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30th October 2022

31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22 –12:2

2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2

Luke 19:1-10

WHO ARE WE TO GOD?

In the liturgical calendar November 1 is celebrated as All Saints Day and **November 2 as All Souls Day. We will have two masses on this Day: 9.15 am and 7 pm.** May we come to gather and celebrate the lives of our loved ones. A long-standing tradition in the Church is to use the month of November to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Memories of our loved ones who lived among us and somehow touched our lives are still powerful. We enjoy a spiritual communion with them though they are not physically with us. Throughout the month of November, the Masses will be offered for our loved ones and the Mass intention envelopes are available in the church and the parish office. **The Book of Life** is kept at the entrance of the church so that you may write the names of your loved ones for us to remember in every mass. Here below is the reflection of Alex Gruber on the readings for October 30, 2022.

Since July of this year, NASA has been releasing images from the James Webb Space Telescope, to the awe and delight of people across the globe, myself included. The first published is a deep-field image: in an area of sky that appears around as large as a grain of sand held at arm's length from our eyes on earth, the telescope captured thousands of galaxies, some of them up to 13 billion years old! Our planet is but a speck (if even that) in the vastness of the cosmos, a fact that makes our proclamation of the words in Wisdom even more staggering: "Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth."



In the second chapter of Laudato Si, this is said of the Mystery of the Universe: "... the world came about as the result of a decision, not from chaos or chance, and this exalts it all the more. The creating word expresses a free choice. The universe did not emerge as the result of arbitrary omnipotence, a show of force or a desire for self-assertion. Creation is the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things..."



Who are we, then, to this God, and who are we in a world, let alone a universe, that often seems cold, distant, and even without meaning? As it turns out, we are the world to God, God's beloved. The Holy Spirit breathes through all of creation, from the Crab Nebula to crabs, suns to sunflowers, constellations of stars to communities of people. God recognizes God's self in all the universe and says that it is good. Gifting and recognizing God's own image and likeness in each of us human beings, God says that we are very good and demonstrates this truth by becoming one of us.

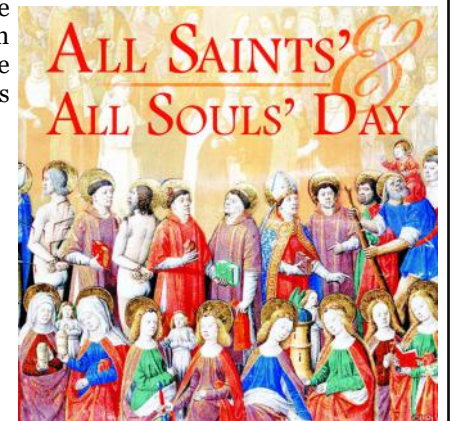
Even the lowly, the people we sell short as sinners like Zacchaeus, are held in high esteem by God the lover of all souls. So often, we get caught up in ideas of worthiness, debating who has earned a portion of God's love as though it is as scarce and non-renewable a resource as oil. Jesus calls us down to earth and to a personal encounter with him, inviting us to accept his Father's love and his own Spirit that we may make his way our way.

When we receive Jesus and all he offers with joy, we can grow toward the heavens. Sure of our roots deep in solid ground, we will not be shaken by calls to collect as much as we can, even to the point of extortion, and hoard it for ourselves. Rather, we will see clearly the abundance of God's love and give it and God's other gifts generously, especially to the people we have cast down and out.

What would our world look like if we recognized and treated all that we have on earth as gifts? What would our world look like if we acknowledged the harm we have caused to each other and our earth and gave the "reasonable" restitution for that harm four times over? It may look as foolish as a short man scrambling up a tree. From what we read in the Gospel, it might also look like salvation, the reign of God, coming into our lives. What a gift to us on this little drop in the universe. Let us pray we accept it with open arms and joyful hearts.

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: 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)



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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:

**Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic
Church BSB : 067950
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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

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,151.35
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$915 Loose = \$ 1,714.75
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**

ALL SOUL'S DAY

Mass for All Soul's Day will be held on
Wednesday, 2 November
at 9.15am and 7pm

If you would like photos of your dearly departed displayed on our Remembrance Wall throughout the month of November, please provide to the parish office.



1 December 7-8pm: Told from the viewpoint of Psyche's sister, Orual, *Till We Have Faces* by CS Lewis is a brilliant examination of envy, betrayal, loss, blame, grief, guilt, and conversion. In this his final, and most mature and masterful novel, Lewis reminds us of our own infallibility and the role of a higher power in our lives.

Join us on zoom
Meeting ID: 815 4470 1500

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S: 8th November our Laudato Si' team will host a screening of The Letter [The letter \(theletterfilm.org\)](http://Theletterfilm.org) 7pm in the St Madeleine's Centre.

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity, invites you to the **Parramatta Street Feast 2022** at Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta on **Saturday 12 November, 12pm-2pm**. The Street Feast is a response to Pope Francis' call to build a more inclusive, welcoming and generous society. People on the margins of society as well as parishioners, students, volunteers and agency staff are invited to share a meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity. The first Parramatta Street Feast was celebrated in 2019. After two years of hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are finally organising a second event of this kind.

During the month of November, we will offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our beloved departed.

Pen the names in the Book of Life at the entrance to the Church.

Envelopes for Mass intentions are available in the foyer of the Church.

The bulletin will have a prayer each week for our loved ones.

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

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

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 Martin de Porres

Feast Day:

3 November



Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima's society. When he was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut hair and also how to draw blood—a standard medical treatment then—care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines. After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor. It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of "blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!" Side by side with his daily work in the kitchen, laundry, and infirmary, Martin's life reflected God's extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bi-location, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals. Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a "poor slave." He was a good friend of another Dominican saint of Peru, Rose of Lima.

<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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and no. of tickets

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If you have questions please contact

Kim 0418 220 963 or Sally 0407 942 986

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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.

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Contact: Careyanne Moylan 0438791813 or
careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

Dinner Dance

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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,
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special Mass.

Fr. Vince



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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	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	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Calla Lily		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow
5/6 November	WELCOMERS		Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
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	READERS	Mary Sammut Heidi Bou-Harb	Eileen Sherlock	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
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	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow	