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7 September 2025 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples

Wis 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10, 12-17, Lk 14:25-33

COMMENTARY: The readings this week are all about allowing God's love to guide every aspect of our lives. By turning to God for guidance, he will always keep us on the right path. The First Reading shows the gulf between God's ways and the ways of the world. We are reminded of the importance of staying connected to God's will and wisdom, and encouraged that this will be revealed to us through the Holy Spirit. The Psalm reminds us that the natural order of the world holds both beauty and disorder, death and renewal. In the same spirit, no matter what our faults and failings, God is infinitely patient, and forever inviting us to return to him. His mercy and love will endure. St Paul writes to his close friend, Philemon, in the Second Reading. Paul's heartfelt appeal on behalf of Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus, reveals the new order of the Christian mission: that all are equal in the eyes of God. In the Gospel, Jesus highlights to his followers that the path of the Lord is not without suffering or sacrifice. It requires patience and courage, and an ability to put God's love above all things. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we are reminded that God is full of mercy and compassion. May this week's readings inspire and encourage us to take responsibility for understanding, upholding and sharing our Christian mission.

GOSPEL Luke 14: 25-33 At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate their own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even their own life, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish."

Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that they have, cannot be my disciple.'

REFLECTION I come to my place of prayer, and slowly allow myself to become still. Then I turn to the text. I might want to place myself in the scene, perhaps as part of the great crowds following Jesus. I imagine the excitement and intensity of the situation. Perhaps I am trying to get Jesus's attention, or stand out above the rest? Perhaps I am happy simply to follow the crowd and observe? How do I react to Jesus's words? It might help to replace the word 'hate' with the alternative words 'forsake' or 'love . . . less'. I spend time reflecting on what it means for me to respond to Jesus's call to love God above all things, even those relationships, possessions, positions and values that are very dear to me. I consider who and what guides my decisions and reactions. Do I have a tendency to defer to the opinions and values of others, rather than truly discerning what God is calling me to do? Perhaps there are times when I am impulsive or reactive? I talk to the Lord openly about whatever rises to the surface. Slowly, I reflect on how and when I might more actively take a breath, 'sit down', and listen to what God wants of me when I respond to particular situations. When I am ready, I end my prayer with an 'Our Father . . . '.

Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK

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



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

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler &
Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

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Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

BAPTISM OF PRIMARY CHILDREN

For Children being baptised in Year 3 or above.

Baptism Preparation
Saturday 14 February 2026

Baptism date
Sunday 22 February 2026

For details and to register please email kenthurst@parracatholic.org (subject heading Your child's surname- Baptism Primary)

Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure
~St John Paul II ~

For queries about other dates in 2026 please email or call Sandra
Mob 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 (1936 -2025) ~

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

For September 1st, World Day of Prayer for Creation, Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become – from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves. We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others and with the Earth. Amen.

Over the past few weeks our local Landcare group has been helping the Social Justice groups in St Madeleine's Primary and Marian College undertake Landcare as Sport. Five weeks learning from the volunteers at the Environment Centre about caring for waterways so platypus can thrive, knowing what the soil is like, finding weeds and knowing what trees are growing in the forest. SO many wonderful Landcare skills passed onto our Laudato SI' community. Thank you CHEN for helping in the Season of Creation.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Vincenzo Luca, Therese Mitry, Norman and Chahida

Hajje, George, Sheddy & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary

Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Jimmy Camilleri,

Margaret Caruana, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap,

Joseph & Louise Bonello, June Raffin, Dominic Surace,

Yvonne Bolland, Roy Cutrone, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia,

Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe, Sam & Paul Farrugia, Ky Frendo,

Goeff Burcham, Mary Barbuto, Anthony Tummello,

Engracia Corpuz, Maria Aiossa, Karen Bartolo, Maria

Concetta Vaccarella, Giuseppe LaMacchia, Salvatore

Dolores, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Alegria Ricafrente, Ivanka

Valencic, Dominic Surace, Pauline Vella, Mary Cumbo

Please pray for the sick: Joan Quinn, Mary Dore, George Shelazi, Kashi Thirius,

Joseph Buttigieg, Sosefo Ali, Steven Lawrence Salmon, Mark Caruana, Tony

Sebaratnam, Sr Anna Conway, Shane Agresta, Maureen Burford, Magda

Marconato, Aura Krakowszky, Judith Preston, Tony Mannah, Vlado Mlinac,

James Hann, Faye Wong, Cutrone family, Joe Luezzi, Kalem Saras, Anthony

Attard, Frances Perri, Pat Brush, William Chapman, Rocco Scardino, Kia Benete,

Nathan Luezzi, Greg Lambert, David Tierney, Brenda Riley, Henry Field

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

kenthurst@parracatholic.org



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

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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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) = \$1,687.85

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$455.00

Loose \$2,863.05

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

Our Community



RAFFLE & AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

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THE CHOSEN
SEASON 5 : THE LAST SUPPER

Continues **Tuesday 9th September**
7pm in the St Madeleine Centre

All are welcome, hope to see you there!

To watch other episodes you can now stream Season 1 – 5 on Amazon Prime

CRAFT MORNING

Our first craft morning was such a success and so enjoyable we've decided to continue!

The next morning will be held on

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
in the St Madeleine Centre
from 10am - 12.00noon

bring your own project or just come for a cuppa!

All welcome

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL
THIS WEEKEND supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve.

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care.

Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code.

Thank you



FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre

Perhaps meet up with some old friends or make some new ones.

Everyone is welcome.

Please note our next date is
Friday 19th September 2025
at 10am

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

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS CARDINAL
STEPHEN CHOW SJ: 15 SEPTEMBER

The second of two Bishop Vincent Presents public lectures in September will feature Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong and one of the most senior Church leaders in Asia. He will be presenting on Monday 15 September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on the topic of 'Bridge Building'. With a background in psychology and education, and a deep pastoral heart, Cardinal Chow brings wisdom, courage, and compassion to the challenges facing the Church in our time. Register today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cardinalchow>

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER
FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS needed for a Saturday morning once a month

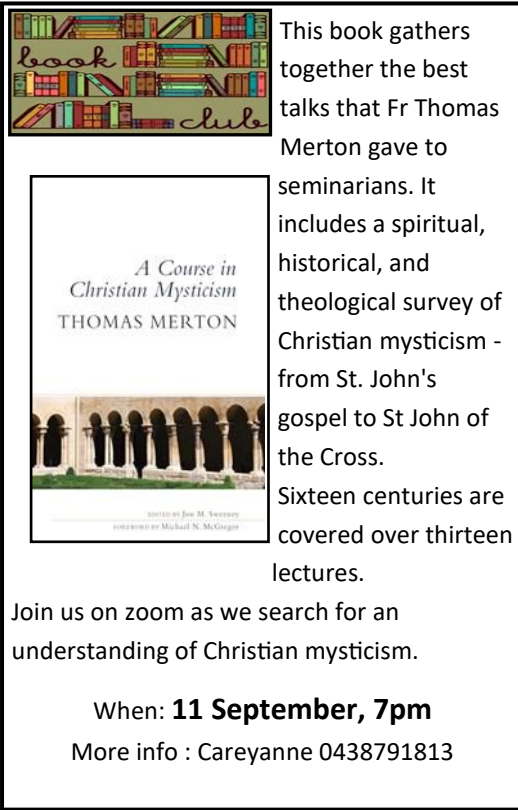
Please also let us know if you would be willing to **DONATE FLOWERS**

Thanks
kenthurst@parracatholic.org
Ph. 9654 2260

PLAYGROUP Bunnings provides craft for our playgroup twice a term. If you would like to attend with your little one please RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org

Next date: **Thursday, 2nd October** at 9.30am (during school holidays)

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship



book club

This book gathers together the best talks that Fr Thomas Merton gave to seminarians. It includes a spiritual, historical, and theological survey of Christian mysticism - from St. John's gospel to St John of the Cross. Sixteen centuries are covered over thirteen lectures.

A Course in Christian Mysticism
THOMAS MERTON

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8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Adriana Kennedy

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8AM SUNDAY

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