



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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3rd April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Phil 3: 8-14

John 8:1-11

I really believe there's no such thing as accidents, only opportunities. God gives everyone the ingredients to a good, happy life. It's up to us to make the most of them. — Rachael Ray

In the first reading, God tells us of the new things he has started doing among us, and for us. He is restoring our hope, and giving us every reason to continue living. This means that in spite of the difficulties of this present moment and season, the Lord will put a smile on our faces soon. Surely, he will do this because: "Weeping may endure at night but joy comes in the morning" (Ps 30, 5). God is faithful in His promises to us.

Paul having understood the worth of the new life to be offered by God in Christ, he considered all these worldly credentials as rubbish. He knew that: "The glory of the latter shall be greater than that of the former" (Haggai 2, 9). So, he remained resolute in his faith. He did this even to the point of "reproducing Christ's death in himself. This same promise must sustain us to the end.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Christ. They thought that Christ would condemn her immediately. They thought he would give them the permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong, because Christ came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Christ are different from theirs. So, instead of condemning her, Jesus restored her life, and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her: "Go and sin no more."



Like this woman, Jesus is always giving us new opportunities in spite of our weaknesses. He knows how vulnerable we are to sin. He knows the forces we confront every day in our life. His mission is to save us from all of them, and not to condemn us. This is why he says: "I have come that they may have life and have it in full" (Jn 10:10).

Today, we should be encouraged by these words of Jesus "Neither do I condemn you." The complete forgiveness of Christ is incredible. When he says these words to us, he means them. He means that our negative past is behind us. So, Christ will always fill us with Joy. This is what he will complete for us soon through his death and resurrection.



A Psychology professor in one of the lectures to the students raised a glass of water over her head, and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water I'm holding?"

Students shouted out answers ranging from a couple of ounces to a couple of pounds.

After a few moments of fielding answers and nodding her head, she replied, "From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass is irrelevant. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it's fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralysed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the absolute weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me."

As most of the students nodded our heads in agreement, she continued. "Your worries, frustrations, disappointments, and stressful thoughts are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a little while and nothing drastic happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to feel noticeable pain. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralysed, incapable of doing anything else until you drop them." As we approach the glorious season of Easter, the Lord equally says to us: "Go and sin no more." In other words, 'leave the darkness of your past behind and let in the light of your future'. We must believe this and put it into practice. He promises us a better future and a share in his glory if we remain faithful to this command.

Finally, we must constantly run to Jesus irrespective of our situation. This is because he is ever ready to acquit us of all the charges we level upon ourselves and those levelled by others against us. (Sources duly acknowledged)

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 careyanneoylan@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 careyanneoylan@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)



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

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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HOLY WEEK ROSTER

Please place your name on the draft Roster at the entrance of the Church

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, 6 April 2022
5.30pm or 7pm

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S Sydney Alliance is offering their Foundations Training, which is co-hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta. Being held 6 + 7 April in North Parramatta. Email sebastian.salaske-lentern@parracatholic.org for details. Caritas Project Compassion story this week is from Congo. Rosalie's story, from her life as a former child soldier in the DRC, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

Sharing news that our St Madeleine's enrolment on the Laudato Si' platform has been approved. We are one step closer to being a Laudato Si' community.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the dearly departed: Annamaria Spina 'Mary', Mary Cumbo, Jessica King, Daad Antonios Khoury Harb, David Jurd, Daniel Francis Doyle, Erminia Vumbaca, Raymond Caruana, Francesco & Filomena Corcoglioniti, Giuseppe & Caterina Musso, June Brennan, R.Eugenio Loccisno, M.Teresa & Pasquale Loccisano, L.Pietro & Giorgio Fudo, Giussepino & Rosa Murdoca, Rita Franceschina, Eriberito Adan, 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, Barbara Wood, Karen Draddy, Elizabeth Graby, Thea Crowe, James D'arcy, Keith Okey, Marguerita Rigby, Michele Vaccarella, Pablito Corpuz, Feliciano Sabellano

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

PIETY STALL Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? We are open after every weekend Mass. Contact: Sandra Tabone on 0413 272 400

Congratulations to the newly baptised!

Sunday, 3 April
Jed, Max and Zac Grady



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

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**.
Sandra m.0410 587 735
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

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 Diekmann

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 John Baptist de La Salle

Feast Day: 7 April

In 1950, Pope Pius XII

named him patron of schoolteachers for his efforts in upgrading school instruction. At the early age of 11, he received the tonsure and started preparation for the priesthood, to which he was ordained at 27. He seemed assured then of a life of dignified ease and a high position in the Church. But God had other plans for John, which were gradually revealed to him in the next several years. During a chance meeting with Monsieur Adrien Nyel, he became interested in the creation of schools for poor boys in Rheims, where he was stationed. Though the work was extremely distasteful to him at first, he became more involved in working with the deprived youths. Once convinced that this was his divinely appointed mission, John threw himself wholeheartedly into the work, left home and family, abandoned his position as canon at Rheims, gave away his fortune, and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his entire life. The remainder of his life was closely entwined with the community of religious men he founded, the Brothers of the Christian School (also called Christian Brothers or De La Salle Brothers). This community grew rapidly and was successful in educating boys of poor families, using methods designed by John. It prepared teachers in the first training college for teachers and also set up homes and schools for young delinquents of wealthy families. The motivating element in all these endeavors was the desire to become a good Christian. Afflicted with asthma and rheumatism in his last years, he died on Good Friday at age 68, and was canonized in 1900. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-baptist-de-la-salle>



CARITAS

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

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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.

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.



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page:

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



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Position Vacant

Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Sunday 10 April More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Mentoring Couples to be Married: 9 April

Following the success of the Masterclass on Mentoring Engaged couples for Marriage, we are offering an additional Zoom for those who missed out on recent face-to-face training. Are you a married couple looking to accompany Engaged couples preparing for Marriage using the SmartLoving Online program? This time limited commitment of 4-9 weeks can be undertaken in your own home. To learn more and register for the Zoom Session on **Saturday 9 April at 10am**, please call Marisa on (02) 8838 3460 or email met@parracatholic.org.

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.

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey & Casey Gambrell	Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold

9/10 April	WELCOMERS		Rose & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Belinda Da Ruos Heidi Bou-Harb	Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
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