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21st January 2024

**3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Dear Parishioners, please find below a commentary on this week's Gospel from one of Australia's most renowned biblical scholars, Fr Brendan Byrne. May God bless you and your families.

-Fr Adam

COMMENTARY

What is presupposed in Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom is the sense that human beings currently labour under the opposing 'rule' of Satan, manifest in multiple captivities of body and spirit. Jesus comes as the Son of God, empowered by the Spirit (1:10), to wrest human beings from captivity to the demonic and reclaim them for God's rule.

MIGHTY CONFLICT

From the start, then, Mark's Gospel portrays Jesus as locked in a mighty conflict with the demonic, best understood as referring to controlling forces of various kinds – all that stunts human lives, alienating them from a life-giving relationship with God and their true humanity. On the individual level we can think, not only of sin as such, but also of various kinds of addictions; on the social level, we can think of systems of exploitation and oppression, economic and political.

To benefit from this liberation what is required on the human side is 'repentance' and faith. Repentance (Greek: *metanoia* [= change of heart]) is not simply repentance for sin but an openness to a whole new vision of God and God's action in the world, something that will radically shake prevailing expectations. Faith is then the conviction that, in the teaching and activity of Jesus, the liberating power of the Kingdom is truly present and effective.

CALLED BY GOD

As is always the case when people are called by God in the Scriptures before they can follow the call they must leave significant aspects of their former life behind. Here the disciples immediately leave their old livelihood (nets, boats, hired men) and their family (father). They will find a new 'boat' – the Church – and new 'family' – the band of disciples gathered around Jesus, who he will induct into the intimacy of his familial relationship with God.

The Gospel is aptly foreshadowed in the First Reading (Jonah 3:1-5, 10) by the call of the prophet Jonah and his summons to the people of Nineveh to repent in view of a threatened punishment by God – a punishment which their repentance averts.

The Second Reading (1 Cor 7:29-31) stands rather apart from all this. Congregations today will be shocked to hear Paul counsel, 'Those who have wives should live as though they had none'! His advice reflects the intense expectation of the end of the world in the early Church. A glance at the wider context shows that he is not counselling the abandonment of marriage or engagement with the business of the world but a refusal to be absorbed in such realities since the only lasting reality is that of the coming Reign of God.

Brendan Byrne, SJ, FAHA, taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Vic., for almost forty years. He is now Emeritus Professor at the University of Divinity (Melbourne). His commentaries on the Gospels can be found at [Pauline Books and Media](#)

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)



Morning Tea
Welcome for
Fr. Giovanni
Sunday, February 18
11am

CAN YOU PLAY THE PIANO/KEYBOARD? DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The St Madeleine's Music Ministry is searching for parishioners who can help our singers and congregation provide music for our weekend masses. Support and assistance provided!

Can you help us, please?

Contact: Selina Calleia 0416 265 233

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,429.85

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$935.00 Loose = \$1,060.65

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

THE CHOSEN

Tuesday 23rd January at 7pm
Season 3 Episode 2

in the St Madeleine Centre



For information:
Loretta m. 0419260637

SAFEGUARDING: Safeguarding training is mandatory for all volunteers in a Church.

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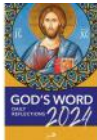
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2024 Columban Calendar \$10

God's Word \$20
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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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S An update

from Ornella in Timor Leste who founded BETTER Timor Leste who we support as a parish. In 2023, BETTER opened the Bakhita School of Excellence in the rural community of Same. BETTER's Bakhita School of Excellence is the first school outside of Timor's capital, Dili, to teach English from the Foundation year – providing an international standard of education to rural children. With 70% of grade 1 students in Timor failing to meet basic learning outcomes, this isn't just another school project... it's the start of an education evolution for the people of Timor-Leste. You can follow Ornella Byak on Instagram, so inspiring. I will be running a monthly reflection at the Jesuit retreat centre Pymble .Quiet Time in the Bush, Pymble NSW - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (jisa.org.au)

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently deceased: Mia Lisle

For the dearly departed: Mansour Schelazi, Maria La Spina, Paul Flynn, Thomas Dockery, David and Darren O'Reilly, Giuseppe Carli, Antonio Votano, Michael Esposito, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Anthony Grima, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Pat Frazer, Vincenzo Luca, Joe Fuda, Maria Rose Napoli, Salvatore Napoli, Joseph & Lyn Napoli, Sam & Barbara Napoli, Ann & Chris Geniale, Yolanda & Sam Papallo, George Papallo, Ariella Napoli, Immacolata Agostino, Josephine & George Vumbacca, Domenico Franceschina, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Abraham family

Please pray for the sick: Dawn Phillips, Mathias Kintu Bamusibule, Cherry Luezzi, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Henry Field, 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

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:

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

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Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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Welcomers Coordinator:

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga Gaviria

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



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Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass 10 February: A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Bishop Vincent presents a conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik 12 February:

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on Monday 12 February at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/> to register.

Music for Lent Workshop 12 February: Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Monday 12 February 2024 from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. To RSVP, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org by 5 February 2024.

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024: The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to enrol: www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry

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

MET FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course: Tuesday Evenings 13, 20, 27 February:

Looking to learn more about the Bible? Wanting expert guidance on interpreting Scripture for life & faith? Interested in the theme of women in the Bible through the Gospel of Matthew? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Scripture short course with Dr Debra Snoddy on Tuesday evenings 13, 20 and 27 February! Registration and more dates and details via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=faithlife> OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

St Francis de Sales

Feast Day: 24 January



Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success. At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." Besides his two well-known books, the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in The Introduction to the Devout Life: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

<https://www.franciscanmedia.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

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Report Now Available The Diocesan Synod Report is now available for download. The newly released Diocesan Synod Report offers a summary of our first Diocesan Synod assembly, held from October 13-15, 2023, its preparatory stages, in-depth details of the proceedings, and insights from delegates. Download your copy from the Parramatta Synod website now: www.parracatholic.org/synod/resources

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

2024 dates available on our website www.stmadeleine.org.au/sacraments
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For any queries
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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Catherine Diekman	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Jacqui Nisbet Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS		Bailey Gambrill		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt	
27 & 28 January		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
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	READERS	Heidi Bou-Harb Pat Waters	Margaret Mieczkowski Tony Hooper	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
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