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10th September 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

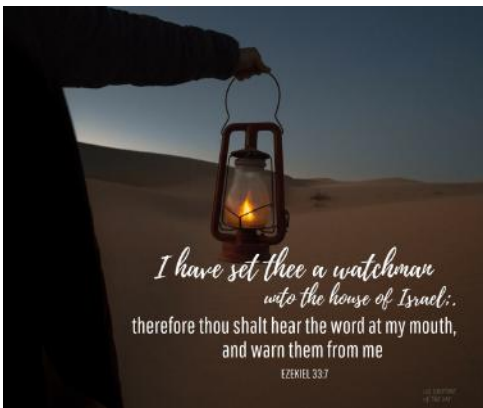
'Accountability is the glue that ties commitment to the result'- Bob Proctor

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

How are you? Family? Hope everything goes well at your end with the grace and love of God. The Spring has sprung already bringing more sunshine into our lives. Let us also spring forth into a 'shining life' with the grace of God.

Our Bishop Vincent Long has appointed me as the Chaplain for the Tamil Community in the diocese of Parramatta. This does not mean relinquishing my ministry in our parish but it is an added ministry which I hope to carry out with your support and prayer.

Many of us thought that covid would have taught us a lot about our personal and social lives. Mainly, I believed that it taught us 'how fragile we are without a healthy collaboration of humankind' underscoring the significance of mutual understanding and the caring of each other. I expected that this disaster would deepen the sense of God, in the minds and hearts of people, compelling them to be humane in their dealing with one another. Contrary to our expectations, misunderstanding, anger, disunity, unforgiveness, war, violence, wrong ideologies and perspectives, greediness and selfishness are eating up human society starting with families. The readings of this Sunday present us with a practical scenario that requires the incarnation of love as it affects the relationship we have with other people.



In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a Watchman for the house of Israel. He is obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. This reading challenges us to look beyond our own happiness and embrace a deeper sense of responsibility for one another. If our focus remains solely on our own interests, we miss the core message. In the gospel, Jesus teaches that a true Christian, not only assists his neighbour in temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also with correction and counsel for an erring brother or sister who has damaged the community by his or her public sin in a broader understanding of the term. In the second reading, St Paul points out that the love we have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing the wrong or evil doers.

We are called to assist those in need: the defenceless, the abused, the refugees, the neglected and the 'little ones' in society. "Equally significant is our obligation to confront whatever is contrary to the Gospel. Silence in the face of wrongdoing implicates us in it, both individually and as a community. This duty to voice our dissent applies not only to personal interactions but also to our engagement

with broader societal and communal issues" (US young Catholics). We are to take a stand against the false ideologies and perspectives perpetuated today by the media or a small group and establish a just, humane society. "As followers of Jesus, we need to cultivate a culture of accountability, where the pursuit of justice and righteousness prevails" (US young Catholics).

As we reflect on these readings this weekend, let us affirm the responsibility and authority we have been entrusted with through baptism by God. As a Christian, we are all God's 'minor prophets', 'watchmen' for God's creation. By being guardians of each other, we can assure a beautiful life for each and everyone. We can't join the club of Cain in the OT questioning, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The need of the time is prayer, dialogue and action.

A story to reflect and even discuss with the family members:

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody would not do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. (Unknown author)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



In the end, reconciliation is a spiritual process, which requires more than just a legal framework. It has to happen in the hearts and minds of people.

— Nelson Mandela —

AZ QUOTES

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

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| 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) |



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



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.

Please join us for the Rosary on Saturday 14th October at 9.30am in the Church

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Please contact the parish office if you can help as a reader, musician, cleaner, welcomer or with morning tea, flowers, or the powerpoint.

All volunteers please ensure we have current contact details.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,173.10
2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1,307.00 Loose = \$1,097.60

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For information Loretta m. 0419260637

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PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently deceased: Sr Moya Lantry RSM



For the dearly departed: Hugo-John Cutrone, Engracia Corpuz, Salvatore Dolores, Marine Schelazi, Rena, Percy & Michael Hooper, Patricia Bryant, Rona Collins, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham, Farrugia family, Mangoin family, Michael Joseph Duffy, Mary Cumbo, Virgilio Inoc, Carlo Esposito

Please pray for the sick: Cherry Luezzi, Henry Field, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, Aura Krakowszky, Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Diocese of Parramatta have confirmed their **Season of Creation Mass** will take place on **Saturday, September 23, 9.30am** at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Marayong. A simple morning tea and talk will follow.

Hills Fair Trade Market is taking place on **30 September** at St Paul's near Oakhill College, Castle Hill. It will feature stalls with Fair Trade goods made in over 20 countries.

All welcome this Sunday at John Benyon Park for the **Hills Shire Orange Blossom Festival**, Hills Yarning will have a stall come and say hello .

Glimmers of Grace - Daily Mary Images and Prayers - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia In a unique offering for the Marian month of October, we have over 31 images of Mary, they show who Mary can be for us. Enter the heart of Mary through the heart of St Ignatius each day this October. <https://book.venue.life/pch/register/glimmers-of-grace-mary-blessings-october-2023>

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

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

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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

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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

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Feast Day: 14 September



Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on." To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim. www.franciscanmedia.org

World Day of Migrant and Refugees Celebration: 16 September

You're warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees on Saturday 16 September, 2pm - 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>




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

- 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





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.

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



Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod - copies available in the Church - 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/>

Diocesan Food Drives Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at parracatholic.org/fooddrive or emailing james.atanasious@parracatholic.org



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Holy Communion dates

Sunday, 17 September
and
Sunday, 24 September

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| | 5:30PM VIGIL | 8AM SUNDAY | 10AM SUNDAY | 5.30PM SUNDAY |
| WELCOMERS | Anne Kyngdon | Fran & Rocco Scardino | Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma | Joseph Spina Sacramental Team |
| MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | John Puleo | Piety Rocha | Phyllis Hannah | |
| READERS | Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon | Margaret Mieczkowski Tony Hooper | Sue Martin Mary Sammit | Sacramental Team |
| JNR MINISTERS | Xavier & Fred Kyngdon | | | Oliver & Charlyze & Sophia |
| MUSICIANS | | Joan Sattler | | |
| COUNTERS | Paul Vella and Parish Team | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | Lisa Gerrard |
| FLOWERS | Parish | | ALTAR LINEN | Marian Piper |

16 & 17 September

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| | 5:30PM VIGIL | 8AM SUNDAY | 10AM SUNDAY | 5:30PM SUNDAY |
| WELCOMERS | | Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott | Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma | Joseph Spina |
| MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | Heidi Bou-Harb | Steve Fry | Joe Touma | |
| READERS | Pat Waters Robert Gerometta | Alicia Shaw Catherine Diekman | Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy | Joanna O'Neill Tereza Barisic |
| JNR MINISTERS | Jacinta, Roderick & Amelia | Bailey Gambrell | Grace, Luciana & Lily-Anne | |
| MUSICIANS | Rebecca Raad | | | |
| COUNTERS | Sonali Arnold & Parish Team | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | Sandra Bonello |
| FLOWERS | Wedding | | ALTAR LINEN | Alice Garratt |