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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am - 3pm
Wednesday 9am - 2pm

25 August 2024 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Rev Adam Carlow

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Sandra De Nardi

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St Madeleine's Primary School

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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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Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18, Eph 5:21-32, Jn 6:60-69



COMMENTARY: Today's Gospel features the last of the readings from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. At this stage the "Bread of Life" discourse has ended and what we have is the reaction to it from Jesus' audience. In a divided response, many of the hearers, including even a number of disciples, describe it as "intolerable" and choose at this point to leave him and go elsewhere. As a background for this crisis in discipleship, the Lectionary offers as First Reading an extract from the Book of Joshua, 24:1-2, 15-18. Sensing that he is soon to die, Joshua summons a plenary assembly of Israel for a solemn act of recommitment to the covenant. From now on the people will be dwelling alongside other peoples with other gods and will be tempted to give their allegiance to them. Hence the necessity to recommit themselves solemnly to serve alone the God who has brought them through so many dangers to the present good situation in which they now stand. Confronted with the choice of going over to the gods of other nations or serving the Lord, the people renew their allegiance, "We too will serve the Lord." Believers today are hardly confronted with temptations to idolatry in the literal sense. However, there are so many forces at work in society – wealth, social status, ambition, addictions of various kinds – that can become, sometimes very subtly, real idols in the sense of creating in people a dehumanising dependency that amounts to enslavement. Joshua's challenge and the Israelites' unqualified commitment, "We also will serve the Lord," makes its claim upon God's people today, just as it did of old. In regard to the Gospel itself (6:60-69) it is not immediately clear just what is the "hard teaching, impossible to accept" (v. 60) that is being referred to. If the final part of the preceding discourse is interpreted in a Eucharistic sense, then it is natural to relate the "hard teaching" to Jesus' claim that his flesh is real food and his blood real drink. However, Jesus' comment in response, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" (v. 62), suggests that the negative response relates to the central claim of the entire discourse rather than just to the eucharistic allusions in the final section. Jesus has consistently claimed to be the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven, a new "Manna" sent down by God, superior in life-giving power to the Law of Moses. What gives 'eternal life' is acceptance in faith of the revelation of God communicated through the human 'flesh' of Jesus. Some of the disciples, it seems, would feel more comfortable if they had been given a set of precepts to live by, such as the Law brought down from Sinai by Moses. God would remain in heaven and they would keep the laws and all would be well; they could be comfortable with this notion of God. Instead, Jesus reveals a God who doesn't just remain in heaven or summon an intermediary for a meeting upon a mountain, but who, in the person of the Son, descends to 'pitch a tent among us' (1:14). In response (v. 62) and alluding apparently to the cross, Jesus seems to be saying, 'If you have difficulty with this idea of One descended from heaven to reveal God, how will you cope with the still more radical revelation when the same Son of Man returns to where he has come from via a cross!' Here we meet the Johannine idea that Jesus' being lifted up upon the cross is the first stage of his return (ascension) to the Father and reveals his absolute union with the Father as the God, who is love. The division of the disciples reflects, then, an incapacity to accept the image of God that Jesus is revealing – something for which, as Jesus says, the gift of the Spirit is necessary (vv. 63). When Jesus turns to the inner circle of the Twelve (vv. 67-69), Peter's response reflects full belief: there is nowhere else to turn to gain life; Jesus is 'the holy one of God,' that is, the One who was 'with God in the beginning' (1:1-2) and who has come down from 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).

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 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

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Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones

Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekmann

Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

FIRST EUCHARIST



Our next preparation sessions will be held on Sundays, 25 August and 8 September at 4pm

Practise Sessions

Friday, 13 September for Sunday, 15 September 12 noon

Thursday, 19 September for Sunday, 22 September 12 noon

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

*The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us
~Pope Francis~*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs

PRAYER AT ST MAD'S



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 MAD'S 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

The 2025 Social Justice Statement has been launched: "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World". It is a beautiful last statement "None of us speaks the whole truth, which is why truth-speaking and peace-making belong to the whole community. The violence in Australia and other parts of the world make it all the more urgent that all who believe in Jesus Christ work together with everyone of good will, all who love truth, to show the world that there is a realistic way to peace, a genuine peace built upon speaking truth and building trust."

News from Cana: The farm is moving to North Richmond.

Cana Communities is a not-for-profit charity working with men and women who are experiencing homelessness, addiction, imprisonment, mental health issues and other barriers that have prevented them from creating a positive life for themselves. Consider purchasing a Father's day gift from Cana, visit www.cana.org.au

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding training is mandatory for all volunteers in a Church.

If you would like to complete this training online 'Sign up' by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Brendan - Parish Safeguarding Champion m. 0448 683 146

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently deceased: Phil Smith

For the dearly departed: Carlo Esposito, Nicola Nadile, George Downie, Angelina Pardo-Adan, David Morrow, Toshio Sato, Marianna Scuglia, Rosa Araujo, Ivan Ceccato, Rocco Marafioti, Mary Cumbo, Domenica & Francesco Barbaro,

Please pray for the sick: Joe Luezzi, Kalem Saras, 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:

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Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,348.10
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,104.00 Loose = \$1,095.80
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

Our Community

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS - Standard 4: Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account

The Diocese of Parramatta upholds equity and takes into account diverse needs through: Its Commitment to an encounter of radical love, inclusiveness, and solidarity for all people. Supporting refugees and asylum seekers. The Safeguarding Council – Members are from diverse circumstances and backgrounds. Provision of financial assistance to those experiencing hardship. Training for staff and volunteers on Elder Abuse Awareness, vulnerable adults and children, and domestic and family violence.

Advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees, and asylum seekers. Recruitment practices which include principles of equity and diversity. Equal opportunities for staff, volunteers, gender equality, race, age, religion, marital/family status, sexual orientation, or disability



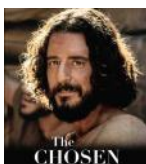
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Tuesday 27th August 7pm St Madeleine Centre

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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, 6th September 2024 at 10am.

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

PLAYGROUPO: Please join us for our Bunnings Activity morning on **Thursday, 26 September** at 10am. All parents, carers and their little ones welcome.

RSVP Tuesday, 24 September

SHAPE OUR FUTURE WITH OUR NEW PASTORAL PLAN FOR 2024-2028

The Diocese of Parramatta has recently launched our Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024-2028: *'Behold, I am with you'*. Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. Together, we can use this plan to revitalise our local community and shape the future of our Diocese. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.

ST MADELEINE'S DINNER DANCE

20TH SEPTEMBER 6:30PM
ALLEGRO FUNCTION CENTRE
1 PORTERS ROAD
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SCAN TO ORDER TICKETS

To donate or inquire about tickets, please contact Sally Coppini at stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com
OR
0407942986.

Please place your name on the list found on the **DINNER DANCE TABLE** located at the entrance to the Church if you are able to provide donation of prizes or help in any way.

Honour the Fathers who have guided us spiritually



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

Donate at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

The Bishop's Father's Day appeal collection will be held in our parish next weekend

PIETY SHOP

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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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10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Pierre & Sally Coppini

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Sandra Tabone
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Joan

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Sandra Bonello

FLOWERS

Dianne Bennett

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5:30PM VIGIL

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10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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