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9th July 2023

14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Zech 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30

What does it mean to have a knowledge of God?

In the semitic sense, when Jesus talks about 'knowing' God, he isn't talking about having a mere understanding of things about God. We can, for example, learn many things about God from the study of scripture, or from the lives of the saints and the great thinkers. Jesus wants us to go further than this. To 'know' someone in the semitic sense, consists of having a deep, intimate relationship with them.

At the heart of it, 'knowing' God is a relational experience. If we really want to get to know a person, we spend time with them, engage in dialogue with them, and share our love with them. It's like this with God. 'Knowing' God means being in a relationship.

That's not to say that our study of scripture, the lives of the saints, or the treasures of our tradition, are not important. These are all things that assist us in our relationship with God, giving us insight, wisdom and encouragement that help to propel us forward. All these things supplement our relationship with God, and it's that relationship that is so important.

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus talks about God hiding things from the learned and the wise, revealing them to mere children. The learned and wise are like the pharisees, those who claimed to have had a knowledge of God, but who ultimately betrayed God to the cross. Many of the pharisees would have known scripture like the back of their hands, but they missed the whole point.

The pharisees' dry, legalistic, and textbook approach to God was without love and compassion. Jesus says, "I want mercy, not sacrifice." They claimed to have knowledge of God but were seriously mistaken. This approach to God was burdensome on both the pharisees and those who followed them. At the end of the Gospel today, Jesus proclaims that he is going to lift that burden. "Come to me, all you labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable week and find that rest in the life-giving presence of Jesus, engaging in a deep and intimate relationship with him. May God bless 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)



Come & Support
Our Marian students at Mass!

Marian students will be providing the music for the 5.30pm evening Mass on

Sunday, 30 July 2023

We would love to see as many of our St Mad's parishioners come along to this Mass to support these young people and to welcome their involvement in church!

Thank you

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.

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:

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) = \$1,136.15
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$774 Loose = \$1,050.20
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

FUNERAL OF THE LATE JOSEPHINE CAMPO

Date Wednesday, 12 July 2023
Time: 11am at St Madeleine's
Our prayers and condolences
with the Campo family

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

CHOSEN RESUMES ON TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST AT 7PM FOR SEASON 2

1 AUGUST: S2 EPISODE 1 - THUNDER
IN THE ST MADELEINE CENTRE

Never too late to join us

Enjoy watching with fellow parishioners

Everyone is welcome

For information Loretta m. 0419260637



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

The Australian Churches Ecological Taskforce (ACET) hosted by the National Council Churches Australia NCCA has compiled a page of resources, generously shared members of our ACET Christian communities, on our Church resource hub page. We encourage you to take a look at the webpage and return from time to time as we grow the content. Church resources - NCCA Update from the Bishops Laudato Si' plan - Goal 6 Ecological Spirituality 6.1 Produce prayer and reflection resources and promote Laudato si' Week each year. 6.2 Collaborate to provide sample general intercessions suitable for use during the annual 'Season of Creation' Liturgical Office. 6.3 Conduct a Spirituality Day for Bishops Conference staff on 'An Integral Ecology of the Heart', to take forward the fruits of the Laudato si' Spirituality Afternoon held in 2020.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently deceased: Salvatore Barbaro
For the dearly departed: Eriberto Adan, Mary Cumbo, June Kingston, Costantino Giudice, Maria Ceroli, Sr Therese Gaudry RSM, Mary Ellen Bradley, Socorro Corpuz, Pablito Corpuz, Peter Dunlop, Milagrin Castelin

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

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 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.



WALKING TOGETHER

INTERFAITH CONSULTATION

TUESDAY 12 JULY 6.30PM - 8PM

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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?

We pray for engagement in our School Listening Consultations

"Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis

St Benedict

Feast Day: 11 July



All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for He himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matt 25:35). (Rule of St Benedict 53:1)

Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb. He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one "Grand Monastery" to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, and permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples. The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict.

<http://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Congratulations to Mharielle and Jose on their wedding



FLOWERS: if you would like to donate flowers for our Church please contact the parish office



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA



Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! 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.



ST MADELEINE'S PLAYGROUP
St Madeleine's Centre
28 Annangrove Road, KENTHWIRST

- Every Thursday during school term, from 9.30am
- Play and activities for children 0-6 years old.

- Mums, Dads, Carers and Grandparents are all welcome!
- Bring a healthy morning tea and a hat for play.
- For more information, please contact Sarah - 0405 514 624 or Amy - aseychell3@parra.catholic.edu.au



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST EUCHARIST

For children who have celebrated both Baptism and Reconciliation and are in Year 3 or older

Enrolment documents to be handed in at the parish office no later than **Friday, 4 August 2023**
see stmadeleine.org.au/sacraments

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

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READERS	Justin Sebire Colleen Dunlop	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Mary Sammut David Hall O'Dwyer	Lidia Ceccato Joanna O'Neill
JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			
MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler		
COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS	WEDDING		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow

15 & 16 July

	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	Joseph Spina
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