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13th August 2023

**19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

In the Gospel today, we hear about the miracle of Jesus walking upon the water. Jesus went out on the water to meet the disciples, who were battling to keep control of the boat in a strong headwind. Peter, upon seeing Jesus, goes out and attempts to meet him. While finding some initial success, the wind picked up, Peter became afraid and lost faith, sinking into the stormy sea. Jesus reached out his hand and pulled him out of the water.

The passage is quite rich in symbol. Immediately prior to Jesus making his way to the Sea of Galilee, he spent some time on a mountain in solitude and prayer. In the bible, mountains are often the place where God manifests his presence to humans. This journey down from the mountain foreshadows that something divine is about to occur.

Take note as well at the time this miracle takes place. The boat gets into trouble at the fourth watch of the night, sometime between 3am-6am. At this point in the morning, the world is at its darkest. This carries symbolic meaning in the biblical tradition. When we read the scriptures, we find many instances where God's plan triumphs over evil during the fourth watch of the night. It is often at the darkest point in which God's victory and triumph shines through. Jesus is like the dawn, bringing light to a dark situation. In this case, he comes to rescue those on the boat, and in particular, Peter who started to sink into the sea.

There's also something to be said about the location, namely that the story takes place on the water. Water is a common motif that is found right throughout the scriptures. Sometimes water is depicted in its potential for destruction. We find this, for example, in the great flood during the time of Noah. But then sometimes water is depicted as life giving, a source of nourishment, and as a means of salvation, as we find in the story of creation, or Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan.

I'm only just touching on the symbolism here in this passage. We are lucky to have such a rich treasury with scripture, a narrative of many threads woven together. All these threads lead to Jesus, the one who calms the storm, who brings light in the darkest of situations, and who rescues us when we find ourselves drowning in sin.

I wish you all a happy and blessed week ahead,

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



Come and join us to learn about the Edible Garden Trail. Share your ideas about veggie growing in the Hills.

3 September, 8.30-10am

St Madeleine Centre
28 Annangrove Rd Kenthurst

Sign in at back of the church or call:

Sue Carmel
0432716577 0417237013

St Mad's Women's Breakfast

Come and join us to explore the concept of "Finding Heaven's Heart."

10 September, 8.30 – 10am



Sue Martin, our deanery rep, brings with her great expertise and commitment to ecology and Ignatian Spirituality. Her current & recent roles include Reconciliation with Creation project officer for the Australian Province and globally being part of the Ecojesuit team; and National Director – Catholic Earthcare Australia.

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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 : 00000388

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) = \$1,257.35
2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1,009.65 Loose = \$1,012.35
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

THE CHOSEN

St Madeleine Centre
Tuesday evening 7pm
15th August S2 Episode 3 - Matthew 4:24
Never too late to join us, Everyone is welcome!
Season 1 now available on Netflix.

For information Loretta m. 0419260637

FUNERAL OF THE LATE PIO PELLIZZON

Date Monday, 14 August 2023
Time: 10.30am at St Madeleine's
Our prayers and condolences with the Pellizzon family

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

The 2024 Social Justice statement Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is being launched at Emerton on August 17th, visit One Journey, Together (indigenousvoice.church) to share the resources National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council NATSICC 'The peak Indigenous advisory body to the Catholic Church' has to undertake a table talk. Soctober www.soctober.org.au is being launched by Catholic Mission to support families in Timor-Leste facing health and wellness challenges.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Salvatore Barbaro, Josephine Campo, Ivan Ceccato, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Sacco family, Sultana family, Spadaro family, Pulis family, Michael Caruana, Theresa Caruana, Anthony & Maryann Vella, Sr M Efrasia Caruana, Joe Vella, Victoria Caruana, Diana Caruana, Joe Camilleri, June Payne, Rev Fr Peter Caruana, Bob Sakr, George Boulos, Frank Agresta, Giuseppina Esposito, Tunhouse Takchi, Norman & Chahide Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahida Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, George Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Vincenzina Americano

Please pray for the sick: Henry Field, 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 use the Mass offering envelopes found at the entrance to the Church or email the office kenthurst@parracatholic.org

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton
RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry
Playgroup Coordinator: Amy Seychell

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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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day: 15 August 2023

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church. We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. <http://www.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.



DIOCESE of
PARRAMATTA

Nominations open for Papal, Civil and Diocesan Awards From today until Thursday 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit parracatholic.org/awards. The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.

Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

Kairos Prison Ministry for Women This support group is for women who have family members serving a prison sentence. Live-in weekends are held twice a year at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. This is a safe space where women can meet and share with others their challenges. The next weekend will be held November 10 – 12, 2023.

Mandatory Safeguarding Face-to-Face Training Opportunities

Mandatory Modules 1-3: St Canice's Church, Katoomba on Saturday 28 October, 10am-3pm. Renewal Mandatory Safeguarding Training (4 points): Tuesday 22nd August 2023: Renewal Module 4 - Understanding the Child Safe Standards & Working With Vulnerable People, and Tuesday 29th August 2023: Renewal Module 5 - Legal Compliance – Risk of Significant Harm & Mandatory Reporting

Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes

Time: 10.00am-11.30am

Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform. Please register for these face-to-face renewal modules at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org
For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: maria.kervin@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



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?*

FaithLIFE—3 night short course on Synodal Spirituality: Beginning 22 August

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 22 Aug + 29 Aug + 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New planned giving envelopes
are in the Church.

For any queries please contact the office
on 9654 2260
or kenthurst@parracatholic.org



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST EUCHARIST

*Please welcome all families to our
Commitment Masses this weekend*

*Followed by Preparation Sessions at 4pm:
20, 27 August and 10 September*

Holy Communion dates:

*Sunday, 17 September
and
Sunday, 24 September*



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12 & 13 August		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	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 Sally Coppini	Sandra Bonello Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			Grace Bonello
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Diane Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold
19 & 20 August		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Sacramental Team
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry		
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS	Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick	Bailey Gambrell		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino