



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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17th September 2023

**24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

Paying off the debt

The parable in this week's Gospel sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison 'until he pays back the debt'. This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone's debt was to 'redeem' them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a 'Redeemer' were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.

Living the Gospel – Just like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

Gospel Focus – How many times?

Peter asks, 'How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive.

That's good news for us. As Catholics, while we have one foot already in the kingdom of God, we aren't completely there just yet. In this life, we have a lot of things to work on, and a great dose of forgiveness from God is needed. The message for us today is that God is willing to do just that - and we must do the same for others.

I hope you have a wonderful week ahead, and stay cool with the forecast of hot weather!

God bless,

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)



Jesuit Refugee Services - Food Drive—23 & 24 September

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. We are having a food drive in the parish on the weekend of **23 and 24 September**. Suggested food items include Basmati rice, cooking oil, long life milk, tinned tuna in oil (185g & 425g), red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas, biscuits & muesli bars, dry chickpeas, red lentils & green lentils (1kd & 375g)
Requested Household Items: deodorant (male & female), sanitary pads, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo & conditioner, razors & shaving foam & nappies

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.

**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. Volunteer registration form found at the entrance to the Church or use the QR Code.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,120.75
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$881.00 Loose = \$1,045.90

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$2,037.23

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19th September S2 Episode 8
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SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Our Season of Creation mass next Saturday is starting at 9am (note time change) with Bishop Vincent at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Marayong. Sunday September 24th is the 109th World Day For Migrants And Refugees The first celebration was in 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The theme this year is "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay". R U OK DAY was marked last week and is meant to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling with life. You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener. Use these four steps and have a conversation that could change a life: 1. Ask R U OK? 2. Listen 3. Encourage action 4. Check in. Thursday, 21 September Walking Together For Peace. The Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta invite you to an interfaith gathering to mark the UN International Day of Peace. On the night, we will feature an amazing "human library", where members of the Baha'i, Muslim, and Hindu traditions will serve as open 'books'. They will share their stories and what peace means to them and to their religious tradition. Let's walk together for a more peaceful, just, and inclusive society. Be curious and join the friendly conversation.: 6:30pm - 8:30 pm Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently deceased: Justino Coquilla 

For the dearly departed: Maria Giovanna Sultana, Filiciana & Benito Sabellano, Sr Moya Lanry RSM, Hugo-John Cutrone, Engracia Corpuz, Salvatore Dolores, Marine Schelazi, Rena, Percy & Michael Hooper, Patrecia Bryant, Rona Collins, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Ky Frenedo, Geoff Burcham, Farrugia family, Mangoin family, Michael Joseph Duffy, Mary Cumbo, Virgilio Inoc and 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

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
Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt
Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan
Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones
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Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman
Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle
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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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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

Saints: Andrew

Kim Taegon,

Paul Chong

Hasang &

Companions Feast Day: 20 September

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital. Andrew's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45. Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883. Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men. www.franciscanmedia.org



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



Bishop Vincent will be celebrating Mass at St Madeleine's on 30 September 2023 at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass

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/>

Ordination to the Presbyterate: 21 September Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Tom Green on Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org if you can attend. We hope you will be able to join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community.

Peace, Justice and Ecology Season of Creation Weekly Zoom Join Peace, Justice & Ecology for an hour on Thursdays during Season of Creation as we ponder, discuss, and pray through Pope Francis' call to World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Message from Pope Francis. For more information, please email met@parracatholic.org.au.

Diocesan Interfaith Commission Walking Together for Peace gathering: 21 September The Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta invite you to an interfaith gathering to mark the UN International Day of Peace. This is an opportunity to have real conversations and positive dialogue with people from faiths different to your own. The gathering will be held on Thursday 21 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To RSVP, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/walking-together-for-peace>



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





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16 & 17 September	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	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
23 & 24 September	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY	
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Sebire Pat Waters	Maria Baldi Maria Fry	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Sebire			
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler		
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt	