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15th May 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

“USE YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE”

Congratulations and prayers to the boys and girls who stood up for owning their faith at the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks to the Sacramental team, the parents and sponsors who helped them prepare for this 'Pentecost'. May we encourage them in their commitment to be 'the face of Jesus' making use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the growth of the human family! The parish community will celebrate this joyful occasion with them on Pentecost Sunday. Kindly, mark this date in your personal organizer!

The following are the reflections for this Sunday from A Sampler Connections:

Merge!” the blinking yellow lights shout. “Merge! Go left! Move immediately!” What’s a body to do when faced with such clear direction as this? If I merge immediately, I will be obeying the law. Furthermore, I will be safely in the correct lane when only one lane remains. What else can I do but merge? Well, there is, of course, a second option. The alternative is to selfishly speed ahead while leaving those early mergers in my dust. I can pass everybody and sneak into the merge line at the last possible moment. This choice would put me in first place, and isn’t first place the best place to be?

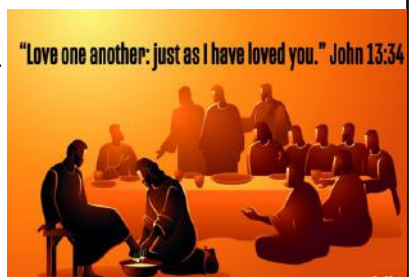


This is a simple choice if I am thinking only of myself. The decision only becomes complicated when I consider both the actions and the welfare of my fellow mergers. If all drivers merge as soon as possible, everyone will be in the right place when the two lanes become one. No one will be left behind. A perfect merge means that no one is delayed for even a second. But let’s face it: if just one individual chooses to speed ahead, a delay will occur for everyone until the entire merge lane must stop to let the speedy one in. And, in that case, he who merged first will wait the longest . . .

I am a human being, and therefore I have a choice. I can choose to be selfish and step ahead of everyone else, or I can choose to be generous and accept the risk of being left behind.

It is an act of faith to merge early. My faith in making this choice is not the belief that all will merge early and no one will be delayed. Oh, no. As long as there are human beings, there will be those who will fail and fall short, and there will be times when I will be one of the fallen ones. My faith is in the belief that sacrifice for others is inherently good and making the choice to do good is the gift of being human. [Lori Vermuelen, “The Perfect Merge,” This I Believe: Life Lessons.]

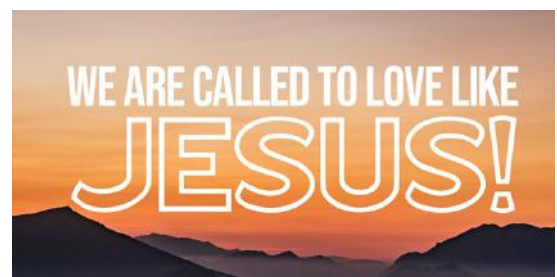
The love of Christ begins in our attitude and perspective, and then manifests in everything we do — from our care for our families to the way we drive. Such love often asks us to do what is difficult and counter-intuitive: it requires of us a humility that places the needs of others before our own, a respect for others that recognizes the holy dignity of every human being – including the selfish driver. It is a love that grows stronger the more it is tested, a love that endures and remains steadfast the more it is pulled, a love that continues to heal and forgive the more it is engaged. Our very identity as disciples of Christ is centred in such persistent and constant love; our faithfulness in imitating the compassion and forgiveness of the Risen One is lived in our openness of heart and spirit to love selflessly, completely and unconditionally, as God has loved us in his Christ. (A Sampler Connections)



A story to reflect: *One day, as usual, an orphan, a little girl, stood at the street corner begging for food, money or whatever she could get. Now, this girl was wearing very tattered clothes, was dirty and quite dishevelled. A well-to-do man passed that corner without giving the girl a second look. But, when he returned to his expensive home, he’s a happy and comfortable family, and his well-laden dinner table, his thoughts returned to the young orphan. He became very angry with God for allowing such conditions to exist. He reproached God, saying, how can you let this happen? Why don’t you do something to help this girl? Then he heard God in the depths of his being responding by saying I did. I created you.*

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 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

Bishop Vincent hosts: Sr Patricia Fox (Fri 27 May, 7pm): Blacktown (Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St) Sr Patricia Fox a Our Lady of Sion sister was removed from the Philippines last year. Sr Patricia had been ministering for 28 years among poor agricultural workers across the Philippines, advocating for their rights to land, livelihood, peace, justice and security.

A group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Christmas night's dinner. In their rush through the airport, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table that held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane, just in time. All but one. He told the others to go on without him and went back to where the apples were all over the floor. He was glad he did. The little girl, the apple seller, was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks, as she groped for her spilled produce, the crowd swirling about her, rushing to their flights. The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped reorganize her display. He set aside the bruised and battered apples in a separate basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"



He couldn't get that question out of his head for days. It was such a simple, small-scale event, but it made him see clearly what following Christ was really all about. "Love one another as I have loved you." To be a Christian is to be another Christ.

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.



*Please come to the
Catechists
Commissioning Mass
on Sunday 5th June at 10am,
to join in a prayer of thanks and
blessing for our tireless
catechist volunteers.
Morning tea to follow.*

*Welcome to all of the families who have
joined us for scripture at our local
schools.*

*We also welcome all our
sacramental program families and
parishioners who have prayed for
children as they have prepared for the
sacraments.*

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
Church BSB : 067950
Account Number : 0000388

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) = \$1,166.30
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$893.00 Loose = \$1,100.60
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit
\$1,855.76

*Congratulations and best wishes
to Anastasia and Andrew
on their wedding*

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Mavis Joan O'Brien, Paul Cascun, Paul Castellino, Mary Cumbo, Joan Carroll, James McGirr, Rosa Maria & Francesco Nati, Immaculata & Oreste Amministratore, Kenneth McLachlan, Joe Fuda, Matteo Desanti, Annamaria Boffo, Adelaide & David Baldi

Please pray for the sick: Antonia Desanti, Joseph Spina, 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

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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 I

Feast Day:

18 May



Pope John I inherited the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Italy had been ruled for 30 years by an emperor who espoused the heresy, though he treated the empire's Catholics with toleration. His policy changed at about the time the young John was elected pope. When the eastern emperor began imposing severe measures on the Arians of his area, the western emperor forced John to head a delegation to the East to soften the measures against the heretics. Little is known of the manner or outcome of the negotiations designed to secure continued toleration of Catholics in the West. On his way home, John was imprisoned at Ravenna because the emperor had begun to suspect that John's friendship with his eastern rival might lead to a conspiracy against his throne. Shortly after his imprisonment, John died, apparently from the treatment he received in prison. John's body was transported to Rome and he was buried in the Basilica of St. Peter.

Reflection *We cannot choose the issues for which we have to suffer and perhaps die. John I suffered because of a power-conscious emperor. Jesus suffered because of the suspicions of those who were threatened by his freedom, openness, and powerlessness. "If you find that the world hates you, know it has hated me before you" (John 15:18).*

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

POPE TO PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT:

PROTECT LIFE WITH COURAGE!

Pope Francis said the following to the Italian Pro-life Movement:

"I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man... Every Christian has the responsibility of this witness to the Gospel: to protect life with courage and love in all its phases. I encourage you to do this, always with an attitude of closeness and proximity, so that every woman feels considered as a person, listened to, welcomed and accompanied". (April 11, 2014)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Madeleine's Centre at

10am to coincide with
the 10am Family Mass

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Congratulations to all our children being confirmed this weekend.

All documents for **Reconciliation** to be dropped in at the parish office by **Friday, 27 May 2022**. **Parent Information evening** will be held on **Tuesday, 31 May** at 4.30pm and 7pm.

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



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PARRAMATTA

Position Vacant: Fundraising Campaigns Manager Put Your Faith Into Action For the Common Good

Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns Manager, following Bronwyn Muir's retirement. This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

Position Vacant: Senior Administrative Support Coordinator

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking an experienced person for a full or part-time (4 days a week) role in our Governance, Risk, Compliance and Assurance team. You will have extensive experience in providing high-level administration support, and a customer-focused and 'can-do' attitude. If you would like to know more about the role and to obtain a copy of the Position Description, please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources, nevine@reachhr.com.au or 0418 698 327.

Position Vacant: 2 x Project Coordinator (part time) - Catholic Youth Parramatta

More details at parracatholic.org/employment
Applications close 10pm Sunday, 29 May

LIFTED Live featuring Gen Bryant

Friday May 20, 7:30-10pm WEST HQ, Rooty Hill

Youth, young adults and families are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta for a Holy Spirit inspired night of praise and worship Register at <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

Bishop Vincent Presents Sr Patricia Fox NDS

Friday May 27, 7-9pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown

Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and drinks. LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at met@parracatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20 July from 6pm to 9pm – more details will follow in June.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship



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	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS			Anucia & Team	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Calla Lily Floral Art & Design		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman

21/22 May	WELCOMERS		Brendan Ford Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Lidia Ceccato
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Heidi Bou-Harb	Catherine Diekman John Walcott	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS			Merle and Doug	
	COUNTERS	Maria Baldi, Vicky Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi as arranged by Maureen, Mari & Pauline		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper