



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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14th May 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pet 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's. ~ Princess Diana



A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of the car, he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars." The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me, I'll buy you a rose." He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers. As they were leaving, he offered the girl a ride home. She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother." She directed him to the cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave. The man returned to the flower shop, cancelled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.

We ask that God would grant you mothers, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His spirit in your inner woman. That you may be filled with all the fullness of God. You are a blessing to your families, and a blessing to this church. Thank you. And may Christ be with you. May God bless you this Mother's Day and every day!

The context of today's Gospel is the human anxiety of the disciples about the absence of Jesus and ultimately about the absence of God caused by his foretelling of his departure from the world. Jesus had no intention of leaving his disciples behind him in a situation where they are left to hope without help.



He does not deny the anxiety and distress, but offers a promise of presence and a sense of meaning embedded in sharing God's life. The power of the Spirit is the rock of Christian hope. Without the Spirit, the followers of Jesus would be thrown back on their own resources which are clearly inadequate. With the Spirit however, the disciples can face the future with a power which is much larger than themselves. In this Gospel we are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will come as our advocate, the Spirit of Truth. By giving us the Spirit as an advocate what does Jesus imply? He wishes us to know that the Spirit, the best gift that God can give us, is the gift of his own presence in our lives. The Spirit will stand beside us, will comfort us when we ask, help us in difficult times, and speak on our behalf when we are in

need. Although people with no religious faith comfort one another, our fellowship with the Spirit is deeper and more awesome. His power becomes real only if we let Him work in and through us. We are invited to be the Christ-bearers. "In listening to another, in care of all sorts, in putting ourselves out for the other, in working for justice and for peace the Spirit of God is alive and people are touched by God's love through the cooperation of ordinary men and women." (Source duly acknowledged)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit,

Replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation,

Replace the turbulence within us with a sacred calm,

Replace the anxiety within us with a quiet confidence,

Replace the fear within us with a strong faith,

Replace the bitterness within us with the sweetness of grace,

Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light,

Replace the coldness within us with a loving warmth,

Replace the night within us with Your day,

Replace the winter within us with Your spring, Straighten our crookedness, Fill our emptiness, Dull the edge of our pride, Sharpen the edge of our humility, Light the fires of our love.

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—RECONCILIATION

For baptised Catholic children Yr 3 onwards

Enrolment forms are available online – stmadeleine.org.au - and in the parish office. 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

The enrolment process is completed by handing in the enrolment form and required documentation and attendance at both the parent information evening and a Commitment Mass on the weekend of **3 & 4 June.**

Preparation sessions at 4pm:
Sundays, 11, 18 & 25 June

2nd Rite of Reconciliation:
Wednesday, 28 June at 5.30pm and 7pm

For any queries
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com
Sandra m.0410 587 735

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER IN 2023: AN UPDATE FROM SAFEGUARDING (PEOPLE & CULTURE)

Did you complete your 6 points of mandatory training in 2021?
Are you due for renewal training?
Would you like to complete the renewal training Face to Face?

Our Renewal Training Package (Cycle 2 – 4 points) consists of: Module 4: Understanding Safeguarding, the Child Safe Standards & Working with Adults at Risk and Module 5: Legal Compliance: Risk Of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct

These Renewal Mandatory Modules will be offered face to face at Bishop Bede Heather Centre on: Tuesday 6th June at 10am - 1.30pm, OR Wednesday 7th June at 10am – 1.30pm

**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:

**Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic
Church BSB : 067950
Account Number : 0000388**

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) = \$1,350
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$872 Loose = \$2,563

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

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Frank Agresta, Ben & Paula Dieudonne, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Joe Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burham, Gildegardo Lopez, Nina Giudice, Juana, Paul Castellino, Christy & Breda Sherlock, Mary Cumbo, Raymund 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

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, Aura Krakowszky, 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Reconciliation Week preparations with Hills Yarning gathering May 16th 6:30pm in-person at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills. Happy Laudato Si' week, Earthcare is holding an online catchup Wednesday 17th May 2023 4pm – 6pm www.trybooking.com/CHVPE The theme this year is 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity.' Another day to consider Sunday 21 May 2023, 2pm. Mamre House and Farm 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. It is the Catholic Care Community Refugee Sponsorship information session. If you are interested in helping St Mad's participate in this endeavour so that we can be a community that supports community refugee resettlement let Sue know, 0432-716-577. Looking forward to catching up with those that can come to John XXIII on Saturday evening this weekend to share our synodal journey with the other parishes in our Northern Deanery.

THE CHOSEN

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

IN THE ST MADELEINE CENTRE

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

**For information
Loretta m. 0419260637**

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: Amy Seychell

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 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

Adapted from the original

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SYNOD
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May 13
6.30-9.30pm

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Info:
Careyanne 0438791813

St Simon Stock

Feast Day: 16 May

Simon Stock founded many

Carmelite Communities,

especially in University towns such as Cambridge, Oxford, Paris, and

Bologna, and he helped to change the Carmelites from a hermit Order to one of mendicant friars.

In 1254 he was elected Superior-General of his Order at London. Simon Stock's lasting fame came from an apparition he had in Cambridge,

England, on July 16, 1251, at a time when the Carmelite Order was being oppressed. In it the Virgin Mary appeared to him holding the brown scapular in one hand. Her words were:

"Receive, my beloved son, this scapular of thy Order; it is the special sign of my favor, which I have obtained for thee and for thy children of Mount Carmel. He who dies clothed with this habit shall be preserved from eternal fire. It is the badge of salvation, a shield in time of danger, and a pledge of special peace and protection." The scapular (from the Latin, scapula, meaning "shoulder blade") consists of two pieces of cloth, one worn on the chest, and the other on the back, which were connected by straps or strings passing over the shoulders. In certain Orders, monks and nuns wear scapulars that reach from the shoulders almost to the ground as outer garments. Lay persons usually wear scapulars underneath their clothing; these consist of two pieces of material only a few inches square. His feast day is 16 May www.catholic.org



DIOCESE of
PARRAMATTA

MET NATURAL FERTILITY SEMINAR – COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE: 20 MAY Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. This topic is of particular interest to couples that are trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and are seeking medical intervention to help them. Hear from trained professionals about a women's health science, the Creighton Model which is used in conjunction with NaProTechnology (www.fccau.org). This free event will be held on Saturday 20 May from 1pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. For more information and to register, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023 Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, 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 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017 EACH—Wellbeing program for people over the age of 18 years—2 May

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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	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Sebire Colleen Dunlop	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Sue Martin Karla Quinn	Sandra Bonello Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Calla Lily		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt

20 & 21 May		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Sacramental Team	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Jacqui Nisbet Joanna O'Neill
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey Gambrill		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chacal
FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt	