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8th May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

~Good Shepherd Sunday~

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

John 10:27-30

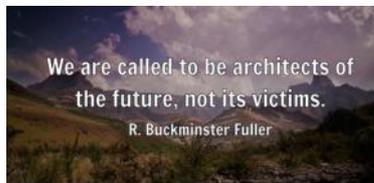
“A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength.... Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world.”

Pope Francis.

My heartfelt and prayerful wishes to all mothers on this special Sunday (Mother’s Day) which is also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday** imaging God as Shepherd: calling to us, caring for us, protecting us, nurturing us. In recent times, this day has also become known as “**Vocations Sunday**,” a day when our Church prays especially for new shepherds and pastors to lead the Christian communities. We talk about the shortage of priests and religious. We wonder about a time when hundreds joined every year. This brings up all sorts of questions about the future of the church. Today, Vocations Sunday is not about priesthood only, or religious life. The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism is the anointing of vocation. “Wherever there is life, fervour and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations will arise” (Pope Francis) The baptismal vocation is for Witness, Love and Service. This will be expressed in ways in which people take on their baptism, in married life, single life – within the single life, religious life, priesthood.

Following is the reflection given by Anne Arabome S.S.S for this Sunday.

“These days, it is impossible not to notice the pain, hurt, and tears of people in many parts of our world. Think of the pain of war: Women, men, and children scurrying to hide in bomb shelters; innocent lives trapped in burned out or collapsed buildings; and abandoned and traumatized elderly people without relief amidst the senseless devastation of war. Or, think of the pain of natural disasters: lives and livelihoods destroyed in raging fires and floods. The pandemic still causes us pain, the pain of sickness and the sorrow of losing loved ones. Then there is the pain of simply living. Daily, people across the world wake up to a steady rise in the cost of living. The poor struggle to survive and parents wonder how to care for their children.



As I reflect on these experiences, I am reminded of “the time of great distress” in the second reading from the Book of Revelation. John tells us that the people who are gathered in the presence of God are those “who have survived the time of great distress.” They have endured persecution, torment, and tribulation on account of their faith. The good news is that their survival was not an accident. They survived because God sheltered and protected them. God did not abandon them to their fate. It is an important lesson to remember that, in times of trouble, we are always before God—or rather, God always gathers us into God’s presence.

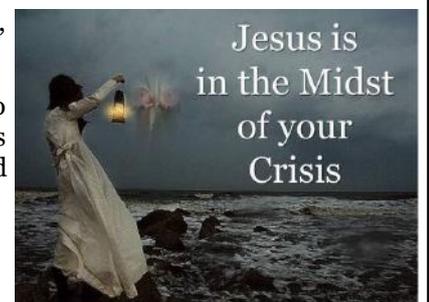
John’s vision of the multitude of people before God’s throne reveals God’s desire for us. God desires to satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst; God desires to protect us from anything that would hurt us. Pause and listen to God’s promise: “They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them.” God will lead them “to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away tears from their eyes.”



As you hear these words, I invite you to reflect: Where is your pain? What hurts are you carrying in your life? What brings you tears? Your pain, hurt, or tears are not alien to God. Like the Good Shepherd in today’s Gospel, who knows every sheep by name, God knows your pain, feels your hurt and sees your tears. For your pain God promises new life; for your hurts God promises healing; and for your tears God promises consolation.

Wherever we may find ourselves in our lives, Jesus the Good Shepherd desires to shepherd us beyond our tears, beyond our hurts, from death unto life, from darkness unto light. The Good Shepherd gives us each day as a time of grace—a time to thrive rather than simply survive—because we are inheritors of God’s grace. God clothes us in robes of consolation, garments of comfort, and cloaks of healing. In times of distress, God leads us tenderly to springs of living water”.

As we experience the ‘shepherding’ of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we are also called on to be a shepherd in the field of families, schools, government offices, communities, hospitals and every structure that cares for the wellbeing of the people. Let us be ‘shepherded’ and at the same time be a ‘shepherd’!



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

May 11th PJE Sharing's are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. This time, the sharing is also a chance to meet the new Peace, Justice, Ecology Facilitator James james.atanasious@parracatholic.org who is now part of the Peace, Justice & Ecology team within MET. When: Wed 11 May, 6:30-8:00pm To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to MET@parracatholic.org

Congratulations St Vincent de Paul Society: who have launched their Reconciliation Action Plan and also share the [A Fairer Australia – 2022 Federal Election Statement](#)

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) = \$1,325.35
 2nd Collection (for Parish)
 Envelopes = \$1,357 Loose = \$1,300.45
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A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away.

As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing.

He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother.

But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars."

The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose."

He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers.

As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home.

She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother."

She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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.

Congratulations to Leo Jeffrey who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Mavis Joan O'Brien, Paul Cascun, Paul Castelino, Mary Cumbo, Joan Carroll, James McGirr, Rosa Maria & Francesco Nati, Immaculata & Oreste Amministratore, Kenneth McLachlan, Joe Fuda, Matteo Desanti, Annamaria Boffo, Adelaide & David Baldi, John, Phyllis & Walter de la Hoyde, Christy & Breda Sherlock, Martin Mileto, Michele Vaccarella

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

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

Our Lady of Fatima

Feast Day:
13 May



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

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

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Madeleine's Centre at

10am to coincide with the 10am Family Mass

Deb Rankin Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please continue to pray for our children who will be confirmed on

Friday, 13 May and Sunday, 15 May.

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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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.

Peace Justice and Ecology Sharing on Zoom - Wednesday, 11 May

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, find out and discuss what is currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. This time, the sharing is also a chance to meet the new Peace, Justice, Ecology Facilitator James. You are invited to join the conversation, Wednesday 11 May, 6:30-8:00pm.

To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to MET@parracatholic.org

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.

View the draft Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

All are invited to **VIEW** the online version of the draft synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

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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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Sebire	Margaret M Catherine Diekman	David Hall O-Dwyer Sandra Tabone	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			
	MUSICIANS			Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt	

14/15 May	WELCOMERS		Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS				Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS			Anucia & Team	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
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