



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**11th September 2022**

24th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tim 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

**Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart.  
Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.” – Carl Jung**



The sequence of losing, finding and celebrating is not uncommon to us. We all have experiences of being upset and frustrated in losing something, such as car keys or our mobile phones or eyeglasses. We search and look for them until we find them, and there is a sense of relief and even joy when we find them. Naturally we share the joy of finding what had been lost. The experience of loss is extended to the wide spectrum of life: loss of a valued creature; loss of the means of survival; loss of an adult child's respect and presence; loss of human dignity and loss of sense of belonging to one another, etc. The gospel challenges us to look for ways and means of finding the lost and make our living worthwhile.

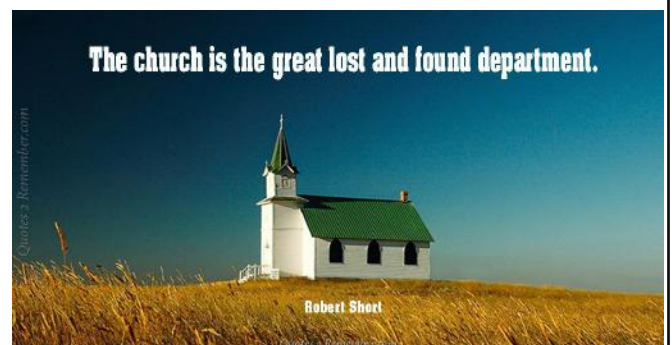
Commenting on the gospel of this Sunday, Sr. Veronica Lawson RSM says, that all three parables invite us into an encounter with a God who seeks and 'saves' what is lost. The parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting 'the lost', the tax collectors and 'sinners'. The critics are those who consider themselves 'righteous'. They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness on the one hand, and no capacity on the other to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations". No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God presented in these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world to God's action of seeking and saving the lost—here and now, not simply in the afterlife".

Stories to reflect:

- *In her novel Five for Sorrow, Ten for Joy, author Rumer Godden tells an intriguing tale. The heroine of the story is Lise an English army girl who falls on hard times and becomes a prostitute after the liberation of Paris in World War II. Within a short time, she becomes the leading Madame in one of Paris' smartest brothels owned by a man named Patrice. But Patrice soon tires of Madame Lise as his mistress and she is humiliated. In trying to help a younger prostitute escape from the same fate she suffered, Lise shoots and kills Patrice. So she is sent to prison where she meets the French Dominican Sisters of Bethanie. This is a Community dedicated to serving whores, drug addicts and vagrants; some of the sisters were once themselves such unfortunates. Lise becomes one of the Sisters of Bethanie. -Sister Lise is a prototype of the lost sheep and the lost coin in today's gospel, reminding us that God's grace is greater than our sins. (Albert Cylwicki in 'His Word Resounds')*
- *There is a story told about two brothers who were convicted of stealing sheep. They were each branded on the forehead with the letters 'ST' – Sheep Thief. One brother immediately ran away from the area and attempted to build a new life in a foreign land. Even there, people asked him about the strange letters on his forehead. He wandered restlessly and eventually, unable to bear the stigma, took his own life. The other brother took a different approach. He said to himself, "I can't run away from the fact that I stole sheep. But I will stay here and win back the respect of my neighbours and villagers." As the years passed, he built a reputation of integrity for himself. One day, a stranger saw the old man with the letters branded on his forehead. He asked a citizen of the town what the letters stood for. The villager replied, "It happened a great while ago. I've forgotten the particulars, but I think the letters are an abbreviation of 'Saint'. (John Rose in 'John's Sunday Homilies')*

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



*Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, a community of faith and service, strives to be a witness for Christ's love far and wide, reflecting the humility and wisdom of St Madeleine, the Patroness of the parish.*

# PARISH NEWS



## PRAYER AT ST MADS

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> )



### PUBLIC ROSARY

**Saturday, 15th October 2022**  
**9am**  
**at the Church**

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your  
from the Church.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

**Saturday, 24th September**  
**10am—3pm**

**in the St Madeleine's Centre**  
Volunteers are asked to participate in this training to ensure our parishes are inclusive and safe for children and adults at risk.

To register:  
<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

### 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**  
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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) = \$1,453.10  
2nd Collection (for Parish)  
Envelopes = \$817 Loose = \$1,126.20  
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

### PRAYER GROUP AT ST MAD'S CENTRE

Wednesday Morning at 10am

Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel,  
Pray the rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



**For the dearly departed:** Louis Sammut, Carmen Mifsud, Barry Ronald Jones, Joseph Galea, John Cavaco, Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Fulvio & Giulia Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Domenica Scarpin, Harold & Olive Burns, Matthew Riordan, Robert Smith Marine Nasri, Mary Cumbo, Maria Aiossa, Engracia Corpuz, Andrew Vien Debetaz

**Please pray for the sick:** Krista Hulme, 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**



**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

### 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

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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)**

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Deb Rankin

Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator

### POPE FRANCIS'

#### PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

*We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation Sessions:

Sundays, 11, 18 and 25 September

at 4pm followed by Mass

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

Sandra De Nardi m.0410 587 735

### CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for various ministries in our parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, providing flowers, singing, sacristan or with cleaning.



### St Robert Bellarmine

Feast Day:  
17 September 2022



When Robert Bellarmine was ordained in 1570, the study of Church history and the fathers of the Church was in a sad state of neglect. A promising scholar from his youth in Tuscany, he devoted his energy to these two subjects, as well as to Scripture, in order to systematize Church doctrine against the attacks of the Protestant Reformers. He was the first Jesuit to become a professor at Louvain. His most famous work is his three-volume Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith. Particularly noteworthy are the sections on the temporal power of the pope and the role of the laity. Bellarmine incurred the anger of monarchists in England and France by showing the divine-right-of-kings theory untenable. He developed the theory of the indirect power of the pope in temporal affairs; although he was defending the pope against the Scottish philosopher Barclay, he also incurred the ire of Pope Sixtus V. Bellarmine was made a cardinal by Pope Clement VIII on the grounds that "he had not his equal for learning." The last major controversy of Bellarmine's life came in 1616 when he had to admonish his friend Galileo, whom he admired. He delivered the admonition on behalf of the Holy Office, which had decided that the heliocentric theory of Copernicus was contrary to Scripture. The admonition amounted to a caution against putting forward—other than as a hypothesis—theories not yet fully proven. This shows that saints are not infallible. Robert Bellarmine died on September 17, 1621. The process for his canonization was begun in 1627, but was delayed until 1930 for political reasons, stemming from his writings. In 1930, Pope Pius XI canonized him, and the next year declared him a doctor of the Church. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>



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PARRAMATTA

### Positions Vacant

**Business Operations Manager**, Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton

**Applications close 10pm Sunday 19 September.** More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Catholic Outlook Spring/Season of Creation edition out now!

Get your free copy of the Spring edition of *Catholic Outlook* now. This month, we talk about pilgrimages, the Season of Creation, and focus in on how our parishes are working towards sustainability. There's great kids activities too. Pick up your copy from our church now!

### Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 18 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team and Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt invite you to a Diocesan Season of Creation Mass on Sunday 18 September at 10.30am at Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt -Emerton (252-254 Luxford Rd, Emerton), followed by morning tea. To RSVP and for any inquiries, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### Pastoral Formation Sacraments Short Course: Starts 6 October

Are you passionate about deepening your appreciation of the sacraments? Want to enhance your sacramental vision of life? Over two Thursday nights (6 and 13 October), discover more with Sr Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocese of Parramatta's Worship team. Face-to-face from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by September 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) OR via <https://pffarra.org.au/signup/>

### MET Worship Formation for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying: 22 October

MET – Worship will be hosting a formation session for those already active in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying on Saturday 22 October from 9.30am – 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The formation day includes a reflection on the Spirituality of Suffering, Working within Safeguarding Guidelines and the Practicalities of this ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)

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	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Maureen Burford Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Peter Balnaves	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Justin Sebire	Catherine Diekman Maria Baldi	Pauline Chaccal David Hall-O'Dwyer	Sandra Bonello Frederick Kyngdon
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Monica & Dom Bruggeling		Kerstin Grima	
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>			Merle & Doug	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Vicky Hooper and Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Kim Parslow
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Teresa Capaldi		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Alice Garratt

<b>17/18 September</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	John Walcott Nigel Saunders	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Matilda Rogers	Bailey Gambrill		
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>			Anucia & Team	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Paul Vella and Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Deb Rankin
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Parish		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Vicky Hooper