation to become aware of how fragile the human body is, how easily it is penetrated. The violence that wounds do to the tissues of a body puts into question how much we rely on things to be as they should be, but sometimes are not. That wounds can occur, that they can be deliberately inflicted, that what we rely on can fail us, makes us realize that our world can be a very unsafe place, that our capacity to trust is fragile, that we are all vulnerable to be hurt in body — and soul.



An open wound enables us to peer inside the body, below the surface of things, and discover that what is underneath us is not like what first appears to the eye. We realize the complexity of our bodies. We also see the wonder of our very existence — and of the Creator of this incredible body of ours.

Wounds and scars also reveal wisdom. Wounds make us more aware of the stresses and tensions that affect us, of the outside forces that challenge us. When wounds are touched or when elements in the environment make them ache, the memories of their infliction instantly return. Wounds and scars, therefore, are teachers; they’re repositories of memories of trauma now past, but whose infliction has forever altered us and our thinking and understanding. Wounds can be signs of blessing, revelations of healing, and teachers of the wisdom of our Creator. [Adapted from “Jesus and his wounds” by Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S., in *The Ministry of Reconciliation*, Orbis Books, 1998.]

On Easter night, Jesus shows his wounds and talks about them freely; they are no longer a source of pain and bitter memory, but now heal and teach and bless: they heal Thomas’ troubled soul, riddled with the loss of faith; they restore Peter and the Eleven to hope and communion with Jesus; they reveal God’s peace still in their midst despite the horror of the past three days. Our own wounds and scars



can have a similar effect on our lives: they can teach us how fragile our lives are; they can reveal to us the love of God in the compassion and care of those who treated us; they can assure us of our ability to love by putting our bodies on the line for the protection and safety of others. Easter neither denies the effects of Good Friday nor erases the wounds of crucifixion; Easter is God’s compassion moving us beyond the scars of crucifixion to healing and wholeness. Jesus says to Thomas and his brothers, don’t be afraid of the nail marks and the scars and the fractured bones and the crushed spirit and the broken heart. Compassion, forgiveness, justice — no matter how clumsily offered — can heal and mend. In the light of unwavering hope, with the assurance of God’s unlimited grace, every scar on our own bodies — the marks of courageous sacrifice, hard-earned wisdom, and selfless

kindness — is the realization of the promise of Easter in our midst. (Source: Connections)

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 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 16-24 May, 2022 is Laudato Si' week in Australia and our Social Justice office has some great resources. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/03/21/laudato-si-week-resources/> May 17th 6pm Catholic Earthcare is hosting an online screening of the newly released 'Regenerating Australia' short film to celebrate Laudato Si week in 2022. This short film is a sequel to the '2040' film, a fictitious news segment set on New Years Eve 2029, examining the decade that 'could be.' The film challenges us to consider how we respond to the Cry of the Earth. Catholic Earthcare invites all parishes, schools and families to join us online for FREE to view the short film. We will be joined by Bishop Ken Howell, Peter Ardnt and our own team of experts to share in this celebration. After the viewing, there will be a panel discussion and question time on how we can take the teachings of the film and respond as Catholics here in <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADT>

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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Thank you for your generosity!

All the very best to Father Vince on the 37th anniversary of his ordination.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Funeral of the Late Joe Fuda
 Tuesday, 26 April at 10.30am
 in our Church

Congratulations to the newly baptised:

Jaxon Chorobski, Luca Zarantonello,
 Luke Smith and Olivia Foster



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$2,789.10
 2nd Collection (for Parish)
 Envelopes = \$945 Loose = \$2,919
 Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit
\$1,855.76

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION- APRIL

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

CONGRATULATIONS

All the very best to Josephine and Robert on their wedding and
 Congratulations to Melissa and Prakash on the 25th anniversary of their marriage

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Starts: Term 2
 Held at: St Madeleine's Centre
 Time 10am on a Sunday
 to coincide with the 10am Family Mass
 We look forward to welcoming you back!
 Deb Rankin Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please pray for all our children as we continue the process for **Confirmation**. Confirmation takes place on Friday, 13 May and Sunday 15 May.
 Enrolment forms are available online stmadeleine.org.au - under Sacraments for **Reconciliation and Holy Communion**. All documents for Reconciliation to be dropped in at the office by Friday, 27 May
 Sandra m.0410 587 735 stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased: Kenneth McLachlan and Joe Fuda

For the dearly departed: Matteo Desantis, Annamaria Boffa, Adelaide & David Baldi, John, Phylis & Walter de la Hoyde, Christy & Breda Sherlock, Martin Mileto, Michele Vaccarella, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chih, 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, Giussepino & 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, Feliciano Sabellano

Please pray for the sick: Antonia Desantis, Joseph Spina, John Dal Ben and Jennifer Burgess

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin
Baptism Preparation: Angeliqe Easton
RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry
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SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones
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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

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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 Catherine of Siena

Feast Day:
29 April



The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation. She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides.

Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461. Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

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

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - 24 APRIL

Attending any Mass on the Second Sunday of Easter fulfils the obligation to attend Mass for the Divine Mercy indulgence.

However on Sunday, **OLOR Kellyville**, will offer confessions from 1pm until 3pm, devotional prayers, Rosary and the Chaplet before the start of a **special 3pm Mass**. (Please note that for the indulgence, you may go to Confession **within eight days before or after**, with the intention of fulfilling the requirement of the indulgence.)

Piety items will be available for sale.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please provide your details to the Parish Office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, singer, sacristan or with cleaning.



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Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign" Launch: 22 April

On Friday 22 April, the annual Earth Day, the Diocese of Parramatta will respond to the *cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will invite all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit parracatholic.org/laudatosi from 22 April to download the launch video and for further information.

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](mailto:cassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com)

St Mads Laudato Si Circle



A Laudato Si' Circle is a small group of people who gather to be rooted in prayer, reflection on lifestyle, and communal action

Join us as we journey together to implement the Laudato Si Platform in our community. Meet for prayer, reflection, action.

When: 20 April

Time: 7pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 895 1620 0459

Careyanne Moylan 0438791813

Sue Martin 0432716577

To get started reading, you can find a free PDF version of Laudato Si' here: https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf





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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Lina D'Silva	Catherine Diekman John Walcott	Sally Coppini
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima Jack Treak
	MUSICIANS			Merle & Doug
	COUNTERS	Maria Baldi, Vicky Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY
FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman

30 April/ 1 May	WELCOMERS		Rose & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Nigel Saunders	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
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	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt