



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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23rd October 2022

30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

“Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real” -Thomas Merton



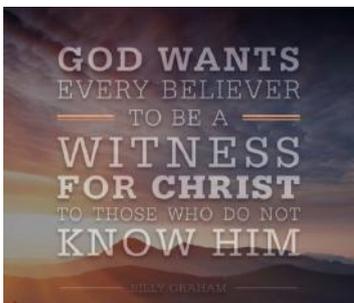
We are celebrating the Mission Sunday on 23rd October with the theme released by Pope Francis “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). This celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be. In a series of messages Pope Francis renewed his call for the international community to “discover and implement common solutions” to tackle the biodiversity crisis and climate emergency in the new year. Let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church’s missionary

activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayers and our active involvement through sharing of time, talents and treasure. Following is the reflection on the readings of this Sunday by SAM ROCHA US Catholic (edited)

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in today’s gospel is addressed to “those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.” The parable’s message goes further than to simply encourage generic humility. Jesus targets the disdain for others at the core of this particular type of spiritual pride. It is not only the confidence of the Pharisee that is amiss here, but, more deeply, the hatred and disgust it produces and justifies. Pharisees were held in high esteem in Jewish culture. Tax collectors, on the other hand, were collaborators with the Romans. They also cheated people to increase their earnings. So they were despised. So, for Jesus to tell this story where the Pharisee is the “villain” and the tax collector is the “hero” is a complete reversal of how these roles were perceived. This reversal allows us to see the true courage in the prayer of the tax collector. Perhaps this is part of why the latter goes home justified and the former does not. The tax collector’s humility allows him to present himself before the Lord with an honesty that the Pharisee, for all his merits, cannot. Furthermore, the sinful tax collector asking for the mercy of God is not led to despise the Pharisee in the way the Pharisee and Jesus’ intended audience despise everyone else.

There is a sense in which the objective and concrete goodness of the Pharisee has become an obstacle that leads him into self-deception and hatred of the world and others. In the same way, there is a sense in which the real sins of the tax collector awaken his conscience with enough self-knowledge to repent and seek mercy. Perhaps the lesson here is that a goodness that leads to moral slumber can bear evil fruits like xenophobia just as the sin that awakens our conscience can bear the good fruit of humility and mercy.

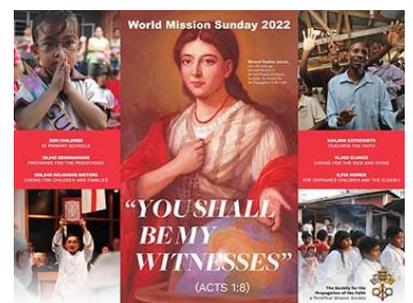
In the second reading, we hear Paul writing to Timothy. Paul was a Pharisee. And his words share some of the characteristics of the Pharisee of our gospel’s parable. But there is a crucial difference: there is no disdain nor hatred. Paul’s vision of justification is for all. “The Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me,” Paul insists, “but to all who have longed for his appearance.” Paul wishes no evil even to those who deserted and harmed him, exclaiming, “May it not be held against them!” In many ways, Paul appears as someone who has absorbed the message of our gospel’s parable.



The first reading from the Old Testament offers a more poetic and mystical account of what we heard from the New. “The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.” Here, the cry of the oppressed carries an insistence that is different from the Pharisee, the tax collector, and even Paul. Unlike these men, the widow and the orphan summon a demand and priority that God more than justifies. Here, mercy abounds and salvation feels qualitatively different. It is immediate. In the world we live in today, there are many God-given opportunities for us to reach out to the underprivileged, refugees, homeless and so on. It is in praying and caring for them, we shall be God’s witnesses.

God’s blessings

Fr. Vince



PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

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| 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: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| 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) |



PIETY SHOP

**Calendars \$10
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Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? Come and have a look in the piety shop. We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items. Special orders are welcome too. We are open after every weekend mass. Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413 272 400

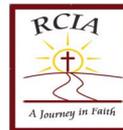


RCIA—Information Evening

Thursday, 3 November at 6.30pm

The Community of Faithful (Church) invites those unbaptised adults seeking to embrace catholic faith and individuals desiring to become full pledged members of the Catholic Community and even the baptised Catholics aspiring to enhance the Christian life to join the RCIA programme.

For any query contact Fr Vincent or the parish office.



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 weekend Masses or the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

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1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$906.55
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$962 Loose = \$ 772.55
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

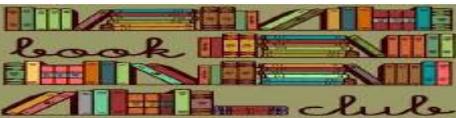
For the recently departed: Vincenzo Luca, John Nati, Rosina Mezzagosto



For the dearly departed: Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Antonio & Domenica Scarpin, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Matteo Desanti, Harold & Olive Burns, Giacomo & Maria Battaia, Remi McAuliffe, Rodney Teague, Hortensia Russo, Leslie George Waters, Rita & Domenico Franceschina, Domenica & Francesca Barbaro, Leonard Meryment, Frederick Salmon

Please pray for the sick: Xavier Huber, Giuseppe Scisciolo, Sofia Viizzo, Phyllis Hannah, Margaret Martin, 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



27 October 7-8pm: *New Seeds of Contemplation* by Thomas Merton seeks to awaken the dormant inner depths of the spirit so long neglected by Western man, to nurture a deeply contemplative and mystical dimension in our lives." "Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul."

Join us for a sharing of our thoughts and meeting new friends.

Join our zoom

Meeting ID: 815 4470 1500

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S: The Faith & Ecology Network is hosting a workshop this Friday called Ten Ways Faith Groups Care for Biodiversity: Growing a Green Heart, it is at The Coal Loader Sustainability Centre Waverton Friday 28th October 1:45-3pm . Registration: www.trybooking.com/CCZNH The Faith Ecology Network (FEN) is an Australian hub for strengthening an interfaith dialogue between science and religion in the interests of advancing ecological consciousness and care for the Earth. It is totally run by volunteers under the auspices of the Sisters of Good Samaritan. www.faithecolony.net.au Our friends at Baabayn have recently released a beautiful video from their recent Healing Forum <https://vimeo.com/755862986/d46e99841b> A moving video to watch.

*Our prayers and condolences
with Rosina and her family
on the demise of her husband, John Nati*

FUNERAL OF THE LATE VINCE LUCA

**Date: 26th October 2022
at St Anthony's Marsfield
Time: 11am**

*Our prayers and condolences
with Miranda and her family*

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

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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

St Anthony Mary Claret

Feast Day:

24 October



Ordained at 28, he was prevented by ill health from entering religious life as a Carthusian or as a Jesuit, but went on to become one of Spain's most popular preachers. Anthony spent 10 years giving popular missions and retreats, always placing great emphasis on the Eucharist and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was said that his rosary was never out of his hand. At age 42, he founded a religious institute of missionaries beginning with five young priests, known today as the Claretians. Anthony was appointed to head the much-neglected archdiocese of Santiago in Cuba. He began its reform by almost ceaseless preaching and hearing of confessions, and suffered bitter opposition mainly for opposing concubinage and giving instruction to black slaves. His solution for the misery of Cubans was family-owned farms producing a variety of foods for the family's own needs and for the market. This invited the enmity of the vested interests who wanted everyone to work on a single cash crop—sugar. All his life Anthony was interested in the Catholic press. He founded the Religious Publishing House, a major Catholic publishing venture in Spain, and wrote or published 200 books and pamphlets. At Vatican I, where he was a staunch defender of the doctrine of infallibility, Anthony won the admiration of his fellow bishops. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore remarked of him, "There goes a true saint." At the age of 63, he died in exile near the border of Spain.

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

Please get your tickets for our St Madeleine's Dinner Dance

Oatlands House at 6.30pm

Friday 4th November 2022

Tickets \$150 each

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Please provide Table Name

and no. of tickets

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If you have questions please contact

Kim 0418 220 963 or Sally 0407 942 986

stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com



Advent Day of Prayer

Join us for a day of reflection and prayer for
Advent and healing. We connect with place, spirit,
and heart to heal our world, refresh our minds
and strengthen relationships.

Date: 26 November 2022

Where: St Madeleine's Kenthurst

Time: 9.30 – 1.30pm and on.

All welcome

Contact: Careyanne Moylan 0438791813 or
careyanneoylan@hotmail.com

Dinner Dance

Donations

Needed

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Kim Parslow 0418 220 963
Sally Coppini 0407 942 986

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VOLUNTEERS - WWCC

PLEASE NOTE we will be contacting all
volunteers that are in ministries that
require **Working With Children Checks**

EVERY VOLUNTEER in our parish must
provide current contact details by
completing a form found online (use the QR
Code). Copies available in the Church.

We URGENTLY need PowerPoint operators for
our Masses and more
singers

We URGENTLY need
Cleaners to help with
dusting, vacuuming the
Church, cleaning the doors -
please contact the parish
office

Please contact the parish office if you can
help as a reader, welcomer, musician,
providing flowers, singing, sacristan or with
cleaning.



Congratulations on your First

Holy Communion.

May the blessings of Christ be upon
you always!



On behalf of St Madeleine's Community,
I would like to extend our heartfelt prayerful
wishes to the children who are receiving the
most holy Body of Christ on 23rd and
30th October during the special Masses.

Fr. Vince



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| | WELCOMERS | | Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell | Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone | Joseph Spina |
| | MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | John Puleo | Piety Rocha | Phillys Hannah | |
| | READERS | Colleen Dunlop | Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry | Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn | Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle |
| | JNR MINISTERS | Matilda Rogers | | Kerstin Grima | |
| | MUSICIANS | | | | |
| | COUNTERS | Sandra Tabone & Parish Team | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | Thomas & James Barker |
| FLOWERS | Calla Lily | | ALTAR LINEN | Rosa Carlino | |
| 29/30 October | WELCOMERS | | Maureen & Rick Jones | Maureen Burford Teresa Capaldi | Joseph Spina |
| | MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | Dianne Millington | Steve Fry | Phillys Hannah | |
| | READERS | Heidi Bou-Harb Pat Waters | Margaret Mieczkowski Nigel Saunders | Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn | Joanna O'Neill Teresa Barisic |
| | JNR MINISTERS | | Bailey Gambrell | | Thomas & James Barker |
| | MUSICIANS | | | | |
| | COUNTERS | Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | Deb Rankin |
| FLOWERS | Calla Lily | | ALTAR LINEN | Jan Parslow | |