



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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18th June 2023

**11th Sunday Ordinary
Time Year A**

Ex 19:2-6

Rom 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36-10:8



In the Western world, it's no secret that we're experiencing a shortage of priests. As the Gospel says today, the harvest is rich and the labourers are few. The labourers of course consist not only of the priests, but of the people of God as a whole. Everyone has an important, collaborative role to play. And as we see a shortage of priests, we're also seeing less people make regular visits to mass – 11.8% of Catholics today attend mass weekly.

Despite the challenges, I'm quite hopeful for the future. The decline in mass attendance has slowed down significantly across Australia and seems to be stabilising, despite the Church coming through a difficult period with Covid.

We've also had, in the last 4 years, 9 ordinations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Parramatta, and there are several more coming through. While the seminary isn't full, it's not empty either. The Diocese is experiencing a new generation of priests coming forward.

I'm personally quite excited for the future. There's no doubt that the Holy Spirit is at work with a new springtime. Today Jesus is calling together new disciples and apostles, to be learners, but also to be teachers and missionaries.

We're all part of this process. One of the key teachings from Vatican II was the idea of the active participation of the laity. Evangelisation is not just the role of the priest, but for all the people of God. Everybody must be empowered and supported as disciples and apostles in the new spring harvest. How can we, as a church do this? I'm open to hearing feedback. Let's find ways of working together, collaboratively, to bring about new life in the Church.

This week, we welcome, in a very special way, ten new junior altar servers to the parish! You will start to see them around at the weekend masses. We welcome Grace, Lily-anne, Xavier, Fred, Oliver, Charylze, Sophia, Amelia, Jacinta, and Roderick. Congratulations on completing your training and thank you for your service to the parish!

God bless and a safe weekend to you all,
Fr Adam



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 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)



St Mad's Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8.30-10.30am 24 June

Sign in at back of church

More info: 0438791813



Come listen to Fr Adam share his thoughts on faith, priesthood and the church, and get to know our new assistant priest.



Join us as we venture on our synodal journey and share your thoughts and listen to others as we decide our new mission and direction.

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 0413272400

Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.

Tuesday 4 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3
Monday 10 July (6.30pm-8.30pm) for Modules 1 & 3
Tuesday 11 July (6.30pm-8.00pm) for Module 2
Saturday 22 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3

Please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or winstonhills@parracatholic.org to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

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:

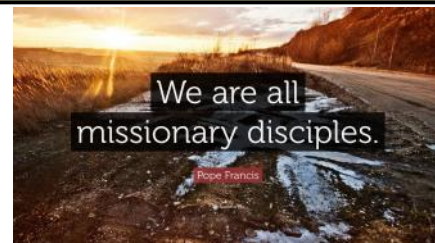
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Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church and submit to Fr Vincent after completion.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,222.30
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$760 Loose = \$1,253.15

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



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For information Loretta m. 0419260637



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

To mark World Environment day June 5th our Australian Bishops launched a Laudato Si' plan which contains actions to care for our common home, the earth, and all who live on it. Over the next few weeks we will share some of the action relating to the 7 Laudato Si' goals and you may consider which actions our parish can undertake. Laudato Si Action Plan (catholic.au) Catholics In Coalition For Justice And Peace. Topic: Australian Constitution and The Voice Thursday 29 June Mercy Convent, 4-6 Victoria Road, North Parramatta 4pm - 6pm CJPJ are extremely fortunate to have their invitation accepted by Dr Anne Twomey AO to speak. We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home. Now is an opportunity to change our Nation's history for the better. Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and may we be one in Your love. Amen One Journey, Together (indigenousvoice.church)

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the dearly departed: Arockia Mary Savarimuthu, John & Julie Saadie, Ray Dwyer, Norman & Chahide Hajje, Shedly & Chahida Hajje, George Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, Abraham family, John Nati, Immacolata & Oreste, Rosa Maria and Francesco Nati

Please pray for the sick: Odette Cutrone, 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

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chaccal

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

St Aloysius

Gonzaga

Feast Day: 21 June

At age 7 Aloysius

experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms, and other devotions. At age 9 he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities. A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade Aloysius to remain in his "normal" vocation. Finally he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser. In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die three months later within the octave of Corpus Christi, at the age of 23.

<http://franciscanmedia.org>



PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.
Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



For further information on the Synod
<https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>



"Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19)

Submissions due
31 July 2023

Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023

The question that will guide the Synod is: *In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?*

A topic related to the life and mission of the Church is **COMMUNION**

Questions we can ask ourselves include:

What are the factors that make a great community?

What brings people together?

How can the church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains deepen communion, and still honour the rich diversity of our community?

How do you try to accompany or 'walk with' family and friends through their struggles and joys?



Save Calvary Hospital: There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au.

Aboriginal Catholic Care NAIDOC Celebrations: 4 July: You are warmly invited to attend Aboriginal Catholic Care's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Tuesday 4 July at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton from 10am to 2pm. The event will include Stalls, Entertainment, Rides, Jumping Castle, Creature Feature, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzles & much more.

Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July



The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, scan the QR code or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org.

PARISH PLAYGROUP Each Thursday at 9.30am in the St Madeleine Centre

22 June: craft activities will be run by Tahlee
from Bunnings Dural

29 June: picnic in the
park

For further info contact
9654 2260



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM RECONCILIATION

Please continue to pray for all children and their families as they prepare for their first Reconciliation

Date: **Wednesday, 28 June** at 5.30pm and 7pm—all parishioners are welcome to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

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17 & 18 June	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Catherine Diekman	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey Gambrell		Charlyze Donoso Sophia Bou-Abbse
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Hills Family Funerals		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech
24 & 25 June	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY	
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Sebire Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			Oliver Twyford Xavier & Fred Kyngdon
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler		
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sandra Bonello
FLOWERS	Linda Pellizer		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold	