



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**2nd April 2023**  
**Palm Sunday, Year A**

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

## **“Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.” Howard Zinn.**

*Constantine the Great was the first Christian Roman emperor. His father Constantias I who succeeded Diocletian as emperor in 305 A.D. was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. When he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the government and in the court. So, he issued an executive order to all those Christians: “Either give up Christ or give up your jobs.” The great majority of Christians gave up their jobs rather than disowning Christ. Only a few cowards gave up their religion rather than lose their jobs. The emperor was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and gave their jobs back to them saying: “If you will not be true to your God you will not be true to me either.”*

Today we join the Palm Sunday crowd in spirit to declare our loyalty to Christ and fidelity to his teachings by actively participating in the Palm Sunday liturgy. As we carry the palm leaves to our homes, we are declaring our choice to accept Jesus as the king and ruler of our lives and our families.



The Passion story of Jesus is very relevant for us as it is the story of our lives. Who does not suffer? Who on earth is without pain or one kind or the other? As Diana Ayden says, that “there’s an opportunity that pain gives us. It forces us to concentrate on what matters most. I would say pain is like a hearing aid. When it happens, it’s up to us to tune in and use our suffering as an opportunity for growth, for helping others, for any way to redeem it. That doesn’t take it away, but it can help redeem it”. St. Paul’s life was full of suffering: prison, a shipwreck, a snake bite, torture. And yet he said, “I look back on all these things God worked for good in my life.” He goes on to say that nothing can separate us from the truth of God’s love, not space or time or even death. He doesn’t pretend that this is an ideal world, but he does give hope. Men and women of history have always found suffering as redemptive. As we

express our gratitude to Jesus for redeeming us by his suffering, death and resurrection, may we pray for the grace to understand the meaning of suffering and the truth of Suffering and success go together!

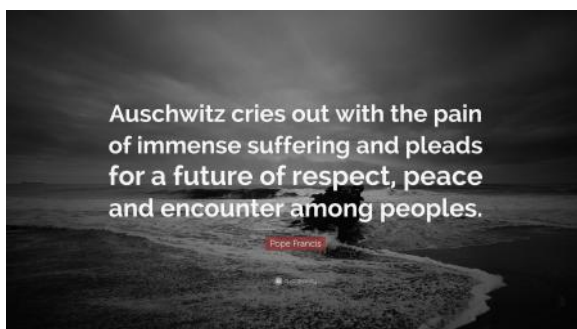
*There was a report of a coal accident. Many miners escaped with their lives, but three men were trapped somewhere deep within the earth’s crust. Whether they were dead or alive no one knew. What made the accident even more frustrating was the presence of intense heat and noxious gases within the mine itself. If the rocks had not crushed them, they very well would have been asphyxiated by the fumes or killed by the heat. Two days went by before a search expedition was allowed to even enter the mine because of heat and fumes. Even then there was a great danger in store for anyone who would dare descend into what could be a deep black grave. A brief interview was conducted with one as he was preparing to enter the mine. A reporter asked him, “Sir, are you aware of the noxious gases and the extreme danger of the mines?” The fireman replied, “Yes, I am aware.” The reporter asked again, “Are you still going down?” And the man replied, “The men may still be alive”. Without another word of explanation, he put on his gas mask, climbed into the elevator, and descended into the black mine. The rescuer put his life on the line that others might live”. This is what Jesus did- by entering Jerusalem, He put his life on the line that we might have life. “As we lose ourselves in the service of others, we discover our own lives and our own happiness.” (Sources duly acknowledged)*



**As we enter into the greatest week of the year– Holy Week with Palm Sunday, I encourage you to prioritize participating in the Holy Week Services: Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday (7pm) followed by the Adoration until 12 midnight; the Stations of the Cross (10 am) and the Passion of our Lord with the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday at 3pm ; Easter Vigil on Saturday 5.30 pm and one of the Easter Masses on Easter Sunday 8 and 10 am and 5.30 pm. Let us experience the love of Jesus deeply these days. Do not miss it.**

God’s blessings

Fr. Vince



*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 10.30 am 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 Fr Vincent or Parish Office
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass Monday Rosary Via Zoom Contact Kay Brooks & 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 10am-4 pm or <a href="mailto:stmads@yahoo.com.au">stmads@yahoo.com.au</a> )



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	Mass of the Last Supper — 6 April, 7pm <b>NO THURSDAY MORNING MASS AT 9:15AM</b> Adoration until Midnight. After the Holy Thursday Mass, the altar is stripped, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession to St Madeleine centre, the place of reposition. Everyone as an individual, as a family or as a group are encouraged to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament that night.
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Stations of the Cross — 7 April, 10am The Passion Liturgy — 3pm
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	Saturday, 8 April at 5:30pm— We will be renewing our baptismal promises during this Mass. Battery operated candles will be available for purchase.
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	Sunday, 9 April at 8am, 10am & 5.30pm

## 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:

**Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic**  
**Church BSB : 067950**  
**Account Number : 0000388**

**Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church and submit to Fr Vincent after completion.**

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,344.05  
2nd Collection (for Parish)  
Envelopes = \$1,865 Loose = \$1,181.45

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

*Our prayers and condolences with Peter Mousa and family on the demise of his wife, Abbey*

**GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE** Every year St Madeleine's has a very special Garden of Gethsemane enabling us to spend time in prayer with Jesus on Holy Thursday night. We need your help this year to help prepare the plants for our garden. Can you spare an hour on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm** to come and help? Please contact Sandra in the office if you can come. Thank you, Deb Rankin and Sally Coppini

**ROSTERS for HOLY WEEK** are located at the Entrance to the Church. Please complete if you are available

**SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S** For All Future Generations, Spanning across the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world. Your generous support can help change lives today - and For All Future Generations. Priscilla's story | Caritas Australia Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and her two grandsons. In Hwange, the impacts of climate change are exacerbating food insecurity in vulnerable communities. This can be seen in the erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, poor agricultural soils and high temperatures in the region. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. We pray with Priscilla.

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Recently deceased:** Abbey Mousa



**For the dearly departed:** Joe Fuda, Maria Rose Napoli, Salvatore Napoli, Joseph & Lyn Napoli, Sam & Barbara Napoli, Anne & Chris Geniale, Yolanda & Sam Papallo, George Papallo, Immacolata Agostino, Ariella Napoli, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham, Daniel Francis Doyle, June Brennen, James Peter Quinn, Erminia Vumbaca, Patrick McGloin, Vincenzo Luca, Raffaele Loccisano, Pasquale, Giuseppe, Rosina, Giuseppina & Giorgio Loccisano, M. Teresa Mainolo, Giuseppina Murdocca, Pietro Luigi Fuda, Vincenzo, Giorgio & Rosina Fuda, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap

**Please pray for the sick:** Catherine Saunders, Rowena Justiniani, Aura Krakowszky, Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, Margaret Martin, Antonia Desanti, and Jennifer Burgess

*If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please let us know by email, phone call, or by dropping a note in the locked box outside the parish office*

## PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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

**Junior Ministers Coordinator:** Maree McNeil

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

**Baptism Preparation:** Angelique Easton

**RCIA Coordinator:** Steve Fry

**Playgroup Coordinator:**

**SRE Coordinator:** Maureen Jones

**Friendship Group:** Jenny Puleo

**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:** Patrick Tuttle

**Finance Committee Chair:** Carl Mathias

**Welcomers Coordinator:**

**Securing:** Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

### 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, 10:00 am, 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

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

at 11:20am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

*We stand before You,*

*Holy Spirit,*

*as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,*

*make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go*

*and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are God's beloved children:*

*may our journey together*

*be marked by humble listening,*

*courageous speech, and lively hope.*

*Let us find in You our unity*

*as we seek to do what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,*

*who are at work in every place and*

*time,*

*in the communion of the Father and*

*the Son, forever and ever.*

**AMEN**

Adapted from the original

## PIETY SHOP

Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? Come and have a look in the piety shop.

We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items. Special orders are welcome too. We are open after every weekend Mass.

Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.



## CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Kindly bring back the Project Compassion box and set of envelopes on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

Your generous contribution to support vulnerable people around the world is much appreciated!



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PARRAMATTA

### CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 7 APRIL

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

### MET FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE: STARTING 2 MAY

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://parrarra.org.au/faithlife/>

### LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP: 4 MAY

Musicians, Clergy & Liturgy Planners are invited to attend a Music Workshop Presented by Eric Grella on Singing the Psalms & Chant on Thursday 4 May from 7pm - 8:30pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP by 1 May to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS: please

provide current contact details by completing a form found online (use the QR Code).

Copies also available in the Church. Please also complete form if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, or with providing flowers.



### 2023 MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES

#### CONFERENCE 3-5 MAY 2023

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney.

### St John Baptist de La Salle

#### Feast Day: 7 April

At the early age of 11, he received the tonsure and started preparation for the priesthood, to which he was ordained at 27. He seemed assured then of a life of dignified ease and a high position in the Church. But God had other plans for John, which were gradually revealed to him in the next several years. During a chance meeting with Monsieur Adrien Nyel, he became interested in the creation of schools for poor boys in Rheims, where he was stationed. Once convinced that this was his divinely appointed mission, John threw himself wholeheartedly into the work, left home and family, abandoned his position as canon at Rheims, gave away his fortune, and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his entire life. The remainder of his life was closely entwined with the community of religious men he founded, the Brothers of the Christian School (also called Christian Brothers or De La Salle Brothers). This community grew rapidly and was successful in educating boys of poor families, using methods designed by John. The motivating element in all these endeavors was the desire to become a good Christian. Afflicted with asthma and rheumatism in his last years, he died on Good Friday at age 68, and was canonized in 1900. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-baptist-de-la-salle/>



### PLAYGROUP—STARTING IN THE PARISH!

Date: Thursday, 27 April  
and each Thursday during school term

At: 9.30am  
in the St Madeleine Centre

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1 & 2 April	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Heidi Bou-Harb	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Margaret M John Walcott	Careyanne Moylan Ros Earl	
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>				
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan Sattler		
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Deb Rankin
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lent		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman
8 & 9 April	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY	
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Dianna Millington	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Please see Easter Roster	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Rosanna Ceroli David Hall O'Dwyer	
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Emerson Sebire	Bailey Gambrill		
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Merle & Doug	Joan Sattler	Teri Hughes-Everard	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Paul Vella & Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Pauline Chacal
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Cosmo Murdocca		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman	