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30th April 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Pet 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

“For each one of us, there is only one thing necessary: to fulfil our own destiny, according to God's will, to be what God wants us to be.” — Thomas Merton

Jokes about the priests and the church and the recent charges of abuse against a very tiny percentage of priests have shaped our views of priests and the institutional church itself. That is true only up to a point. We see another dimension to the life and work of priests and the number of good things done by the institutional church down the centuries and at present. This Sunday is observed as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today the church invites us to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for a renewal of our commitment to the vocations we have already assumed and at the same time to pray for an increase in the Vocations to Priestly and Religious life.



The outstanding qualities of a Good Shepherd are well delineated in the gospel of this Sunday: knowing the sheep even by name, providing for them, keeping them together, and protecting them from any danger to the point of laying down his life for them. What is so striking is that a good shepherd is not intimidated by challenges but he is rather enhanced by them.

At the same time, the sheep have responsibilities of belonging to the shepherd and the rest of the fold and listening to his voice and following the shepherd. As the sheep of the fold of Jesus, it would be proper for us to look at how we reflect the qualities of the Good Shepherd, i.e. our Jesus in our lives.

Our simple acts of care and love could possibly give us a leadership role. Whenever we show light to anyone in darkness, we are shepherds, whenever we put a smile on the face of someone, we are shepherds, whenever we give someone reason to live, we are shepherds. Whenever we preach the word of God by words or by actions, we are shepherds.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church also asks us to pray for vocations. Because without people dedicated to their vocation – whatever it may be – so many people will never hear the Gospel, never hear the Shepherd's voice. We know that every person has a vocation. Every person is called on by God to do something specific with their life to bring salvation (fullness of life) to all.



Parents help to bring their children to salvation by raising them in the faith and in the Christian values. The children are expected to pay attention to their parents and also to obey them. In the recent guideline on marriage, Pope Francis instructed that children should be taught and learn to say: “Please”, “thank you” and “sorry”. Parents are expected to shepherd more by good examples than by those instructions that do not resonate with their lives. Spouses bring their husbands and wives to salvation by upholding their faith and living for each other in good times and in bad. Teachers help

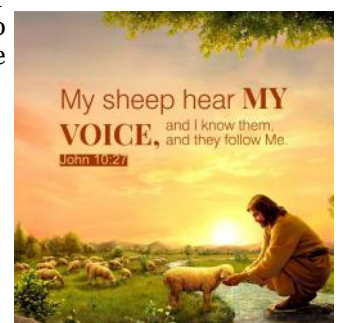
bring students to salvation by educating them and helping them to develop their God-given talents. Students under various teachers should be open to learn and accept the formation they are given.

Business people bring others to salvation by living lives of integrity and witness to their faith by conducting business fairly and with justice and concern for the needy. The list goes on. Religious leaders at various levels are meant to lead the flock to God and not to the devil and evil; they are meant to tend the flock and not to tamper with them.

Every vocation, every authentic vocation, calls the disciple to do what God created them for, and helps God to bring salvation to the whole world. Bottom line, we should have great joy and satisfaction with the chosen vocation. Thirty-Eight years before I committed myself to the Voice of God and the mission entrusted to me... For the past 12 years, I have been a part of St Mad's community trying to do what God wants me to do. Nothing is easy and nothing is simple, but somehow, Jesus as the Good Shepherd, leads us and our community. Are you doing what God wants you to do with your life? Maybe it means you renew your commitment to your family, your work, your life as a disciple. For young people it may mean to choose a career that pleases God and brings joy and satisfaction to them. May I request the young generation to set aside a few minutes everyday to commune with God and listen to Him and His plan for your life. (Sources duly acknowledged)

God's blessings

Fr Vince



PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MAD'S

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 Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass Monday Rosary Via Zoom 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)



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Congratulations to all children being confirmed this week

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Enrolment forms will be available online next week. All documents are to be handed in at the parish office **by Friday, 26 May**.

Parent Information evening: Tuesday, 30 May at 4.30pm or 7pm

For any queries stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for this accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre.

The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

- St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or
- Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

For information on how to register for the venue of your choice please contact

**Suzanne - Parish Safeguarding Champion
m. 0410 936 108**



Please ensure your details are kept up to date 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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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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,467.65
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$1,895 Loose = \$1,288.55

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

International Workers' Day 2023 is May 1st The Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations recently made a submission to the annual minimum wage case. It recommended a wage increase of 7.2% for Australia's lowest-paid workers. Are you interested in Social Action Course given by Dr. Sandie Cornish, ACU lecturer in theology and Dr. James Whelan from the Change Agency with the support of Peter Arndt, Director of the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace ojep@catholic.org.au For those interested in developing their skills to be more faithful and effective in their social, peace and environmental action. The free course starts on June 27. Laudato Si' week I will be helping run a four day convocation I am a Tree of Life www.jisa.org.au/im23 May 21-24 A convocation of people with spiritual exercises, forest contemplations and conversations, using the life of a tree as a metaphor for an organic spirituality.

THE CHOSEN

**SHOWING TUESDAY, 16 MAY
AT 7PM**

IN THE ST MADELEINE CENTRE

An exciting announcement!

**We will be showing the first episode
of The Chosen
followed by a brief discussion
and supper**

**For information
Suzanne m. 0410 936 108**

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Juana, Paul Castelino, Christy & Breda Sherlock, Mary Cumbo, Raymond Conliffe, Melba Cardozo, Letizia Dominello, Steve Nash, Beryl Forster, Paul Spina, Paul Cascun, Martin Mileto, Yvonne Muter, Barbara Sweeney, Michele Vaccarella, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Shedly & Chahide Hajje, George Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Abraham family, Abbey Mousa, Joe Fuda, Maria Rose Napoli, Salvatore Napoli, Joseph & Lyn Napoli, Sam & Barbara Napoli, Anne & Chris Geniale, Yolanda & Sam Papallo, George Papallo, Immacolata Agostino, Ariella Napoli, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Ky Frenedo, Geoff Burcham

Please pray for the sick: Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, Aura Krakowsky, Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, Margaret Martin, 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

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

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

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Welcomers Coordinator:

Safeguarding Champion: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

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 during school term

Weekday Masses

9:15am Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45am - 10:15am Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

at 11:20am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You,

Holy Spirit,

as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go

and how we are to pursue it.

We are God's beloved children:

may our journey together

be marked by humble listening,

courageous speech, and lively hope.

Let us find in You our unity

as we seek to do what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and
time,

in the communion of the Father and
the Son, forever and ever.

AMEN

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Info:

Careyanne 0438791813

St Joseph the Worker

Feast Day: 1 May



To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society." Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work.

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MET FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE: STARTING 2 MAY

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pffarra.org.au/faithlife/>

REACH—WELLBEING PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS—2 MAY

Reach Recovery Program, designed by the Black Dog Institute. Tuesday from 10am to 12pm, 2nd May for 9 weeks at Bank Bazaar and Bank Bar & Cafe, 290/294 Windsor Street, Richmond NSW 2753 – Morning Tea provided—Presenter Virginia Field. RSVP: (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@ccss.org.au

FAMILY GROUPS—50TH ANNIVERSARY

Parishioners are invited to recognise the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the Passionist Family Group Movement which began at St Anthony's in the Field by Fr Peter McGrath cp in May 1973.

Date: Saturday, 6 May

At 11am

Where: Terry Hills Parish



PARISH PLAYGROUP

Each Thursday during school term

At: 9.30am

in the St Madeleine Centre

Any questions please contact
the office on 9654 2260



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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Eileen Sherlock Catherine Diekman	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sandra Bonello
FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper	
6 & 7 May		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
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	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Frederick Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders John Walcott	Careyanne Moylan Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey Gambrell		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Sonali Arnold		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kerrie Anne
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