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5 June 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

I Corinthians 12.3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

The Holy Spirit truly transforms us. With our cooperation, he also wants to transform the world we live in- Pope Francis

An old beggar lay on his deathbed. His last words were to his youngest son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips. "Dear son," he said, "I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junkyard of a rich lady." After his father's death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the boy's bowl and he was surprised to hear a familiar clinking sound. "Let me check your bowl," the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar's bowl was made of pure gold. "My dear young man," he said, "why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least thirty thousand dollars."

We Christians are often like this beggar boy who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl. We fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit living within each of us, sharing His gifts and fruits and charisms with us. For many and mostly the Y generation "Catholicism can feel like a locked room; for them Catholicism is 'a rigid set of prescriptions and judgments. We are inclined to think that there is only one way to be Catholic and we feel that the Institutional church is not in touch with the current socio- cultural realities. God breaks through the locks as He did on the day of Pentecost. The hearts of the disciples were locked in with fear and anxiety within the confines of the upper room. The descent of the Holy Spirit unlocked them and opened their minds and hearts to the beginning of a new life. The disciples became empowered to venture out with the mission of proclaiming the Good News accompanied by healing and building up inclusive communities. This is how Jesus, the embodiment of love moves in the fractured and fragile world today. He comes to heal and set us free; leading us; calling us to be 'missionaries' or agents of transformation at the micro and macro levels. The Spirit of God impels us to create an inclusive community where everyone is respected, dignified and accepted despite the man-made divisive factors. The Spirit of God enables us to look at reality from God's perspective and invites us to re-create humanity in the context of God's compassion, peace and justice. This process of transformation or recreation starts from our family wherein God's spirit enables a wife and husband to love enough to listen with their hearts, to discern one another's real meaning that is much deeper than the imperfect, imprecise words they "say" to one another. Listening with the hearts will surely enhance the relationship between the parents and the children. The Spirit of God invites us "to hear the voice and presence of God in the midst of the clamour and busyness, the pain and despair, of our lives, challenging us to embrace the life and love of God in our homes and hearts" and in our communities. As Pope Francis states, "The Holy Spirit truly transforms us. With our cooperation, he also wants to transform the world we live in".



"Though there is not one way to be Catholic, one Spirit fills and embraces the world. This mystical-socio-political-institutional reality is a counter-witness to the forces of discord we face: the Church, spread throughout the world. Human beings still gather to proclaim the same story in different tongues, cultures and contexts. We read from a shared Scripture and profess the same miracle: Christ is Risen.



This Pentecost, one path out from the locked room is revealed in the wisdom of Pope Francis' Spirit-led endeavour: the Global Synod, For a synodal church: participation, communion and mission. People are opening their hearts to the Spirit and asking the questions: What have been the joys and obstacles in our journeying with the church? What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take to grow in our "journeying together?" Pentecost declares: the Spirit is poured out! Alive and pumping from the heart of the Church: renewing structures, turning ecclesial power on its head, enlarging our understanding of our baptism and our belonging as a people, loved by the Creator.

We can still go forth from locked rooms as the Spirit leads us to listen to the dreams of our elders and the prophecies of young people. The Spirit is poured out upon all flesh, and wisdom is given in abundance, helping all to see, hear and understand what is said.



The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world / and that which contains all things / understands what is said, alleluia. (Wisdom 1:7)" (Casey Stanton (US Catholic). Let us invoke the Holy Spirit to lead our families, community and the entire creation in the context of God's Kingdom!

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 Kay Brooks & Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561
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

SORRY DAY WITH HILLS YARNING was a wonderful gathering this week we said sorry for the hurt that our local Marella Mission (Bernie Mullane reserve) has caused. Act for Peace Ration Challenge starts June 19th For one week in June, thousands of people across Australia will eat the same rations as a Syrian refugee in Jordan — just a small amount of rice, lentils, flour, chickpeas, beans, fish and oil — to raise awareness about the situation facing refugees around the world, whilst also raising money to provide emergency food, healthcare and life-saving support.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST June 11th 8:30am in the St Madeleine centre, listening to Marcelle Douglas, a beekeeper and uni lecturer, who will give the talk and share her experience with us.

LAUDATO SI ACTION: Sue Martin 0432716577

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) = \$1,202.95
 2nd Collection (for Parish)
 Envelopes = \$775 Loose = \$1,160.90
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Congratulations to Heidi Bou-Harb and Karla Quinn for being commissioned by the Diocese of Parramatta as Ministers of the Altar.

Congratulations also to Phyllis Hannah for being re-commissioned as a Minister. Thank you for your service!

ARE YOU INTERESTED? LET US KNOW!

The Institute for Mission in the diocese of Parramatta conducts many programmes. One of their programmes is **THEMES OF FAITH (TEN SESSIONS)**. The facilitator of this programme is more than willing to run the sessions in our parish, provided there is enough interest from the parishioners. Such programmes will refresh our faith life for sure. Give it a thought ... have a word with your friends as well...and sign up the sheet at the entrance of our church or email stmads@yahoo.com.au ... you can also invite people from other parishes.

God bless our community!
 Fr. Vincent

CONGRATS AND GOOD LUCK

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be known as Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd from 2023. Bishop Vincent Long has appointed a new board of Directors to lead this for effective governance and accountability. We are indeed delighted to know that two of the board members are from our parish, Anthony Karam and Nicole Patterson. They will celebrate their appointment at the Mass for Pentecost at 11 am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta this Sunday 5 June 2022.

Congratulations and prayers to both of you!
 Fr. Vincent

Congratulations to the newly baptised:

Elijah Emmanuel
Marc Franco de Guzman
Gianna Catalano
Georgia Cremona



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the dearly departed: Fulvio & Giulia Russo, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Olive Burns, Domenica Scarpin, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Laurie Beckett, Jesline Bastianpulle, Melba Cardozo, Peter Saarinsen, Kumara Singham, Diann Caruana, Vicky Caruana, Joe Camilleri, Frank Piperata, Domenico Piperata, Annina Piperata, Len Gauci, 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

Please pray for the sick: Antonia Desanti, 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: Angelique Easton

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PARISH TEAM

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Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

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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 Boniface

Feast Day:

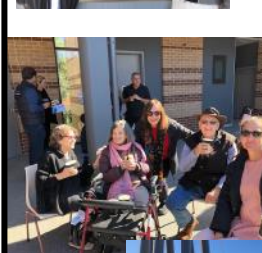
5 June



Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome. How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances their very ordinations were questionable. These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human viewpoint, without a letter of safe-conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful. In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control. In order to restore the Germanic Church to its fidelity to Rome and to convert the pagans, Boniface had been guided by two principles. The first was to restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome. The second was the establishment of many houses of prayer which took the form of Benedictine monasteries. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>



Thank you to all for helping us celebrate our feast day last Sunday!



Winter seems to have arrived very quickly! I have had a request from a charity for adult hand knitted beanies for a homeless group in the city. If anyone can help with this please contact

Deb m.0409 158 970

I will provide wool if needed.



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Positions Vacant

Senior Administrative Support Coordinator—Diocese of Parramatta
Youth Minister/Coordinator (part-time) - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill More details at parracatholic.org/employment

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Community Outreach Worker – Aboriginal Identified – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.
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More details at: <https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing careers@ccss.org.au

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

Women's Breakfast

11 June 2022

St Madeleine's Function
Centre

8.30 -10am



Come to a talk about bees: their life, our joint history, their relationship with the church, how to keep them, and anything else you could wish to know.



Marcelle Douglas, a beekeeper and uni lecturer, will give the talk and share her experience with us.

Laudato Si Action.

Contacts: Sue Martin
0432716577

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Madeleine's Centre at
10am to coincide with
the 10am Family Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please welcome all our families for
the Commitment Masses
this weekend.

Preparation Sessions: Sundays, 19
and 26 June and Sunday, 17 July at
4pm concluding with 5.30pm Mass.

Contact: Sandra De Nardi
stmds.sacraments@gmail.com

*If I had my life
to live over again,*

*I would seek to live in
complete openness
to the Holy Spirit.*

~ St Madeleine Sophie Barat ~



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	READERS	Lina D'Silva Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Nigel Saunders	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima		Christian Maait	
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech
11/12 June	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina
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	READERS	Justin Sebire Lina D'Silva	Margaret M Catherine Diekman	David Hall-O'Dwyer Sue Martin	Joanna O'Neill
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	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
	FLOWERS	Hills Family Funeral		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino