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15th October 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

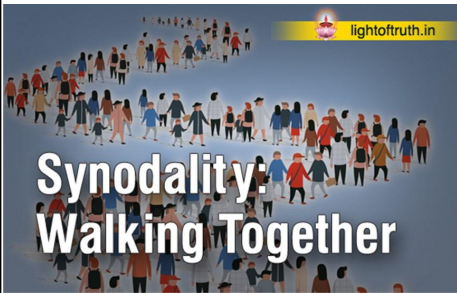
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A listening Church – A Synodal Church

Some of us may be following the Synod on Synodality that is taking place in Rome right now from 4 to 29 October, 2023. Some people say that it could be the most important event in the Catholic Church since Second Vatican Council (1962 - 1965).

There are many parallels between today's Gospel and the synod. Matthew 21: 9 -10: "Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So, the wedding hall was filled with guests."

The present 2021 - 2024 Synodal Process encourages us to "enlarge the space of our tent" (Isaiah 54:2) so everyone can fit into the Catholic Church. All are invited. We are all walking together. We are inclusive.



Pope Francis' September, 2023 prayer intention was "For people living on the margins". The pope invited everyone to: Pray for and assist people living on the margins of society. Pay attention to people who face marginalization, even if it results from poverty, addictions, mental illness, or disability. Specific examples: homeless people, street children washing car windshields, people with various disabilities. Offer a culture of welcoming, of providing shelter, of giving a home, of offering love, of giving human warmth. Help those living in subhuman living conditions. Welcoming is more than helping; it means putting the other person at our level.

Pope Francis proclaimed this message to 1.5 million young people at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal this past August, 2023. He later emphasised that the Catholic Church is open to everyone including "the sick, the elderly, the young, old, ugly, beautiful, good and bad."



More equality to women is one of the main topics being discerned at this October 2023 Synod. Listen to this story from Kenya called "We Women Are Equals and Have a Voice":

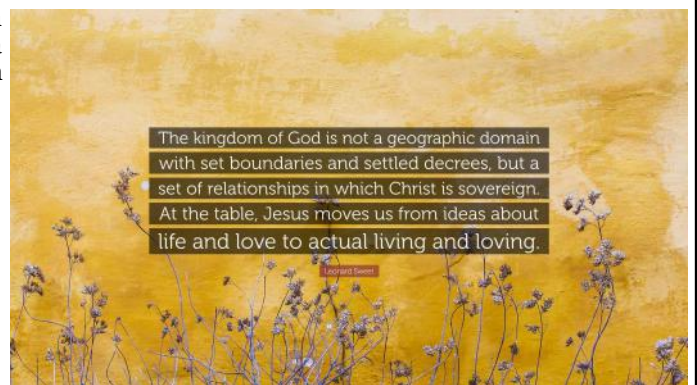
Research indicates that 75% of the members of Small Christian Communities (SCCs) in Nairobi Archdiocese in Nairobi, Kenya are women. In interviews Catholic women have said: "In the hierarchical, clerical Catholic Church in Kenya we women feel at the bottom. We are second class. This is reinforced by our traditional African customs and traditions where we are also second class. But in our weekly SCCs when we sit around in a circle and share our reflections on the Gospel of the following Sunday, we feel that we women are equals and have a voice." - thanks to Fr. Joseph Healey, MM

"To say yes to walk the synodal way is to be part of God's work, reknitting the fabric of our belonging – to God, to one another, to creation – as Christ's living body in the world. Whatever unfolds this month and as this process unfolds into the next year, through next October. Whatever the church continues to discern – the canonical changes, new juridical structures, and what ministerial reforms do or do not move ahead. Friends, let us stay grounded in the heart of the good news. The table has been set. The feast is prepared. So let us come clothed in the magnificence of the divinity dwelling within us. Let us come as we truly are: God's beloved clothed in the divinity that radiates with each and every child born". - CASEY STANTON

As a takeaway the next time you are in your parish or in a faith sharing group or at a community centre search out a visitor or a stranger and say: "Welcome. Feel at home." This person is Jesus in our midst.

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



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)

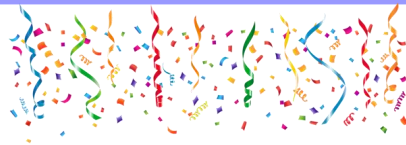


ST MADS' DISCUSSIONS

Join us on Sunday night
22 October 2023
 6.30pm
 St Madeleine Centre
 For a chat: *What happened at the Parramatta Synod?*
 More info and RSVP:
 Careyanne Moylan
 0438791813
 Bring a plate to share.



Next month Sue Martin will talk:
St Mads to Rome. 19 Nov 2023



INVITATION: ALL VOLUNTEERS

It would be wonderful for everyone to come together to celebrate our God-given talents and skills for the growth of His Kingdom

Friday, 10 November 2023
 At 6.30pm
 In the St Madeleine Centre

RSVP Maureen Jones 0419 512 252

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) = \$1,270.80
 2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$1,287.00
 Envelopes = \$1,287.00 Loose = \$1,365.40

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)



RCIA is a process through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This consists of steps, periods, and rites that make up the model of Christian Initiation as restored in the second Vatican Council.

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Take this as a personal invitation to you and attend the Information session on **26th October 6.30 pm** in the St Madeleine Centre. For further queries, get in touch with the parish office.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Frederick Salmon, Vincenzo Luca, Domenica & Francesco Barbaro, Anthony, Rose Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Daniel Doyle, Michael Esposito, Leslie Waters, Rosina Mezzogosto, Vincenzo Giorgio Fuda, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Abraham Fam, Maria Kuipers, Roberta Alumios, Justino Coquilla, Maria Giovanna Sultana

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 October is Buy Nothing New month a challenge we can set ourselves, or maybe we can join in with the Great Aussie Bird Count or participate in Water-tight Night in Water Week where we check for leaking taps. A project of the Mercy's was shared with the Faith and Ecology Network recently where the diocese of Bathurst with the Mercy's and other groups are helping the town of Eugowra, which was impacted by floods in November 2022. The project is called Slow the Flow which is looking at the cry of the Earth as our landscapes have changed with modern farming practices. The call is to be regenerative. The Faith and Ecology network also shared the Brahma Kumaris Gardening Meditation practice which is another challenge for us to go out into nature and connect.

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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

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
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Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias
Welcomers Coordinator:
Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

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 Luke

Feast Day: 18 October



Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D. Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>



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.



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With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



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Diocesan Synod: Plenary Indulgence A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, during the time of the Diocesan Synod (13 to 15 October) – devoutly visit the church in which the Synod is being held, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, and there recite one Our Father and the Creed (Nicene or Apostles'). In order to receive the indulgence, the three usual conditions of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father must also be met. For more information about plenary indulgences, please visit <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/indulgw.php>

125th Anniversary Cathedral Organ Concert: 12 November St Patrick's Cathedral Organists, Choir and Guest Performers will present an array of performances at a Gala Concert to celebrate the 125th anniversary of St Patrick's Cathedral Organ. The Concert will be held on Sunday 12 November from 3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets can be purchased via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CLUFN> or at the door. For more information, contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org



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



PIETY SHOP

2024 Columban Calendars now available \$10

Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? Come and have a look in the 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 for any special requests.

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.



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8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Zakia Touma

Joseph Spina

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Piety Rocha

Joe Touma

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Roberta Gerometta

Catherine Diekman
Maria Baldi

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Adriana Kennedy

Lilet Alcantara
Tereza Barisic

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COUNTERS

Paul Vella & Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sally Coppini

FLOWERS

Linda Pellizer

ALTAR LINEN

Kathy Fenech

21 & 22 October

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5:30PM SUNDAY

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Zakia Touma

Joseph Spina

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