



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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4th September 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Our Christian life began not with our decision to follow Christ but with God's call to us to do so.” -John Stott

Some of us may get offended or shocked by the words of Jesus asking us to ‘hate’ our dearest and nearest and follow him. With the nuance of the eastern language, we get the real meaning and the implication of Jesus’ words to hate our beloved ones in our desire to follow him. What is implicated in the words of Jesus is that no love in life can compare with the love we must bear to GOD. Christ knew if anyone who followed him had him in second priority, or lower, then when the first of many challenges, threats and suffering came along, these people would fall away swiftly.

In a certain American town, a college student was told that because of his excellence as a basketball player, with hard work and dedication he could become a famous and rich sportsman. But he amazed his family and friends, not to mention his college coach when he turned his back on a sporting career and chose to become a doctor. He said that he wanted to work with the poor people in his city. In the light of the gospel, this person had chosen ‘to hate’ a career as a sportsman for the sake of loving God in the love of the poor people in his city.



Jesus’ constant practical example and his wider teachings show us that we must love and cherish our family and loyally keep our commitments and our duties that we owe to our parents and family. Our Lord saved one of his most stinging criticisms for people who used religious excuses to justify

neglecting their duty to their parents and family. So, when our Lord says in the Gospel that we should ‘hate our lives or families’, the actual point of Jesus’ message today is not to reject or abandon the bonds of the family, the ties of blood, but actually to WIDEN our vision of FAMILY. Jesus is telling his disciples that HIS definition of “family” includes not only our traditional ties of “blood relations” but also all who follow Jesus and act on his word—all who hold the values of the Kingdom, and in fact all people.

As we envisage to go outside the so-called norms of society in including outsiders and strangers in today’s context, there will be a bit of ‘hating’ from the rest of the society. Hatred and persecution will come from those who are very comfortable with things as they are. A change in this situation will be detrimental to them and helpful to everyone else. And they will not stand for it. The plain truth is: Our goal is not merely to be a good person and avoid doing wrong. Being a disciple of Jesus is the goal. Discipleship is an expensive proposition. It costs everything we have. (Jesus needs us to give all we have in energy and time). Why is the price so high? Because the stakes are just as high. And his Kingdom is filled with the wonderful values and virtues that are worth fighting for and are life-giving and lasting.

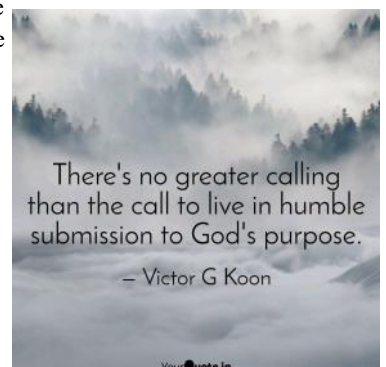
In Our Lord's Kingdom, water is thicker than blood. In the Kingdom, the waters of Baptism bind us more closely and are infinitely more important than even the utterly-deep ties of family. And so this turns the whole system on its head. If people everywhere extended to all those we meet, that same love, loyalty and unconditional bond of generosity that we share with people who are related to us, what a different world it would be, and it would be a world ever-closer to the Vision of Christ's Kingdom” (from Roman Catholic Homilies)

Christ is asking us to put our lives, our energy and our resources, into the service of his plan for building up the Kingdom of God, and it’s radically transforming values. Jesus does not ask the impossible of us. Jesus calls each of us to follow him closely, as Pope Francis would say, towards Holiness. Every one—whether married, or single, religious, young or old, whatever profession we are in—God calls us individually to be a part of His plan for humanity in the context of today’s complex situations. It is in these complexities and uncertainties of life where God’s plan is unfolding, and He believes that every one of us can do our share in making His Mission real despite our failures and inadequacies. Are we willing to receive what He wants to give us and through us to the vast community?

Wishing all our fathers a Happy Father’s day.

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)



PUBLIC ROSARY

Saturday, 15th October 2022
9am
at the Church

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your
PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES
 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:

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,423.20
 2nd Collection (for Parish)
 Envelopes = \$772 Loose = \$930.45
 Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23



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 Season of Creation has begun <https://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation/>

It is also Biodiversity Month, one activity you can do is Poem Forest: Write a poem, plant a tree www.australianbotanicgarden.com.au/learn/poem-forest is a free nature writing prize, that invites students and teachers to use their words to make positive climate action. For every nature poem received a tree is planted to help heal endangered habitats. Entries are due 23 September. September 25th is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, the theme is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees" Pope Francis highlights the commitment that we are all called to share in building a future that embraces God's plan, leaving no one behind.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased: Carmen Mifsud
For the dearly departed: 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, 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



PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angeliqe 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

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Weddings: By appointment

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Deb Rankin

Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator



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Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation Sessions:

Sundays, 11, 18 and 25 September

at 4pm followed by Mass

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.



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Positions Vacant

Business Operations Manager, Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton

Applications close 10pm Sunday 19 September. 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

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 OR via <https://pparra.org.au/signup/>

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.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship

St Teresa of Calcutta

Feast Day:
5 September 2022



At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor." After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals—the ordinary dress of an Indian woman—she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits. The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people. For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>





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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	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 and Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Calla Lily Floral Art		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt

10/11 September	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Maureen Burford	Joseph Spina
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	JNR MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling		Kerstin Grima	
	MUSICIANS			Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone and Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
	FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt