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21st August 2022

21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

When you live in the light of eternity, your values change

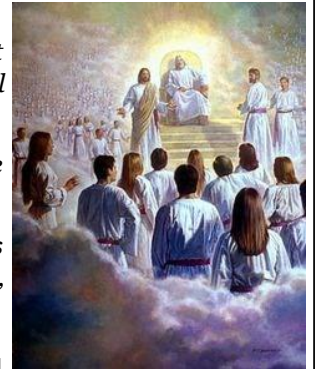
- Rick Warren

Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen tells us that we will have three surprises in Heaven.

The first surprise: We will be surprised to see that many people we expected to be in Heaven are not there. St. John of the Cross gives the reason why they are not there: "At the evening of our life, we shall be judged on how we have loved."

The second surprise: We will be surprised to see that the people we never expected to be in Heaven are there. That is because God judges man's intentions and rewards them accordingly.

The third surprise: We will be surprised to see that we are in Heaven! Since our getting to Heaven is principally God's work, we should be surprised that God somehow "went out of His way" to save us, simply because we showed the good will and generosity to cooperate with His grace.



The readings of this Sunday give a few pointers for one to merit the gracious gift of salvation, an eternal life. A follower of Jesus should be 'inclusive'; a follower of Jesus should strive to enter through the narrow gate; a follower of Jesus should not aspire to be on the top but at the lowest rung of the ladder (to be a servant). The revolutionary, spiritual, motivational and radical ministry of Jesus was very inclusive (though he was a Jew by birth) as he embraced Jews and gentiles, male and female, sinners and 'saints', righteous and un-righteous without any discrimination and distinction. His teachings and miracles eliminated any construction of social, cultural, and spiritual boundaries. Hence, following Jesus in the 21st century would mean deconstructing the set boundaries and categories in every aspect of life and creating an inclusive society where human beings are given dignity and divine

affection. Easier said than done! That's why Jesus is urging the followers to 'strive to enter the narrow gate' –meaning the followers should embrace His values even to the point of enduring hardships of life. We need to strive because there are forces of evil within us and around us, trying to pull us down. The third pointer of gaining life is through humble service. Right from the beginning, it was always God's intention that His people should be a blessing for others. Jesus is the role model when it comes to service! His acceptance of death on the cross was a unique and unrepeatable act of love and self-sacrifice. We too are called to experience many 'little deaths' as we practice the discipline of serving others in small or big ways.



Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress, was known as the "poor little rich girl." Since her mother died when she was five, Barbara Hutton described her childhood as an unhappy one. She said, "Though I had millions of dollars, I had no mother and no home." Nor was her adult life a happy one. She was married seven times and was a princess three of those times. A virtual recluse, she died in 1979 at age 66. A newspaper article summed up her life with the words: "Barbara Hutton died unmarried and alone, a symbol of the cliché that money does not buy happiness."

By way of contrast, consider the life of Dorothy Day. She was known as "the mother of the faceless poor of the city's off-scouring." She always felt she existed for a special purpose. She discovered that purpose when she became a Catholic at age 30 and dedicated her life to help the poor. Dorothy Day founded

and edited the Catholic Worker newspaper, went to prison as a suffragist and pacifist, and established farm communes and hospices for the dispossessed. When she died in 1980 at age 83, Time magazine called her a "secular saint." Barbara Hutton and Dorothy Day illustrate somewhat the proverb cited by our Lord today: "There are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last." (Albert Cylwicki in His Word Resounds; quoted by Fr. Botelho).



Let us be challenged by the Word of God today, and be strengthened by the Eucharist, to be able to enter through the narrow door, so that we have life – eternal life!

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)



Launching SEASONS OF CREATION

with a Parish Bushwalk
& free Morning Tea

When: Saturday, 3rd September 9am to 10am

Where: Timber Grove, Glenhaven

SAFEGUARDING LAUNCH

At the 10am Mass this weekend there will be a short talk and ceremony to award our safeguarding recipients!

Find out what safeguarding means for our Parish!

Suzanne 0410 936 108

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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Any queries please contact the parish office stmads@yahoo.com.au 9654 2260

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$957.95
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$907 Loose = \$1,291.15

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

FUNERAL OF THE LATE GRACE TORRES-LYNCH

Date: Monday, 22 August

At St Madeleine's

Time: 1pm

Our prayers and condolences with the Torres-Lynch family

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the dearly departed: Maria Aiossa, Engracia Corpuz, Andrew Vien Debetaz, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, George Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, Joe & Adel Abraham, Ivan Ceccato, Joe Galea, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Rose & Anthony & Lawrence Apap, Johanna Dawson, Alegria Canseco-Ricafrente, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Giuseppe Fuda, Bill Patterson, Josephine Cortis, Rev Fr Peter Caruana, Joseph Spiteri

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



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3:1-12) The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet.

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. The fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation.

Pope Francis has announced four principles to support biodiversity and prevent ecological collapse:

1. Building a clear ethical basis for the transformation we need to save biodiversity;
2. Fight biodiversity loss, support its conservation and recovery, and meet people's needs in a sustainable way;
3. Promote global solidarity, taking into account that biodiversity is a global common good that requires a shared commitment;
4. Put people in vulnerable situations at the centre, including those most affected by biodiversity loss, such as indigenous peoples, older people and youth.

The St Mads Social Justice and Laudato Si Group is inviting you to participate in this Season of Creation:

1. Join our Laudato Si walk on 3 September and meet like-minded community
2. Celebrate the Season with our opening mass on 4 September at 10am.
3. Explore with us the concept of Ecological Economy from Laudato Si over three Thursday nights, with each night discussing a separate aspect.
4. Pray with us at our Laudato Si retreat on 1 October 9.30 - 3pm.

Contact: Sue Martin 0432716577,
Careyanne Moylan 0438791813,
Suzanne Kingston-Hunt 041936108

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S The past week was National Homelessness Week. The theme for 2022 is "To end homelessness we need a plan". You can sign the [petition for more social housing](#) find out more at homelessnessaustralia.org.au Vinnies also has some helpful information on homelessness in Australia on their website under [Our Impact](#) Blacktown Council has done some videos of local heroes from our First Nation community, Uncle Wes, who just turned 100 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajMktOPimYI>

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

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Susie Lee

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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

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Kim Parslow 0418 220 963

Sally Coppini 0407 942 986

stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2022

SUNDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health.
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon and Fr Bob Sheridan.

If you have any photos of Fr Chris Dixon from his time at St Madeleine's please email the office on stmads@yahoo.com.au

FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Information Evening

Tuesday, 23 August

at 4.30pm or 7pm

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

Sandra De Nardi m.0410 587 735



Positions Vacant

Accounts Officer - Diocese of Parramatta - **Applications close 10pm Sunday 21 August.**

Chaplaincy Coordinator - CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org and register their expression of interest. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org



Seasons of Creation Camping Trip: 30 September - 2 October

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator.

When: Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2, 2022

Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50

For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org

Are you looking for a new way to manage your fertility?

Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods, also known as Fertility Awareness Methods (FAMs) are natural, effective, healthy and modern approaches to managing fertility. **No drugs, devices, or side effects!** NFP is especially helpful for couples having difficulties achieving pregnancy as well as those that feel their family is complete. For more information about your options please contact Catherine on cathe-rine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605 or visit <https://parralmf.org.au/fertility/>

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.

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22 August 2022



Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>



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FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman	

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	MUSICIANS			Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi		ALTAR LINEN	Maureen Jones