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5th November 2023

**31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10
1 Thess 2:7-9, 13
Mt 23:1-12

The presentation of the Pharisees can sometimes be quite stereotypical, an image that lends itself more to a caricature than an image rooted in historical reality. They get a bad rap given the role they played in the crucifixion of Jesus. Let's not forget though that it was Nicodemus, a pharisee, who dialogued with Jesus, who defended his right to a fair trial, and who helped prepare his body for burial.

Not all pharisees were unreasonable people. It's interesting to note that we find many instances, in their own (later) literature, where they acknowledge the need to address the kind of behaviour that Jesus was warning about. It's these later writings that demonstrate a capacity within the community for self-reflection and criticism. Nevertheless, this capacity reflects the reality that there were indeed certain destructive attitudes prevalent amongst the community.

Jesus in the Gospel today warns Christians not to fall into these kinds of destructive attitudes. He highlights the hypocrisy that was taking place at three levels. Firstly, Jesus points out that they "do not practice what they teach" (v.3.) Secondly, they "lay heavy burdens upon the people," (v.4). And finally, Jesus talks about their hypocrisy in that they "take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in synagogues," (v. 6).

There was a great need for purification to take place within the ranks of the pharisees. While they started with a good intention – the preservation and promotion of life with God - their actions ended up doing the opposite. Sin, expressed most evidently in their hypocrisy, caused them to miss the mark, and unfortunately, it lead others to miss the mark as well. Jesus will come to call them the "blind guides," (v.16).

This kind of purification of our intentions needs to take place within our ranks as well. Sin is a universal problem and like the pharisees, we too can miss the mark. And we too must do the same as Nicodemus and the other later writers in the pharisee community, that is to practice humility, to listen and to engage continually in self-reflection. These are the antidotes to hypocrisy, and the path to life.

In the Church today, we often hear of Pope Francis' call to synodality. To be synodal means to walk together, in listening and dialogue. It's the kind of attitude that Jesus calls us to undertake, in order that we avoid some of the pitfalls that the pharisees fell into.

I hope you all have a lovely week and wish you all the best as we enter into our last week of Spring.

May God bless you all,

Fr Adam

P.S This week we are having a celebratory dinner for our parish volunteers on Friday at 6.30pm. RSVP Maureen Jones 0419 512 252

All are welcome to attend. I just wish to take this opportunity to once again thank our volunteers here at the parish – we are blessed to have your love and support.

PARISH NEWS

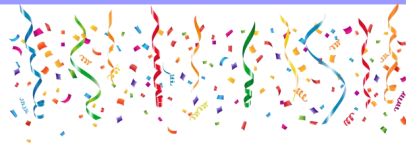


PRAYER AT ST MADS

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)



Our Garden Chapel
(Located to the side of the Church)
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us



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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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1,507.55
2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$ 1,030
Envelopes = \$ 1,030 Loose = \$ 1,841.15

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

Safeguarding

Safeguarding training is mandatory for all volunteers in a Church.

For further information please contact our Safeguarding Champion Brendan or the parish office.

Brendan - Parish Safeguarding Champion
m. 0448 683 146



CHRISTMAS - NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS TREE

Please contact the office if you are able to help with the Nativity and Christmas Tree set up in the Church

Contact Sally: 0407 942 986

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

We lament that the majority of Australians rejected recognition in the constitution of the descendants of the original and continuing owners of Australia.

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands whose home this land has been for over 60,000 years.

We lament the long refusal of many Australian people to acknowledge the brutal disposition of First Nations People and that land was never ceded.

We acknowledge the millions of Australians of love and goodwill by wanting recognition and justice for Indigenous Australians.

We silently bring to mind the original owners on the land on which each of us sit today.

Adapted from and based on "A Statement from Indigenous Australians who Supported the Voice Referendum." A Week of Silence for the Voice

PRAYER FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.



PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angeliqe 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

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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

A huge thank you to Maureen Meryment for her tireless efforts in preparing our beautiful flower arrangements each week



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmadeleines>



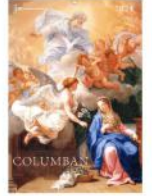
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Celebrating Catholic Unity: Inside the Diocese of Parramatta's Historic First Synod!

Our Diocese concluded its first-ever Synod over the weekend of 13 – 15 October 2023. It was a momentous event that brought together 280 faithful from across Western Sydney, the Blue Mountains, and beyond to discuss the future of the local Church. Experience the historic culmination of our Diocese's inaugural Synod in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PltRCgSPLng>. Want to know more about what's next? Visit parracatholic.org/synod2023 to stay updated.

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St Leo the Great

Feast Day:
10 November



Elected [as pope] in 440, he worked tirelessly as "Peter's successor," guiding his fellow bishops as "equals in the episcopacy and infirmities." Leo is known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. His work branched into four main areas, indicative of his notion of the pope's total responsibility for the flock of Christ. He worked at length to control the heresies of Pelagianism—overemphasizing human freedom—Manichaeism—seeing everything material as evil—and others, placing demands on their followers so as to secure true Christian beliefs. A second major area of his concern was doctrinal controversy in the Church in the East, to which he responded with a classic letter setting down the Church's teaching on the two natures of Christ. With strong faith, he also led the defense of Rome against barbarian attack, taking the role of peacemaker. In these three areas, Leo's work has been highly regarded. His growth to sainthood has its basis in the spiritual depth with which he approached the pastoral care of his people, which was the fourth focus of his work. An instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness, Leo had the ability to reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. It is said of Leo that his true significance rests in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the Church and in the supernatural charisms of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and in his Body, the Church. Thus Leo held firmly that everything he did and said as pope for the administration of the Church represented Christ, the head of the Mystical Body, and Saint Peter, in whose place Leo acted.

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

Bishop Vincent presents Christopher White: 9 November Vatican correspondent and Pope Francis expert Christopher White is coming to the Diocese of Parramatta as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's 'Bishop Vincent Presents' series. His public lecture "Will our faith have children? Reflections on the health and dynamism of global Catholicism after the October 2023 Synod on Synodality" will be held in Parramatta on Thursday 9 November at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta from 6pm. Places are strictly limited, so register today at <https://parracatholic.org/christopherwhite/>

Street Feast: 11 November You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday 11 November 2023. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30AM to 1:30PM. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 11 November Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The first Mass will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Saturday 11 November for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact youthgroupolor@gmail.com /

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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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Frederick Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders John Walcott	Karla Quinn Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred, Xavier, Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick		Max & Elise Summerhays	Ben Barker & Oliver Twyford
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca Raad			
	COUNTERS	Sonali Arnold & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sandra Bonello
	FLOWERS	Teresa Boemi		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow
11 & 12 November		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia, Sandra & Sacramental Team	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Sebire Colleen Dunlop	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Sue Martin Sally Coppini	Lilet Alcantara Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson, Sophie & Anneliese		Grace, Samuel & Aaliyah	
	MUSICIANS	Joan Sattler			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman