



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**26th May 2024**

**Most Holy Trinity**

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

**COMMENTARY:** The Church closes the long Lent–Eastertide liturgical season with a feast that invites us to sit back and reflect upon the nature of God as revealed in the Paschal mystery: the feast of the Holy Trinity. It is, of course, through the experience of that mystery and subsequent theological reflection upon it that the early Christians came to know God as three Persons in the one divine essence. The doctrine of the Trinity is not, then, an arid theological puzzle but a necessary conclusion from a sense of being grasped by and held within a divine communion of love. For all the terrors it might inspire in the hearts of preachers on its yearly round, it is a feast about the nearness rather than the remoteness of God. Of course, the formulation of the doctrine of the Trinity in its classic shape did not occur until well after the New Testament era. It is difficult, then, to find suitable Old Testament readings for the feast.

**A PEOPLE CHOSEN:** The reading from Deuteronomy (4:32-34, 39-40) chosen as the First Reading is appropriate in the sense that Moses, before outlining the commandments the people are to observe, reminds them of the experience of God that lies behind them and the extraordinary privilege that Israel enjoys as a people chosen, rescued, singled out and addressed by God. The Lectionary appears to want to relate the sense of a people who “heard the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire” to the revelation of God as Trinity that has come to us through the incarnation of the Son. Just as Israel’s commitment to the Law (Torah) flowed from that experience of God, so the experience of being grasped by God as Trinity stands behind the way of life incumbent upon Christian believers. Though there is no explicit mention of the Trinity in the New Testament, there are a surprising number of places in the Letters of Paul that feature a Trinitarian pattern. Today’s Second Reading, Rom 8:14-17, is one of these. The Spirit communicates to believers a sense of the intimacy with God the Father that is theirs, as sons and daughters of God, in union with Christ. Jesus seems to have addressed God as “Abba – the informal address to the male parent in Aramaic (= “Dad”).

Hitherto unknown, as far as we can judge, in Judaism as an address to God, Jesus’ usage in this respect made such an impression upon the early disciples that they retained the original Aramaic even when they moved into Greek-speaking regions. More striking still, they found that the Spirit was impelling them to address God in the same way (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6)—a sure testimony to the fact that they now shared the intimacy and closeness of Jesus’ relationship to the Father. The upshot is banishment of the fear that would be associated with a servile relationship to God and the gaining of the confidence and freedom that comes from a sense of being “one of the family.” The reading concludes on a note of hope. The sense of being God’s sons and daughters leads naturally to that of being heirs, with the destiny to eternal life that such a status entails. Since everything depends upon believers’ union with Christ as principal Son and heir, it also implies a sharing with him in the paschal mystery: sharing his sufferings in order to share his glory.

**COMMAND TO BAPTISE:** The Gospel, taken from the concluding scene in St. Matthew’s Gospel (28:16-20), ends on what is perhaps the most explicitly Trinitarian note in the New Testament: the command to baptise “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” The risen Lord, having completed his mission on earth, claims “all authority in heaven and earth.” Empowered with that authority the Church is to go to the nations of the world and “make disciples of them”, communicating to them a sense of the outreach of divine love into the world, and the conquest of sin and death represented by the whole mission of Christ.

When people who respond positively to the Gospel receive baptism in the name of the Trinity they undergo an experience akin to that of Israel in the Exodus. Through the waters of baptism they become members of a people liberated from slavery to enjoy the privileged closeness to God described with reference to Israel in the First Reading but now immensely deepened through the intimacy gained in Christ. The “commandments” they are taught to observe flow from this relationship and give expression to it in everyday life.

All told, the scriptural offering for today’s feast should communicate a dynamic sense of Christian life as a participation in the outgoing communion of love that is the Holy Trinity.

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

*Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, a community of faith and service, strives to be a witness for Christ's love far and wide, reflecting the humility and wisdom of St Madeleine, the Patroness of the parish.*

# PARISH NEWS



## PRAYER AT ST MADS

The Sunday Gospel reflections	Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or <a href="mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com">careyannemoylan@hotmail.com</a>
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 <a href="mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com">careyannemoylan@hotmail.com</a>
RCIA	For enquires contact the Parish Office
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass Monday Rosary Via Zoom Contact 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 9am-3pm or <a href="mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org">kenthurst@parracatholic.org</a> )



## SAFEGUARDING

Training has been organised for **Saturday, 17 August 2024** in the St Madeleine Centre for those who have had previous safeguarding training (Cycle 1 training commenced two years ago)  
10am - 11.30am Module 4  
11.30am - 12noon Break  
12noon - 1.30pm Module 5

We will also keep you updated with training opportunities in the diocese in this bulletin or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=safeguarding>

Training is also available online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)  
Information about the Diocese's response and supports about safeguarding children and vulnerable people are available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au).

Brendan - Parish Safeguarding Champion  
m. 0448 683 146

**FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S:** Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre for a casual morning tea. Perhaps meet up with some old friends - or make some new ones. Everyone is welcome.

Our next get together will be **Friday, 31 May at 10am**  
If you would like to come but require transport please contact the parish office on 9654 2260

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Our best wishes with all children who were recently confirmed and their families

Enrolment forms for **RECONCILIATION** (and First Eucharist) are available in the office and on our website.

Enrolment forms to be handed in at the parish office by **Friday, 31 May Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Tuesday, 4 June** at 4.30pm or 7pm. **Commitment Masses Weekend of 8 & 9 June.** Preparation sessions will take place on **Sundays 16, 23 and 30 June at 4pm.** Our **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** will take place on **Wednesday, 24 July at 5.30pm and 7pm.** All parishioners are welcome to attend.

For any queries Sandra 0410 587 735  
[stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)



*Our deepest condolences and prayers with Pierre and Sally Coppini & their family on the demise of Pierre's mother, Carmen*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S** World Refugee Week is coming up – June 16 – 22. It's a time when we can commit ourselves to accompanying refugees who live in desperation. The Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce will host a World Refugee Day Prayer Service on Thursday June 20 at 7:30 PM AEST. Please register for this online service and join us in prayer for all those in need of hope. The Australian Catholic Social Justice Office has released a resource to support Reconciliation Week with a call to Join the Our Islands, Our Home campaign, and ensure Torres Strait Islander peoples are fairly supported in mitigating the threats of climate change: <https://ourislandsourhome.com.au/>. It was good to see the ACBC have approved a liturgy that incorporates elements of Aboriginal language and culture.

## 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) = \$1,453.20  
2nd Collection (for Parish) =  
Envelopes \$ 918 Loose \$1,164.65

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

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS



**Recently deceased:** Carmen Coppini (Pierre's mum)

**For the dearly departed:** Kalim Azar (Zakia Touma's dad), Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Sam Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Louise & Joseph Bonello, Vickie Rose Camilleri, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Sheaddy, George & Chahide Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, Toshio Sato, Karen Bartolo, Paul Castelino, Anton Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Samira Hasham

**Please pray for the sick:** Paul Refalo, Pat Brush, Bob Burke, Felicity Rafferty-Davis, Geoffrey Bolland, Miriam & Vansen Tsueng, William Chapman, Rocco Scardino, Kia Benete, Nathan Luezzi, Greg Lambert, David Tierney, Dawn Phillips, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Henry Field, Aura Krakowszky, Sofia Viizzo, Antonia Desanti, and Jennifer Burgess

## PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

**Music Coordinators:** Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** Pauline Chacal

**Baptism Preparation:** Angelique Easton

**RCIA Coordinator:** Steve Fry

**SRE Coordinator:** Maureen Jones

**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:** Sally Coppini

**Finance Committee Chair:** Carl Mathias

**Safeguarding Champion:** Brendan Ford

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

### 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, 10:00am, 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  
9.15am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday  
at 11:30am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

## A THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED CELEBRATE PENTECOST WITH US LAST SUNDAY



## Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day: 31 May

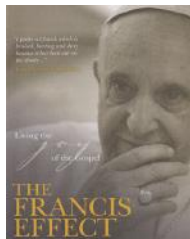
Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages. It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words. Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God. **Reflection:** *One of the invocations in Mary's litany is "Ark of the Covenant." Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God's presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David's capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her son. At times, devotion to Mary may have occasioned some divisiveness, but we can hope that authentic devotion will lead all to Christ and therefore, to one another*  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/>



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parish Facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/  
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## St Mad's Book Club



Join us for a chat on zoom. You're welcome even if you haven't read the book. Listen to ideas, share yours. Meet new people, renew old friendships.

6 June 2024 7pm

Meeting ID 825 5839 3422

[https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/82558393422](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82558393422)

CareyAnne - 0438791813

*"This is a must-read for anyone living and leading mission in the Australian Catholic Church. Here, twelve gifted Catholic leaders provide significant insights and provoking reflection questions on how we are called to implement Pope Francis' vision for mission and evangelisation in Australia. Here are lessons from Evangelii Gaudium today for our lives, ministries, workplaces, our communities and Church."*



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theory and  
practice into

dialogue with a religious tradition in order to construct a new, transdisciplinary vision of development with integral ecology at its heart. It focuses on the Catholic social tradition and its conception of integral human development, on the one hand, and on the works of economist and philosopher Amartya Sen which underpin the human development approach, on the other. Free access Open Access Laudato Si' Integral Ecology Collection | Laudato Si' Research Institute (ox.ac.uk)

## St Mad's Ecology Group (LS) Book Club

Pope Francis' call to care for creation has become more urgent, and has highlighted our personal responsibility to act now. Join us on zoom to discuss Chapter one. **13 June 2024 7pm**

Meeting ID: 822 6399 7741

CareyAnne: 0438 791 813

Sue: 0432 716 577



## ST MADELEINE'S PLAYGROUP

St Madeleine's Centre  
28 Annangrove Road, KENTHURST

- Every Thursday during school term, from 9.30am
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## St Madeleine Sophie's Daily Prayer

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Give me a heart that is  
one with your own;

A humble heart that knows  
and loves its nothingness;

A gentle heart that holds and  
calms its own anxiety;

A loving heart that has compassion  
for the suffering of others;

A pure heart that recoils even at the  
appearance of evil; A detached heart that  
longs for nothing other than  
the goodness of heaven;

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embraced by the love of God,  
its attention focused on God,  
its goodness its only treasure in time  
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pastoral, spiritual and community  
formation, leading them to be credible  
witnesses to the Gospel*

25 & 26 May		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Anne Kyngdon	Margaret Mieczkowski Tony Hooper	Sandra Tabone Sue Martin	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson, Christian & Harry		Breanna, Joyah & Georgia	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca	Joan		
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Corrie Sebire		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Gerard
	FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper
1 & 2 June		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry		
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	John Walcott Nigel Saunders	Sandra Bonello Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred, Xavier & Maddison		William, Anneliese & Evangeline	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca			
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sandra Bonello
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