



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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7th August 2022

19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith - Billy Graham

The internet provides so much information that one can assume that the answer to every question is out there, somewhere. We just need to know where to look. Is that true? Or is it a fallacy? The answers to the most important questions, the fundamental questions of life, are not on the internet. They are not out there. The answers to the fundamental questions of life can only be found in faith. If we are honest, we will recognise that this is hard to handle. We would like to find the answers to everything. But we can't. Only faith can point us in the direction of the answers we need. More than that, only faith can provide us with the questions we need to ask. Faith forces us to ask about that which is unseen, that which is spiritual.

*"Faith is to believe
what you do not see;
the reward of this
faith is to see what
you believe."*

- St. Augustine

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen (2nd reading from Hebrews). The perfect and the greatest example of faith is Abraham. Even in this mind-blowing or heart-wrenching situation, he was prepared to do what God had told him. He simply trusted God and His promises.

Faith demands a way of thinking that is completely opposite to the expectations of people of the computer age. We have to simply trust in God as we are unable to find answers ourselves for all the questions. When you got married, how sure were you that he/she is the right person for you or how sure were you that you were doing the right thing? You took a leap of faith. You trusted in God and many of you are journeying together in spite of the setbacks or adversities of life.

We follow the instructions of the doctors when we become ill; taking medication, treatments etc. Still we realise that in the long run, our lives are in God's hands, not the doctor's. Live or die, we have faith that God will provide.

We are often beset with hardship and failure, pain and anguish, tragedy and disappointment; our dreams, hopes and plans are frequently unsuccessful. Abraham and many men and women of history, and even living around us, inspire us to hope in God's love and wait on God in patient trust. Life on earth is a journey in faith and a pilgrimage of hope. May we pray that God might give enough light for us to take the next step.

(Adapted from Msgr. Joseph A. Pellegrino).

For further reflection:

Dorothy Day died in November 1980 at the age of 84. Reporting on her death, the New York Times called her the most influential person in the history of American Catholicism. Since her death, there has been a movement to canonize her for her personal life and her work among New York City's poor and destitute. In her book "From Union Square to Rome," she describes her conversion to Christ. One of her first attractions came in her childhood. One day she discovered the mother of one of her girlfriends kneeling in prayer. The sight of this kneeling woman moved her deeply. She never forgot it. In the same book she tells how, in the days before her conversion, she often spent the entire night in a tavern. Then she would go to the early morning Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Sixth Avenue. What attracted her to St. Joseph's were the people kneeling in prayer. She writes: "I longed for their faith.... So I used to go in and kneel in a back pew." Eventually Dorothy Day received the gift of faith and entered the Church.



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)



Vinnies 2022 Winter Appeal

This winter appeal we are giving Women & Children the chance to escape violence. Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women & children. During these times pressures and stresses are causing a lot more cases and we experience this within our own community. So we ask for your help in providing a kind donation to go towards shelter and safety for those in need.

This winter appeal will have envelope collections during masses on 13-14 August 2022

If you prefer to donate on line prior please do so through <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

Or you can phone 13 18 12

We thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

SAFEGUARDING LAUNCH

At the 10am Mass on 21st August 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:

Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic
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) = \$1,001.15
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$795 Loose = \$806.60

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

Congratulations to our newly baptised Harriet Perry, Orly Gauthier, Zachary Portelli and Ava Lewis

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the dearly departed: 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, Margaret Beckett, Rev Fr Peter Caruana, Joseph Spiteri, Marie Allan, Eriberto Adan, Mary Cumbo, Michael & Theresa Caruana, Anthony Vella, Alfred Muscat, Nenu Zammit

Please pray for the sick: Emily Larsen, 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

Women's Breakfast

13 August 2022

St Madeleine's Function Centre

8.30 -10am



Come and listen to a talk by Amany Saad; her journey, influences, witnessing, and experiences. She works at Kenthurst Pharmacy and had been a support to many of us. On the wall there are religious symbols; my son recognised the Coptic cross. Amany will inform us about the Coptic Church.

Contacts: Sue Martin
0432 716 577

Careyanne Moylan
0438 791 813
Masks please

Come be a part of our St Madeleine's Community.
Get to know new people. Invite a friend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S 2022 NATSICC ASSEMBLY is on-line www.natsicc.org.au/ The theme for 2022 NATSICC Assembly is Holy Spirit in This Land and topics will include Laudato Si', Healing through Country, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Spirituality. 19 – 23 September 2022 Support the Uluru Statement <https://fromtheheart.com.au/signtheulurustatementcanvas/> Caritas Australia has established a new appeal, Make Hunger History, to raise awareness and funds for the Horn of Africa. There are a range of resources for parishioners to be informed, to pray and to donate. www.caritas.org.au/act/help-fight-famine/

God, Giver of Life: You made the earth and everything in it to flourish and live to the full. But today, in the Horn of Africa, waterholes run dry, desert locusts swarm, crops wither and people look for food. After years of drought, conflict and COVID-19, farmers struggle to save their livelihoods, families leave home in search of water and over 18 million people face extreme hunger. Help us bring the world back to life. Amen.

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!

Friday 4th November 2022

At Oatlands House

Tickets \$150 each

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stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com

Please provide Table Name and no. of tickets

Payments can be made via

Kenthurst Catholic Church

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Reference Surname in payment details.

If you have questions or queries please email

Kim Parslow 0418 220 963

Sally Coppini 0407 942 986

Be a gift of love and compassion
for one another

~ St Mary Mackillop ~

Feast day 8th August

FIRST EUCHARIST

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

THANKYOU

A HUGE thankyou to all the wonderfully
kind and generous people who have donated
to the beanie appeal. We have received
beanies, scarves, rugs and beautifully warm
jackets. They are so much appreciated.
I am hoping to get some photos- hope you
can recognise your contribution! Deb

St Dominic

Feast Day:

8 August

On a journey
through France
with his bishop,
Dominic came



face to face with the then virulent Albigensian
heresy at Languedoc. The
Albigensians--or Cathari, "the pure ones"--held
to two principles--one good, one evil--in the
world. All matter is evil--hence they denied the
Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same
principle, they abstained from procreation and
took a minimum of food and drink. Dominic
sensed the need for the Church to combat this
heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the
preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately
why the preaching crusade was not succeeding:
the ordinary people admired and followed the
ascetical heroes of the Albigenses.

Understandably, they were not impressed by the
Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and
retinues, stayed at the best inns and had
servants. Dominic therefore, with three
Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according
to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10
years, being successful with the ordinary people
but not with the leaders. His fellow preachers
gradually became a community, and in 1215
Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse,
the beginning of the Order of Preachers or
Dominicans. Dominic's ideal, and that of his
Order, was to organically link a life with God,
study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of
salvation to people by the word of God. His
ideal: *contemplata tradere*: "to pass on the fruits
of contemplation" or "to speak only of God or
with God." [https://www.franciscanmedia.org/
saint-of-the-day](https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day)



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Positions Vacant

Administration Support—Office for Worship, Mission Enhancement, Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Monday 8 August

ICT Service Desk Analyst (full-time, 6-12 initial contract) – Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Sunday 14 August.

Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta

Applications close Friday 19 August at 5pm.

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

Pastoral Formation Scripture Short Course: Starts 11 August

Are you passionate about the Bible? Looking for a face-to-face introductory program on Scripture? Join Dr Laurie Woods for 4 Thursday nights: 11, 18 and 25 August and 1 September. Each night hosted from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 3 via met@parracatholic.org

Kellyville Parish 10th Annual Assumption Walk: 15 August

Join Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville's 10th Annual Assumption Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 15 August. There will be Holy Mass at the Shrine at 11.30am and the walk begins at 1pm sharp. You may join the walk at any point. Banners and statues are welcome. Register your interest at admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au or call (02) 9629 2595 for catering purposes at the stops along the way.



For WYD23 Launch Event

Following the announcement of the Diocese of Parramatta's official pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023, potential pilgrims, including clergy, aspiring group leaders and those interested in World Youth Day are invited to attend the launch event on Thursday 18 August from 7pm at St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens. Join Bishop Vincent and musical priest Fr Rob Galea and his *ministry band as we showcase all the amazing places we will be visiting on pilgrimage.* To find out more information and to register for the launch event, go to www.parrawyd.org

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	READERS	Pat Waters Justin Sebire	Margaret M Tony Hooper	Karla Quinn Sue Martin	Lidia Ceccato Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling			
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sonali Arnold & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
FLOWERS	Diane Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold	

13/14 August	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	Joseph Spina
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	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Catherine Diekman Maria Baldi	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
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