



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**28th August 2022**

22nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29  
Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24  
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

## We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility.

Rabindranath Tagore

Seat reservation for air travel or at the cinemas, sport stadiums and other entertainment places costs us extra. Those who are able to afford VIP or premier seats do so, maybe for their convenience or for many other reasons. In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus warns about this attitude of self-importance. Being a follower of Jesus is not about power, prestige, status or demanding the seat of honour in the community. In God's love, we are all created equal and He invites us to the table of the Lord as equals. In the four walls of the church, we are one family, sharing the same faith and the bread of life—the Body and Blood of Christ.

*A minister was invited to preach one weekend at a large New York City church. The pastor offered him the use of his apartment for the weekend. He arrived on Saturday and settled in. He found a note on the refrigerator door: If you usually eat breakfast, you can go to the church, we have a breakfast for the homeless.*

*Early Sunday morning, the visiting preacher walked down the street to the church, in a dangerous part of New York, and stood in line with maybe two hundred people, waiting to be served. He struck up conversations with those waiting with him. "Well, what's put you in this situation?"*

*"Well," one man said, "it's alcohol. Might as well be honest with you, it's alcohol. But I'm dry now." Another said, "It was a woman. She took it all."*

*Several people shared their stories of illness, financial disaster, unemployment, divorce, broken relationships. Then someone who did not know he was a minister asked him, "What put you here?" Not knowing what to answer, he said, "I was invited." Not wanting to create any distance, he sat with them for breakfast, ate what they ate, talked with them, and got to know them a little more before heading to the church.*

*Later that morning, dressed in his preaching robe, he stood in the pulpit of the beautiful church. As he listened to the magnificent choir and looked out at the congregation, he said to himself, who am I? I'm a guest, a guest of God, a guest of Christ, a guest of the church.*

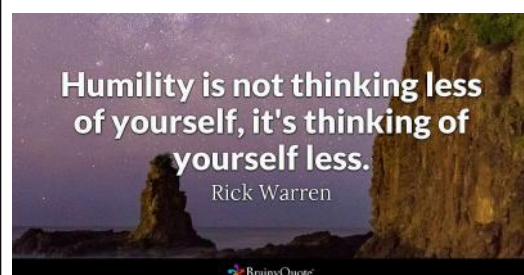
(Fred Craddock, Craddock Stories- A Connections Sampler)



Being a follower of Jesus is about humility. This is not to be confused with weakness.

Humility speaks of an inner quality of recognising and appreciating who we are, the place of God in our lives and our relationship to other people. We are all privileged to sit at the table with Jesus as honoured guests. We learn a lesson of putting others first and serving them from the way that Jesus relates to us. In each celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus feeds us and nourishes us that we may be able to share the richness of God's life with the less fortunate and the neglected. God challenges us to have an honest assessment of ourselves without being proud, aggressive, and arrogant.

*George Washington was riding near Washington city with a group of friends and they came to a place where they had to leap over a wall. In the process, one horse knocked off a number of the stones from the wall. Washington said, "We better replace them." His friends told, "Oh, let the farmer do it." But Washington didn't feel right about that. When the riding party was over, he went back the way they came. He found the wall and dismounted. Then he carefully replaced each of the stones. His riding companion saw what he did and said, "You're too big to do that." His only response was, "On the contrary, I am the right size."*



St. Augustine once said, "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men (and women) as angels."

We are called upon to be humble, gracious and generous towards others.

God's blessings, Fr. Vince

# PARISH NEWS



## PRAYER AT ST MAD'S

The Sunday Gospel reflections	Tuesday at 10.30 am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or <a href="mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com">careyannemoylan@hotmail.com</a>
Prayer Group	Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre
St Mad's Book Club	To register contact Careyanne on <a href="mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com">careyannemoylan@hotmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:stmads@yahoo.com.au">stmads@yahoo.com.au</a> )



### Launching SEASONS OF CREATION

with a Parish Bushwalk  
& free Morning Tea

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

Where: Timber Grove, Glenhaven

Please collect your **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** from the Church.

Any queries please contact the parish office [stmads@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stmads@yahoo.com.au) 9654 2260

### FUNERAL OF THE

#### LATE ROBERT SMITH

Date: Thursday, 1 September

At St Madeleine's

Time: 11am

*Our prayers and condolences with the  
Smith family*

### 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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**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) = \$979.05

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$737 Loose = \$843.10

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

*Our prayers and condolences  
with Rick Jones and his family  
on the demise of his brother, Barry.*



The Burning Bush  
Ex 3:1-2

### 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

This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday, a time to pause, discern and act, with our head, hearts and hands. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. For almost every year since 1940, our bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time. The theme this year is Respect. The Office of Justice, Ecology and Peace has suggested one action. "Speak out about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change." On Migrant and Refugee Sunday, 25 September 2022, our Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates the resilience and contribution of migrants and refugees to our faith community and society. Catholic Care's All Saints of Africa Community Drop-In Centre in Blacktown where there is a community garden where Agnes grows Sudanese greens and corn. For celebrations in our diocese contact [James.Atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto:James.Atanasious@parracatholic.org)

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For the recently deceased:** Barry Ronald Jones, Robert Smith, Matthew Riordan  
**For the dearly departed:** Marine Nasri, , Mary Cumbo, 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,  
**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*



### 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

**Save the date!**

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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](mailto:stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com)**

## BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

### NEXT WEEKEND

Our priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community. This Father's Day, will you care for them in their retirement, as they have cared for us? Your kind-hearted donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation's health and wellbeing team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical and emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal). Thank you.

### FIRST EUCHARIST

Commitment Masses this weekend: please welcome our families as they commit to the process for Holy Communion

[stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)

Sandra De Nardi m.0410 587 735

Dear Parishioners,

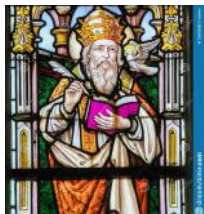
On behalf of the 2022 Vinnies Winter Appeal we would like to thank you all for your kind generosity in the recent appeal. We have collected \$2,585.90 towards the winter appeal which goes a long way contributing to the services and support provided to those women and children vulnerable and of need in our communities.

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

## St Gregory the Great

### Feast Day:

3 September 2022



Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned,

founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome. Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome. Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed. Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

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



### Positions Vacant

**Chaplaincy Coordinator** - CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

**Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August.** More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Catholic Church celebrates Social Justice Sunday: 28 August

The Australian Catholic Church celebrates Social Justice Sunday on 28 August. It is a special day to engage with the Australian Bishops' new Social Justice Statement for 2022-23: *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. The statement invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality: domestic and family violence and abuse. The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the individual and social transformation needed so all people can live in safety. Download the statement at [bit.ly/SJS22-23](http://bit.ly/SJS22-23)

### Ordination to the Priesthood

The Diocese of Parramatta wishes to congratulate Fr Andrew Rooney following his ordination to the priesthood on Friday 26 August. Visit [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) in the coming week for an article and photographs from the ordination as well as a video introducing Fr Andrew to the Diocese.

### 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.parravyd.org](http://www.parravyd.org) and register their expression of interest. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)





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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Sebire	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Joanna O'Neill Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire	Bailey Gambrell		Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone and Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Maureen Jones
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Maureen Jones	

3/4 September	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
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	READERS	Justin Sebire Mary Sammut	Margaret M Tony Hooper	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire	Bailey Gambrell		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
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