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17th July 2022

16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses."- Alphonse Karr



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

How are you ? Family ? As I arrived in India, I fell sick for a few days... home sick ??? Ha ha ha !

I am fine and the weather is not too bad ...it's warmer...my mum is ok with ups and downs ...thank you for your fervent prayers ... family is family... sure you know what I mean.. thank God ... He is in control .. just have to resign to His plan and move on...

Hope you keep yourself warm enough in the winter!

I can't believe that three weeks are gone ...time flies .. keep well and keep us in your valuable prayers .

Here below is the reflection for the Sunday from US Catholic resources:

Have you ever had a friend suddenly text you to say they happen to be in the neighborhood and want to drop by to say hello? There's a mad dash to declutter the living room, put away shoes, and move the pile of clean laundry from the couch. Perhaps it's even close to dinner time, but you hadn't gotten around to thinking about that yet, and you want to be a good host, but you're just not ready for your unexpected guest.



In today's Gospel, given Jesus' ministry as an itinerant preacher, I imagine that he and a few disciples dropped in on Martha and Mary during their travels without much advance notice. Presuming the best intentions on Martha's part, I empathize with her wanting her unexpected guests to feel welcomed, cared for and nourished in her family home. She immediately hurries to offer her thirsty visitors cups of water and then returns to the kitchen to see what food can be prepared. It surprises her that her sister Mary isn't helping, but is just sitting there, and Martha feels overwhelmed by the need to prepare a good meal by herself. Finally, not being able to contain her irritation anymore, she asks Jesus to step in and insist that her sister help her.

I can imagine Martha's bewilderment, and perhaps even embarrassment, when Jesus tells her that Mary has chosen the better part in choosing to listen to his stories and teachings as he reflects on days of travel and ministry. In her desire to offer great hospitality, Martha forgot the most important thing – her undistracted presence.

In a rushed world crammed with too many texts, emails, social media accounts, work and family responsibilities and growing human struggles, it's easy to get "anxious and worried about many things." Taking the time to pray, to contemplate, to center ourselves in Jesus' stories and teachings so as to discern what is ours to contribute – well, all that can get moved further down our long list to do.

It couldn't have been easy for Martha to hear Jesus' summoning her to see differently, to make a better choice. I hope, that in a moment of grace, she took a breath, scrapped her elaborate dinner plan, brought out some bread and olives and called it a day. I hoped she could see that she too deserved to step out of her expected role and sit among the rest in a circle of belonging to listen to Jesus, to be present in community, and to be nourished by his Word.

We all get stuck like Martha periodically. I admire that she risked being vulnerable and showed her anxiety, worry, and familial frustration to Jesus – the one who could say something transformative. Her experience is a prayer we too could use: "Lord, if my perspective about this person or this situation is mistaken, please let me know. Point me in a better direction. Help me to see as you see."

Perspective is everything. Let the attitude of Jesus be rooted in us !



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

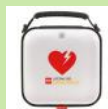
Thanks to those who could join our Hills Yarning session last week, this week coming I will be sharing our Parramatta Laudato Si journey at the "Putting Rungs on the Ladder" Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening reflecting on the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor Wednesday 20 July 2022, 6pm – 9pm Seven Hills Parish Hall.

Blessed are you who live our vocation to care for all creation. All life is enriched by your devotion.

Blessed are you whose passion brings changes in structures for Earth's care. The waters, the air, the earth cry out in gratitude.

Noel Davis

An Automatic External Defibrillator for our church is found in the Confessional room. You can watch the video link <https://youtu.be/o-uHeD4lcq0> and get familiar with the mode of operation. It is to be taken out from the box only when needed. There is an alarm attached to the box.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

resumes Sunday, 24 July
St Madeleine's Centre at 10am to coincide with the 10am Family 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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Church BSB : 067950
Account Number : 00000388

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) = \$903.25
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$1,022 Loose = \$863.50

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,443

Congratulations to Claire and Michael on their wedding



Men's Breakfast 23 July 2022
St Madeleine's Centre 8.30-10am

Come to learn more about Mike O'Connell's experiences with the needs of the Nepalese. Mike had the opportunity to visit Nepal, see the conditions and respond to the situation. In the spirit of Laudato Si, and the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor, come listen to Mike's journey, take time out to meet the community, and enjoy a delicious breakfast



Mike 0418 285 310
Sue 0432 716 577
Carmel 0417 237 013



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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 0413 272 400 for any special requests.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased: Marie Allan



For the dearly departed: Michael & Theresa Caruana, Anthony Vella, Alfred Muscat, Nenu Zammit, Mary Gutajar, Maria Ceroli, Frank Martelli, Madeleine Thackray, Vaughan Hau, Giuseppe Bongiorno, Steve Pollock, Aldo, Joseph and Maria Tallon, Mary Cumbo, Caterina & Giuseppe Musso, Filomena & Francesco Coreoglioniti, Pietro Ceccato, Louis Sammut, Philomena Beresford, Milagrin Castelino, Joe Fuda

Please pray for the sick: Emily Larsen, David Martin, Antonia Desanti, 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:

Safeguarding: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

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 Madeleine's Dinner Dance

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Friday 4th November 2022

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If you have questions or queries please email

Kim Parslow 0418 220 963

Sally Coppini 0407 942 986

stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com

POPE FRANCIS'

PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will take place on **Wednesday, 20 July** at 5pm and 7pm. Please pray for our children as they make their first Confession.

Completed Enrolment documents for First Eucharist (Holy Communion) to be handed to the parish office no later than Friday, 19 August.

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

Sandra De Nardi m.0410 587 735

We are in winter! 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.

Saint Mary Magdalene

Feast Day:

22 July



Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50. Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven demons" (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness. Writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that "seven demons" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." In the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she "is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her." Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles."

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



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Positions Vacant:

Credo Youth Groups Coordinator St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta **Applications close Friday 22 July at 5pm.**

Garden Crew Supervisor - Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Support Worker—Domestic Assistance - Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: <https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing careers@ccss.org.au

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

You're invited to the Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening to be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay. This year we explore how people across our region have responded to the "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" – the 2021/22 Social Justice Statement. The event will feature presentations by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and a Diocesan Laudato Si' Action Team. For more information and to register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/>

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.

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.

Volunteer Position Available—Housing Maintenance Volunteer, House of Welcome

House of Welcome (HOW), a partner of the Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a handyman to look after their properties, as they continue to support people in need in our communities. The Housing Maintenance Volunteer will also be required to provide face-to-face support for Occupants with practical components of their property and its care. This will be a short-term appointment, 1 day a week. For more information please contact HOW Volunteer Program Manager, Lumka Liwela Power on 0402 549 962 or liwelapower@houseofwelcome.com.au.

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	John Walcott Nigel Saunders	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS		Bailey Gambrell		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
	FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry

23/24 July	WELCOMERS		Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Lidia Ceccato Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Vicky Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Maureen Jones
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