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23rd June 2024 | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

Job 38:1, 8-11 | 2 Cor 5:14-17 | Mark 4:35-41



Today's dramatic First Reading comes from that part of the Book of Job (38:1, 8-11) where God, refusing to answer Job's questions, withdraws more and more deeply into mystery. God puts to Job a series of questions that serve simply to drive home more and more the distance between Creator and human creature. The questions bear on God's mighty acts in creation, the chief of them being victory over the primeval watery chaos, a victory that allowed dry land and vegetative life to appear (Gen 1:9-10). In biblical thought and imagery water out of control is the prime symbol of chaos and destruction. To control such forces, as poetically described in the present text, was considered a prerogative of God alone. The same idea appears in the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 106): because of their exposure to the dangers of the deep 'those who go down to the sea in ships' (sailors) are uniquely placed to experience the creative power of God.

CALMS THE STORM: Both of these texts offer an appropriate background to the Gospel (Mark 4:35-41), where Christ calms the storm that threatens to engulf the boat on which he and his disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee. Mark's account of the episode features a wonderful combination of the human and the divine. At first the disciples are in control. When Jesus makes the suggestion, 'Let us cross over to the other side', they take him 'just as he was, in the boat'. On land he may be in control but the sea is their sphere of competence: they are after all, most of them, fishermen. Completely in their hands, it seems, Jesus takes the opportunity to have a little nap, commandeering, we are told in a delightfully human touch, the helmsman's cushion for the purpose. The sudden onset of a storm (something for which the Sea of Galilee is notorious) changes everything. The disciples become desperate, wake him and rather rudely ask if he cares at all that they are about to sink! In Mark's account they are not necessarily at this stage asking him for a miracle: simply for him to render what assistance he can - by bailing out water or the like. Swiftly, the One who moments before had been so humanly asleep like a child, rises and majestically commands the wind and the sea in the way that, as we have seen, belongs to God alone. The fury of the storm gives way to a divinely-created calm. Jesus then turns to the disciples and questions them about their fear and lack of faith. Did they not understand that with him present, even if asleep, there was no chance that the forces of chaos and destruction could overwhelm them? Did they not realise who precisely was among them in the Master they had come to follow?

THE RIGHT QUESTION: It seems that their faith still had a long way to go before being adequate to the mystery of Jesus. But at least they ask the right question, 'Who is this, who even the winds and the sea obey?' From their biblical understanding they know that they have witnessed an exercise of divine power. Hence they are 'filled with awe' - the true human response in the presence of the divine. In the brief compass of this one short scene we have moved so swiftly from a very human view of Jesus to one where he is exercising divine power in a most dramatic way. The original readers of Mark's Gospel would have found this episode rich in symbolism. In all four gospels the boat is a symbol of the Church; the sea - especially the sea out of control - is a symbol of all the forces that are hostile to the Church and seek to destroy it. Yet, to fulfil its mission and win people ('fish') for the Kingdom, the Church must go out upon the sea. There are times in the history of the Church when its Lord seems to be absent or asleep - times when faith in the divine presence and power is put to the test. In such situations the story told in this Gospel gives great hope and encouragement. At the same time, it takes us more deeply into the mystery of Christ as, along with the disciples, we too ask, 'Who is this ...?'

HEART OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: Amid all this imagery focused upon the sea, the Second Reading (2 Cor 5:14-17) stands rather apart. But it contains some of Paul's most stirring reflections upon the implications of really coming to appreciate the heart of the Paschal mystery. The thought of the love involved in Christ's dying for all is simply 'overwhelming': it can completely transform one's attitude to others and communicate a readiness to place one's life entirely at the service of his self-sacrificing mission to 'catch' people for the Kingdom.

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).

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



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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

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Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, 24 July 2024
at 5.30pm or 7pm

All parishioners are welcome to attend



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

RECONCILIATION

Our next preparation sessions will be on
 Sundays 23 and 30 June at 4pm.
 Each child to attend with one parent.

Celebration of Sacrament
Wednesday, 24 July 2024
at 5.30pm or 7pm

All parishioners are invited to this
 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.



FIRST EUCHARIST: Enrolment forms are available online or in the office: enrolment form due in the parish office by **Friday, 2 August**

For any queries
 Sandra mobile 0410 587 735
 stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

PRAYER AT ST MADS



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS
 Tuesday at 10.30am 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 the Parish Office



ST MADS ROSARY
 Thursday after morning Mass
 Monday Rosary Via Zoom Contact
 Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561

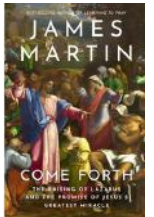


BAPTISM PREPARATION
 First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260
kenthurst@parracatholic.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S Thank you for your donations to our Refugee Week food drive. Two of our St Mad's Social Justice group attended the recent Refugee Table Talk at Marayong parish, it was good to hear firsthand the stories from two refugees who have come to Australia. Sara from Sudan who now works with Jesuit Refugee Service looking after women in domestic violence situations and Thanush who was from Sri Lanka and is still waiting for a permanent visa, Thanush shared a short video from his time on Manus Island, a chilling account of a place devoid of dignity. There are 12,000 people in limbo on temporary visas in Australia still, we do need to be a voice for them. Next Sunday at 9am Rita from CatholicCare Refugee team will be at St Mad's to talk with anyone who is interested in forming a team to join the Community Refugee sponsorship program. All Welcome. This weekend Parramatta Diocese is holding a Homeless Memorial Service on the Cathedral's forecourt a special prayer service to commemorate the lives of people who have died while experiencing homelessness.

St Mad's Book Club

Join us to discuss Fr Martin as he analyses the miracle of Lazarus's resurrection and asks us to consider what Jesus means when he calls Lazarus--and each of us--to "come forth." Taking us through the Gospel story verse by verse, he offers deep reflection on the lessons it holds about love, family, sadness, frustration, fear, anger, freedom, and joy.



8 August 2024 at 7pm

Meeting ID 825 5839 3422 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82558393422>
 Careyanne 0438 791 813

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Hugo Cutrone, Angelo Cammarata, Milagrin Castelino, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Salvatore Barbaro, Karen Bartolo, Carlo, Giuseppina & Michael Esposito, Anton Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Samira Hasham



Please pray for the sick: Anthony Attard, Roy Cutrone, Frances Perri, Paul Refalo, Pat Brush, Bob Burke, Miriam & Vansen Tsueng, William Chapman, Rocco Scardino, Kia Benete, Nathan Luezzi, Greg Lambert, David Tierney, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Henry Field, Aura Krakowszky

If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please use the Mass offering envelopes found in the foyer of the Church or email the office kenthurst@parracatholic.org

**Please contact the parish office
 if you are sick and would like to organise a home visit
 by Fr Giovanni**

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Please ensure your details are kept up to date

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 : 10000064

Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church for completion and return to the office.

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,403.10
 2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$1,021.10 Loose \$1,421.60
 Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

Our Community

Refugee Food Drive

This weekend 22/23 June 2024

How: Drop goods at the church into the box



Our refugees are in great need for basic non-perishable food. Most of the 97,000 people seeking asylum have no access to any form of safety net. Many have no access to income support and many without access to Medicare, especially vulnerable.

"Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord...You have to know in order to understand...be close in order to serve...to be reconciled, we need to listen...to grow, it is necessary to share..."

(Pope) Franciscus

SHOPPING LIST: Cooking oil (vegetable/canola 750ml or 1 litre containers), Rice (Basmati is the most popular), Tinned chickpeas and kidney beans, Tinned diced tomatoes, Breakfast cereal (Cornflakes are popular!) up to 500g packs, Condiments (honey, jam), Coffee (instant), Dried fruit (apricots, prunes, dates), Dried lentils (red or green) Long life milk (1 litre containers), Noodles (instant), Pasta (spaghetti, penne, spirals etc), Pasta sauce, Tea (black or green), Tinned or instant soup, Tinned corn Tinned fish, Spices (chilli, curry powder, turmeric etc, small packets or bottles), Tinned fruit. Other items: Deodorant (for men & women) Shampoo, Nappies (for over 10kg babies only), Razors, Sanitary pads (no tampons), Shaving cream, Shower gel / body wash, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

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, 28th June at 10am

If you would like to come but require transport please contact the parish office on 9654 2260



Diocesan Notices

YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE: 30 JUNE : 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 next Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, on Sunday 30 June for 9:30am Mass. Please join us after Mass for a picnic at Buttenshaw Park. For more information, please contact Laura Burton on laura@stbernadette.org.au

CYP LIFTED RETREATS Looking for an opportunity to get away? Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups! 5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. Cost \$150.00. 12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville, free of charge. 19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, cost \$150.00. Registration is essential! Please head to parracatholic.org/events for more details.

DO YOU FIND LIFE & FAITH INSPIRATION BY LISTENING TO THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food

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

Information about the Diocese's response and supports about safeguarding children and vulnerable people are available at www.safeguarding.org.au

Brendan - Parish Safeguarding Champion
m. 0448 683 146



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



Next Bunnings Craft Morning: Thursday, 25 July 2024

RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org



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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;
A heart detached from self-love and
embraced by the love of God,
its attention focused on God,
its goodness its only treasure in time
and in eternity

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ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

*We pray that migrants fleeing from war
or hunger, forced to undertake journeys
full of danger and violence, find
welcome and new opportunities in the
countries that receive them*

		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
22 & 23 June	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra Tabone	Sacramental Team
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Corrie Sebire Pat Waters	Maria Fry Tony Hooper	Sandra Tabone Sue Martin	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Christian & Harry		Luciana & Georgia	Grace & Charlyze
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca	Joan		
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Hills Family Funerals		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow
29 & 30 June		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Maureen & Rick Jones	Sandra Tabone	Sacramental Team
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Pat Waters	Maria Baldi Alicia Shaw	Sandra Bonello Karla Quinn	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred, Xavier & Sophie C		Lily-Anne, Grace & Breanna	Sophie M & Sophia B
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca			
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow	