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**17th November 2019**

33rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

## **“My barn having burned down, I can now see the moon”**

- MizutaMasahide

We are saddened by the loss of human lives and the colossal damage and loss of the properties and the untold and un-captured suffering of the victims of the bushfires in our country. We thank everyone who fought to contain the fires and those reaching out to the victims in great compassion and true generosity at this difficult moment. Let us be a part of the assistance in enabling the victims to bounce back to their normal life in due time. We are edified by their resiliency and fervent faith and hope in the midst of such horrific devastation. In the midst of any unprecedented turmoil and turbulence of lives, the gospel of this Sunday counsels courage, steadfast faith and patient endurance.



*Once there was a happy little boy who said to God one day, “O God, I want to live in a big house with a big porch, two Saint Bernards and a garden in the back. I want to marry a woman who is tall and very beautiful and kind, with long, black hair and blue eyes, and who plays the guitar and sings in a clear, high voice. I want three strong sons to play footy with. When they grow up, one will be a great scientist, one will be a Senator and the youngest will [play professional footy]. I want to sail vast oceans and climb the highest mountains. I want to drive a red Ferrari and never have to pick up after myself.” God said, “That sounds like a nice dream. I want you to be happy.”*

*But one day, the boy hurt his knee playing football. His dream of being an adventurer was over. So he studied marketing and started a medical supply business. He met a pretty woman at school, who was very warm and kind. She wasn't glamorous, she wasn't a musician, but she was a wonderful cook and a talented artist. Because of his*

*work, they lived in the city in an apartment. A small balcony served as the big porch; all they had room for was a fluffy cat. They had three daughters (not sons); the loveliest of the three had to use a wheelchair. He made enough money for his family to live comfortably, but he didn't drive a red Ferrari — and with three daughters, he spent a lot of time picking things up.*

*Then, one morning, he woke up very sad. He confided to a friend his disappointment that his wife was not the beautiful, glamorous musician he had dreamed of. His friend tried to reassure him that his wife was kind and generous. But the man wasn't listening. He expressed to his wife his disappointment with their apartment instead of the big house he dreamed of. She reminded him of the comfortable, happy home they had created for themselves and their family. But the man wasn't listening. He went to see a therapist and went on about how he dreamed of being a great adventurer and driving a Ferrari and not having to pick up after himself. The therapist pointed out that the medical supplies he sold saved many lives. But the man wasn't listening. The therapist charged him \$200 and sent him home.*

*He confessed to a priest that he had dreamed of having three strong sons. The priest said that he had been blessed with three beautiful, intelligent and gracious daughters who love him very much. But the man wasn't listening.*

*He was so sad that he became very sick. Late one night, alone in his hospital room, the man said to God, “Remember when I was a boy and I told you what I wanted?” “It was a lovely dream,” God said. “Why didn't you give me those things?” “I could have,” God replied, “but I wanted to surprise you with things you didn't dream of. Your family and life are one of the best packages I've ever put together.” “Yes,” interrupted the man. “But I thought you were going to give me what I really wanted.” “And I thought you were going to give me what I really wanted,” God countered. “To be happy with what I had given you.” And that night the terribly, tragically sad man began to dream a new dream: that what he wanted most was what he already had. And he became very happy.[Adapted from Signs of the Times by Loren Seibold.]*

The “terribly, tragically sad man” could not see beyond the “stones” of the life he had built; he could not realise or appreciate the precious gifts he had been given. God fills our lives with much more precious and lasting gifts than this world is capable of offering — treasures like compassion, reconciliation, justice, peace. All we have to do is give up the attitudes and avarices that make possessing the things of God impossible, to make time and space in our world for God to fill. May our eyes remain open and our spirits always be aware of the true treasures of this life that are ours for the asking, if we are wise and generous enough to let go of mere things to accept them.

(A Connections Sampler)

**God's blessings and have a wonderful week ahead!**

**Fr. Vince**

## 1 WEEK TO GO

until the Dedication Mass of the new church!  
This will be held on 24th November 2019,  
the Feast of Christ the King,  
beginning with a thanksgiving prayer and  
procession from the  
current church at 9:30am.



### On Sunday, 24th November:

>We need more than the usual number of  
welcomers to give out bulletins and booklets as  
people arrive.

>We will need a few ushers for the procession.

>If you can help with these, please look for  
Steve and Maria Fry in the foyer of the old  
church at 8:45.

>If you are bringing cakes for the celebration,  
we would appreciate if you could drop these off  
in the covered area before the ceremony.

The RCIA programme will start  
this Wednesday,  
**20th November!**

All who are interested in  
learning more about  
our Catholic Christian faith are  
invited to attend.



**Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults**

The first talk will be at 7pm in the St Joseph Centre.

**TOPIC: Image of God**

Please feel free to ring the parish office  
—96542260— or email [stmads@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stmads@yahoo.com.au)  
for details!

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1564.25

**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1645

**Loose** = \$ 1061.95

**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107

**TOTAL** = \$ 4813.95 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your  
credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Social Justice @ St Mads

>Where we volunteer:

a parishioner goes each  
week to St Bakhita's  
Flemington with the South  
Sudnese community,  
helping with creative  
workshops and just  
sharing together. [www.stbakhitacentre.com/](http://www.stbakhitacentre.com/)

Where do you volunteer? Let us know, [sue@kcj.net.au](mailto:sue@kcj.net.au)

>Earthkin Landcare Marymount Centre David Rd,  
Castle Hill is on this Sunday, 1pm all welcome.

>See our St Mad's Christmas hamper mass flyers, get  
ready for the school collection mass on November 30th  
and the parish hamper mass 10am December 7th.

>The Vinnies Christmas Appeal at our parish will be held  
on the weekend of 7th/8th December. Envelopes will be  
available that weekend.

~Sue Martin



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*Congratulations to  
Patrik Steven Ivan Barisic  
and*

*Leo Elliot Sweeting  
who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism  
this weekend!*

### BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on  
Saturday, **7th December** at **4:30-5:30pm**  
in the **new function centre**.

To book, please call the parish office on  
96542260. Thank you.



*During the month of November,  
we offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal  
repose of the souls of our  
beloved departed.*

*You are invited to write  
down names of your loved  
ones in the Book of Life  
and to bring a photo to be  
displayed on our  
Remembrance Wall  
throughout the month.  
Envelopes for Mass intentions  
are available in the foyer.*



### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For healing of the sick**

Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Candida Irugalbandra,  
Sheila Cañabano, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg,  
Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen,  
Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley,  
Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry,  
Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D,  
Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Alumios,  
Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss,  
Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie,  
Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Biford Beattie, Giuseppe Grasso,  
Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick  
Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel







## PIETY STALL NEWS!

Don't miss our final piety stall moving sale  
before we move to our new church this weekend!

PLUS

2020 Columbian Calendars \$9 &  
Magellan Christmas Cards \$7 are now available



### Expressions of Interest —Bus Trip: The Lights of Christmas

Bus trip to St Marys Cathedral on Wednesday 18th December 2019

Leaving Dural Country Club at 6.15pm

We will see the choir at 7.30pm and then afterwards the Lights on St Marys Cathedral

Price \$20 adults and \$15 children

I have also booked the restaurant Fedele's at Dural inside the club for anyone who would like to have dinner there from 5.30pm at your own cost

For more information contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400



If you are interested in going please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer by 17th November and stating whether you will be having dinner there too

~Kind regards, Sandra Tabone



May I encourage you to be a part of the **Advent Reflection on Friday, 6th December; 7 to 8 pm in the function centre**

Speaker : Deacon Jerome, Diocese of Parramatta

Theme: The Incarnation- God's Giving and Humanity Receiving

~Fr.Vince



The Children's Liturgy Christmas Party will be on  
1st December in the function centre. Please mark your calendars and see you there!

## OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND



### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING—30 NOV, 2 PM, SCHOOL HALL

St Madeleine's P&F are organising this activity and all are welcome!  
Gingerbread House kits can be bought with or without lollies. If you'd like to decorate your own house then order a kit only and BYO lollies!  
There's also a small kit for the littlies to make 2 reindeer cookies!  
To book your spot and order a kit, ring the school office or go to [www.trybooking.com/565901](http://www.trybooking.com/565901) "St Mad's Gingerbread House Day"

### ACBC National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at:

[www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

### An Evening of Song with the Loreto Normanhurst School Choir

The evening will feature a wonderful program of music and readings...a journey through the wonder and mystery of creation, the coming of Christ and our own journey into watching, waiting and blessing. Just perfect as we draw closer to the end of the year and Advent.

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2019; time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Venue: Loreto Normanhurst Chapel | 91-93 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst

This event will be followed by supper in the cloisters.

Please book for catering purposes here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BGKLF>  
Please direct any queries to [kkmcullough@loretomh.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kkmcullough@loretomh.nsw.edu.au) or on 9487 3488.

### Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2

This e-book offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year A-2 beginning with Advent, together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney. This free e-book may be accessed on [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

### Order of Malta Annual Lourdes Day Mass: 7 December

The Order of Malta will be celebrating their annual Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday 7 December at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and the Chaplains of the Order will celebrate Mass and bless the congregation, with vials of Lourdes water to be distributed.  
For more information please contact 9331 8477, [info@smom.org.au](mailto:info@smom.org.au) or [macolmi@bigpond.net.au](http://macolmi@bigpond.net.au).

### GERMAN CATHEDRALS AND OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE 2020

Fr Chris Dixon is leading a pilgrimage titled "German Cathedral Pilgrimage and the Passion Play at Oberammergau", for 13 days leaving 25th August 2020 and returning 6th September 2020.  
For more information and further details, contact Fr Chris at [annangrove@hotmail.com](mailto:annangrove@hotmail.com)

### PARISH TEAM

#### Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

#### Parish Secretary:

Lisa Echevarria

#### Sacramental Coordinator

Sally Coppini

#### St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

#### Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

### PARISH SERVICES

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

#### Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

#### Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

#### Playgroup –Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

#### Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

#### Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,  
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

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- ◇ Twisting the Truth
- ◇ Movie review: *The King*
- ◇ A third Aussie Saint?

Shouldn't we gratefully accept both  
good and bad as coming from the  
hand of God, for both are inclined  
to our advantage if we know  
how to profit from them.  
-St Madeleine Sophie

### PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

#### Welcomers Coordinator:

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

#### Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

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	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Joe Touma
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	EUCCHARISTIC	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Marian Piper Janelle Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil	James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	NO MUSICIANS	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, and JMJ	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Ann-marie Duncan
	FLOWERS	Peter & Pina Tallaridi, arr'd by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino

23/24 NOVEMBER	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	<p><i>See you all at the Dedication Mass which will start at 9:30am in the old church.</i></p> <p><i>If you are able to help with welcoming— giving out bulletins and commemorative booklets, please come to the old church foyer at 8:45am.</i></p>		Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo			Jhun Javier
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating			Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trish Keating Anne Kyngdon			Tereza Barisic Trish Maidens
	JUN MINISTERS	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike			Thomas Barker James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat			Bobby
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
	FLOWERS	Cosimo Muroccca		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino