



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**11 April 2021**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B**

Acts 4: 32–35

1 Jn 5: 1–6

John 20: 19–31

### **“Our deepest wounds surround our greatest gifts”- Ken Page**

Dear sisters and brothers,

How are you? We were all blessed to celebrate Holy Week this year with a good number of families and friends in our new church for the first time. I believe it was very uplifting for all of us. From this Sunday, we resume our morning tea after the morning Masses on Sundays. I ask you to please maintain social distancing in compliance with the restrictions still in place to keep everyone safe! This would be a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our sense of belonging. We are in need of rebuilding our community and, sure with God's grace and His guidance, we will be able to rebuild our loving community. The gospel of this Sunday speaks about Thomas whom Jesus invited to touch his wounds and to grow in his faith. This Sunday, Jesus invites us to face our own wounds and that of others, to be healed and form one community of faith, love and justice.

*A prominent Washington attorney died, a man who had lived a good life: solid, moral and trustworthy, a faithful husband and loving father. He had worked hard; his work ethic and professionalism were beyond reproach. When he died, he went to heaven where St. Peter greeted him at the gates of God's dwelling place. When the attorney asked if he could enter, Peter pulled out a sheet of paper. It was the man's resume of his many accomplishments. Peter nodded approvingly as he scanned the sheet, clearly impressed by what he saw – but then a frown settled on the saint's face. “But,” Peter said, “I'm puzzled about one thing. Where are your wounds?” “What do you mean?” the distinguished guest said. “My wounds?” “Your wounds,” Peter explained, “back down on earth. Did you see your city and nation, even your world, struggling through countless crises? Couldn't you recognize the pain in front of you as you moved around your city – people without homes and jobs, without health care, without hope? Couldn't you see the people around your city and country and world in desperate straits? Could you not be wounded, even a little, for the sake of all the wounds around you?” [Adapted from a story told by William Wallison.]*

“Somehow, in the sharing of wounds, we come to see each other in a deeper way. No wonder the disciples recognized Jesus by his wounds.”

*Stanley Hauerwas is considered one of the great theologians in North America, yet he began his theological career as a sort of Doubting Thomas. In his recent memoir, Hannah's Child, he tells of a time in his life when he was reluctant to call himself a Christian. Then something happened as he was teaching at the University of Notre Dame. His wife, Ann, was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and treated without success.*

*For ten years, Hauerwas and their son, Adam, learned to live with the uncertainty and pain of Ann's illness. Ann's mind and behaviour were often uncontrollable but, through it, Hauerwas learned to face the limits of his own energy, to receive friendship and support from others, and in the process, he discovered what it means to be held together by the grace of God. It was by the sharing of wounds that he found the strength to carry on with his life and eventually to call himself a Christian. (Angelic Journal)*

We are all wounded. Some of us carry wounds that are deeper and more intense than others. These wounds can be physical or spiritual, recent or long-standing. An injection or a pill isn't enough to heal these wounds. Healing is an internal process that puts things right, and to do this we need to face our wounds.

As Henri Nouwen says, “only the wounded healer is really able to heal the wounds of others.” As we recognize our own wounds, let us also come forward to heal the wounds of others in the Spirit of Love, Love of God.

God's blessings,

Fr. Vince



# PARISH NEWS

Rite of Confirmation: **Friday, 30 April** at 7pm or **Sunday, 2 May** at 12noon.  
Enrolment and Commitment Meeting for **Reconciliation and First Eucharist:**  
Tuesday, 18 May at 4.30pm or 7pm.

In order to enrol your Year 3 (or above) child one parent is required to attend this meeting.

Sandra De Nardi — M: 0410 587 735 or email [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)  
Please pray for our families as their children are about to embark on this next phase of their sacrament journey.

## Social Justice @ St Mads

Earth day retreat, April 17th 9:30-1pm, Kenthurst. Join us for a morning of reflection to listen to the cry of Earth, responding with love and care as we respond to Laudato Si' and other ecological conversion writings from our community. To register contact [sue.martin@sjasl.org.au](mailto:sue.martin@sjasl.org.au)

On 4 April 2021, Tropical Cyclone Seroja struck Timor-Leste and eastern parts of Indonesia, triggering torrential rain and flash flooding. Intense floods and landslides have left thousands of people homeless. [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/)

This year, the Catholic Mission conference <https://2021.mohmv.com.au/> is online. Put September 1-3 in the calendar.



**Earth Day 2021**  
RESTORE OUR EARTH



St Mads Book Club is continuing via zoom. We are reading *The Shack*, a novel by Canadian author William P. Young that was published in 2007. After his daughter's murder, a grieving father confronts God with desperate questions -- and finds unexpected answers -- in this riveting and deeply moving #1 NYT bestseller. In an age where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant for some, *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain? If you would like to join our zoom group on Tuesday 20 April at 7.30pm send me an email to register. [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)



Come join us via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am for an hour to pray and discuss the coming Sunday's gospel. If you would like to know more about the gospels, what it can mean to your life, pray with others, or just make new friends, we would love you to join us. For more info and Zoom details, contact Careyanne at [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com) or 0438 791 813

## Altar Linen Ministry

The altar linen ministry is performed by a small group of generous and dedicated parishioners. In recent months, two long serving members of this group, Pat Brush and Pat Grogan, have decided to retire. Besides being a long-term member of this group, Pat Brush was also the coordinator of the ministry for many years. We thank these ladies for their generosity in skill, energy and time. We have been very lucky to welcome a number of new volunteers to the ministry over the last several years, which has been a blessing for our community. Anyone who is able to commit to washing and ironing the linen and towels used in the celebration of our weekly liturgies would be warmly welcomed to join this group. Please phone Catherine Diekman on 0416 011 494 or 96296682 or email [cdiekman@bigpond.com](mailto:cdiekman@bigpond.com)



Our parish is a community gathered to worship God, bring His light to the world and care for his body. We have responded to this by creating the **St Mads Care Group** whose mission is "to bring Christ's light through giving hope and service to others." Our aim is to "provide to members of our parish practical support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance". If you are interested in joining us, would be willing to cook an occasional meal for those in need or know of anyone who needs assistance, please contact us through Bernadette, 0418 248 256

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$3088.30

**2nd Collection** (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$1774.00

Loose = \$2922.70

Credit cards/Direct Debit avg weekly = \$2000

**TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$6696.70**

If you would like to donate to the parish or have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 9654 2260.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 10 April at 4:30pm** in the function centre.

Please ring or email the office to book in: 9654 2260 (Tue-Fri, 10am-4pm)

[stmads@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stmads@yahoo.com.au)

Families who completed their preparations are welcome to get in touch with the office to schedule their child's baptism.



## Congratulations to the newly baptized!

Sunday, 11th April 2021

Faith Taouk



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

### For recently deceased

John O'Brien, Frangiska Dimech, Carole Philomena Roberts, June Brennan, Betty Merhi, Bishop Metod Birah, Warwick Rule



### For the dearly departed

Milagria Assumpta Castelino, Martin Mileto, Marlon S. Alumios, Wilfredo Lising, Vickie Rose Camilleri, Annamaria Spina, Pietro Ceccato, Ferraro Family, Jed Manning, Dan Doyle, Maureen Deeham, Michele Vaccarella, Mary Merhi, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Shedly & Chahide Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Don Winning, Adele Conte Ceccato, Jeremy Vajda

### For healing of the sick

Imelda Pellison, Justin Ryan, Jasminka Medak, David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aureen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowski, June Brennen, Keith Dawson, Joe Fuda, India, Vince Luca, Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Sheila Cañabano, Candida Irugalbandra, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Tricia, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Giuseppe Grasso, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

*\*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:** Deb Rankin

**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 Stall:** Sandra Tabone

**Altar Linen Coordinator:** Catherine Diekman

**Parish Council Chair:** Patrick Tuttle

**Finance Committee Chair:** Aaron Cauchi

**Welcomes Coordinator:**

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

### Parish Secretaries:

Jay-Ann Gutierrez  
Susie Lee

### Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

### 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

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

### Children's Liturgy

TBA

### Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45—10:15 Fridays - Adoration

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays after the  
9.15 am Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.00pm

**Baptisms:** Every Sunday at 11:20  
(Must make a booking)

**Weddings:** By appointment

## St Bernadette Soubirous

**Feast Day:  
16 April**

Bernadette  
Soubirous



was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig. According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was. *Cont...*

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernadette-soubirous>



Come and pray the rosary after Morning Mass on Thursdays!

Time: 9.45am;

Contact: Kay - 0429965858; Lydia Ceccato - 0400372561



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parish Facebook page:

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Thanks to everyone who came to celebrate our Easter celebrations last week! Here are some photos from our Easter Vigil Celebration...



**Congratulations to our Catechumens who received their Sacraments of Initiation! We continue to pray for you!**

Thanks to all of you for your generous giving over the Easter weekend.

We have raised a significant amount for the following causes:

**Support of the Holy Land — \$2416.55**

**Project Compassion (Caritas Australia) — \$4210.80**



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### Positions Vacant:

Young Christian Students Worker (full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – Applications close Monday 30 April

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. It is currently mandatory that masks be worn to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

### Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering tips, tricks and best practice in a variety of areas for healthy and productive parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm. If you are on a council or work closely with our councils, claim this date. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

### Young Adult Faith Formation: 11 April

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 11 April at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury, at 7pm. Christian Stephens will speak and lead discussion on the topic of Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord? We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

### Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series

CCD is pleased to offer a Study of the Gospel of St John with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays – 23 and 30 April and 7, 14 and 21 May. These sessions, held from 9.30am to 2pm, will open our eyes to the depth of this Gospel and its application to everyday life, and are open to all. Please register with Maree at [maree.collis@parracatholic.org](mailto:maree.collis@parracatholic.org) or phone (02) 8838 3486.



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<b>10/11 APRIL</b>		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino		Nicole Foxall Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Dianne Millington	Darren McNeil	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Mary Sammut	Belinda Da Ruos Tony Hooper	David Hall-O'Dwyer Adriana Kennedy	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Tara & Sam Coddington	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christopher Kang Monica & Dom Bruggeling	
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	WEDDING		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman

<b>17/18 APRIL</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Belinda Da Ruos	Maria & Steve Fry Carmel & Mike O'Connell		Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>		Patrick McNeil	Elizabeth Cauchi	Sara Sawaya
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Lisa Jacobs	Joan Sattler	Anucia & Team	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	WEDDING		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman