



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



28 ANNANGROVE RD. KENTHURST NSW 2156  
(P) 9654 2260  
(E) KENTHURST@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG OR  
STMADS@YAHOO.COM.AU  
(W) WWW.STMADELEINE.ORG.AU  
OFFICE HOURS: TUES - FRI, 9AM - 4PM



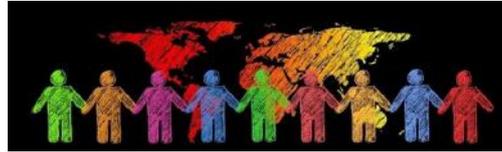
**21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

**Christ the King**

Daniel 7: 13-14

Revelation 1: 5-8

John 18: 33b-37



**“The challenge of God’s kingdom is :To let God be God in you; To let God be God in your church; To let God be God in your neighbourhood: To let God be God in your job, in your family, and in your world”.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

***Believe you are all well and safe. We mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the blessing of our church on 24<sup>th</sup> November. We will have a thanksgiving mass at 9.15 am followed by the blessing of the statue of our Mother Mary rear to the new gate. May I request you to join the celebration to thank God for having gifted us with this beautiful worshipping place where we share God’s stories through the Scriptures and Sacramental celebrations, and nourish each other in faith and grow together as one big family of God. If possible, we will have a fellowship of sharing packed snacks and a drink after the blessing! Looking forward to seeing you!***



The Liturgical year comes to an end with the Solemn feast of Christ the King. A new liturgical year begins next Sunday with the start of Advent. History would say that this feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as the church’s response to rising secularism and atheism in the world: “Oh, what happiness would be ours if all people, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ!”. He desired to remind the world that Christ is the Lord over all. This feast is a timely reminder for the institutional church as it wrestles with clericalism and various challenges heaped on from the clerical abuse and the rampant materialism, consumerism and so on that seem to take away the centrality of Jesus and the Kingdom values in our lives. This feast is an invitation for everyone of us to experience the coming of Jesus into our lives on a daily basis and to make him the centre of our lives.

The kingdom of Jesus is not found in the world’s centres of power but within human hearts; it is built not by deals among the powerful and elite but by compassionate hands; Christ reigns neither by influence nor wealth but by generosity and justice. A politician and influential figure like Pilate cannot grasp the “kingship” of Jesus but we who have been baptized in the life, death and resurrection of Christ are called to build and maintain that kingdom in our own time and place. Christ’s reign is realized only in our embracing a vision of humankind as a family made in the image of God, a vision of one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, a vision of the world centered in the spirit of hope and compassion taught by Christ. Sometimes, we turn a blind eye to the needs of the vulnerable people around us and we close our hearts and minds to the gifts they are offering us, sometimes simply by their presence in our midst. Pope Francis consistently calls the faithful to open their minds and hearts to the poor, the migrants and the most vulnerable who are at the edge of the society. Pope to poor: “ Your place is not at the door of churches, but in the heart of the Church”.

*“A story is told of a lovely woman from East Africa, Therese, who was granted asylum and then permanent residency a few years ago in Australia. Therese is a truly remarkable human being. She suffered much persecution in her country and was separated from her children for several years before she found them again halfway across the world, thanks to a series of almost miraculous events. How do you describe the emotions in someone who has just discovered that her sons are still alive and well?*

*Therese is a devout Catholic, and her faith has never wavered, even in the face of so many challenges and difficulties. She believes that God has and will always care for her and freely shares her love for God with others. She is a grace-filled person, radiant, gracious, serene and compassionate, who touches people’s lives as soon as they meet her, young and old alike. Her story is powerful and inspiring, but it is the way in which she delivers it that makes it even more so – she shares it without resentment or blame for those who caused her so much pain. People cannot but be moved by her resilience and strength in overcoming great disadvantages. Therese embodies hope – a quality and a gift so needed in our world today.*

Someone said “Hostility comes from ignorance, hospitality from openness. Hostility towards strangers is born in a heart with barriers, hardened and incapable of seeing richness in diversity. The shift from hostility to hospitality happens when one experiences welcome, this gift of opening oneself to the reality of an individual or a family.” (Excerpted from the reflections of Fr. Sacha Bermudez-Goldman, SJ.)

Let us overcome the barriers preventing us from opening our hearts to the asylum seekers, migrants and many others who bring with them great gifts of resilience and hope and richness of cultural values. Let us be hospitable to them and make them part of God’s reign of love and justice. The challenge of this feast is to recognize Christ our king in our daily routines, to recognize him in the poor, less fortunate and underprivileged, in the elderly, in the neighbour who struggles with terminal illness, even the relative who drives us crazy. Christ’s kingdom is a reality in our midst today and every day.

*“Lord , look through my eyes, speak through my lips, walk with my feet. Then my poor human presence will be a reminder –however weak -of your divine presence”*

**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

## ADVENT 2021

As we countdown the days to Christmas, we pray that by meditating on God's Word in these daily Advent and Christmas reflections, we may be graced with moments of silence to ponder in your heart (cf. Lk 2:19) the many "blessings" in our life—inspiring us in our call to "blessedness" (that is, "holiness") where true happiness is gained (cf. Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, 64). BLESSED is a book that would help us with the reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022). Available at the Piety Store. May I request you to join the group reflections on **Wednesdays after the morning Mass or Wednesdays evening 7pm** at St Madeleine's centre. A spiritual preparation for Christmas will fill us with ineffable joy and peace. Please contact Pauline 0407 417 039 or Deacon Michael Tan 0419 279 743 for any queries. Fr. Vince



## The Sunday Gospel

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 on 0438 791 813 or [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)



## Sacramental Program - Holy Communion

Given the easing of restrictions for Churches, we are commencing our preparation sessions for Holy Communion in November. Preparation Sessions: **Sundays, 14, 21 and 28 Nov. at 2.45pm for a 3pm start or 4pm.** Each child is to attend with one parent. Please contact Sandra for further details and to confirm your attendance. Mob 0410 587 735 [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)



## RCIA

The Community of Faithful (Church) invites those unbaptized adults seeking to embrace catholic faith and individuals desiring to become full pledged members of the Catholic Community and even the baptised Catholics aspiring to enhance the Christian life to join the RCIA programme. For any query contact Fr Vincent or the parish office.

## PIETY SHOP

Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion or Confirmation? 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.

## COLUMBIAN CALENDARS AND MAGELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 2022 Calendars and cards now available for purchase in piety shop Calendars \$10 and cards \$7



## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MADRS

A great resource for Christmas google Vinnies 12 Days of Christmas. The ideas have been developed by Vinnies Youth in Parramatta diocese support officer Roydon Ng [roydon.ng@vinnies.org.au](mailto:roydon.ng@vinnies.org.au) EthicsFinder is a new expertly curated search engine database launched by Australian Catholic University, making available Catholic and other ethics resources to assist understanding and dialogue on key issues. <https://ethicsfinder.acu.edu.au/> Laudato Si' encyclical. In this letter that the Pope wrote, there are 6 chapters that can be split into 3 key parts. See Judge Act **Part 1:** see - this is where the letter details what is happening within the world and why he thinks these bad things are happening. Some of the things he mentions include global warming, climate change, the loss of biodiversity around the world, poverty and hunger, exploitation of people and the world's resources and the issues around technology. Will share the Judge overview next week. Our journey to be an **Earthcare parish** – living Laudato Si' tip for this week, please join with Marian College as they collect Return and Earn vouchers for their Vinnies Christmas appeal, drop them into the front office.

## BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 4 December at 4:30pm** 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.



## Advent Day of Prayer

Join us for a day of reflection for Advent and healing. We connect with place, spirit, and heart to heal our world, refresh our minds and strengthen relationships.

Date: 11 December 2021  
Where: St Madeleine Sophie Barat Church  
Time: 9.30 – 1pm and on.  
Numbers limited. Covid safe.  
Contact: Careyanne Moylan 0438791813 or [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For Healing of the sick**  
Jennifer Burgess, Eduard Affolter, Margaret Doyle

## ST MADRS CARE GROUP

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



## ST MADRS ROSARY

Join us to pray the rosary led by Kay Brooks and Lydia Ceccato. They will lead us in prayer after mass on Thursdays and continue on zoom on Monday nights at 7pm. Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Please join with us in growing our faith community.



## Prayer for the departed



As said in 1st John chapter 5—verse 15 You're the omniscient God who we know hears all prayers. So, we pray for the soul(s) of our departed brother(s)/sister(s) that You, oh Lord may nourish and take care of him/her/them in Heaven. You encourage us to ask and that it shall be given to us and so, we've asked and we know our request has been given. We thank You for providing for the deceased when he/she was alive and for sheltering us—also to be present in this prayer. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Love always, in the name of Jesus. Amen

## 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:

Anastasia Abdipranoto  
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: 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

## Saint : Cecilia

### Feast Day: 22 November

Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are



apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honour being paid her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545.

According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.

**Saint Cecilia is the Patron Saint of:**  
Musicians

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-cecilia>



Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish>

### Kindergarten 2022

We are still accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2022 and welcome your application. Please check the school's website [www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au)

to download the application and forward it to the school office as soon as possible. Come and be part of our beautiful community!



### Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2022

Course will commence early next year  
RSVP by 4 February 2022  
For further details please contact :  
Office for Worship  
[anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org)



DIOCESE of  
PARRAMATTA

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

ACN continues to highlight the persecution of Christians through Red Wednesday which will take place on Wednesday 24 November. On this day Cathedrals throughout Australia and the world will hold Masses and prayer vigils and be lit in red to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith. To learn more and get involved visit [www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday](http://www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday)



### Bishop's Christmas Appeal November and December 2021

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously, via the Bishop's Christmas appeal giving envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

### New Laudato Si Circle November Walk

Come join us for a walk and morning tea for all the family. Young and not so young. Walk all or just a part. What You Will See: Tall trees, ferny gullies and wildflowers. This walk follows a route through the significant bushland corridor in Fred Caterson and Fullers Road Reserves between Castle Hill and Glenhaven. The area is rich in diverse local flora and birdlife.

**When: 27 November, 9 am.**

**Distance: 500 metres**

**Grade: Easy**

**Time: 20 mins**

We'll meet at Timber Grove near Linksley Ave. to Citadel Crescent Reserve and have prayer, scones tea together. Then return. **Free.**

RSVP for catering: Suzanne 0410 936 108; Careyanne 0438 791 813, Sue 0432 716 577



DIOCESE of  
PARRAMATTA

### Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors for private prayer, Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check Mass and liturgy times and the COVID-Safe arrangements in place.

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

### 'Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout November. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

### Help our inmates feel the Christmas spirit

With the beginning of the Season of Advent upon us, the Diocese of Parramatta, through CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, are collecting blank Christmas cards that will be distributed by our prison chaplains to inmates to send to their families this Christmas. You can leave unused Christmas cards at any CatholicCare offices across the Diocese, which can be found by visiting <https://catholicoutlook.info/inmatecards>

### Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

# Hills Family Funerals



"We understand the importance of family and it shows in everything that we do, a tradition of care and concern"

24 Hour Care  
Funeral Planning  
Prepaid Funerals  
Australian Owned & Family Operated

For Personal Attention please call  
Richard Spiteri on 02 9659 0900  
340 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill



# Lumby Hampson

Real Estate since 1968

"Let our family look after your family"

[lumbyhampson.com.au](http://lumbyhampson.com.au) 9651



Servicing all makes and models!

Call Joe on 9679 1097

189A Annangrove Road, Annangrove 2156

# Popular Dr Selina Leow and Dr Darren Calleja Stanhope Dental Centre



17 Conrad Road, Kellyville Ridge  
(8 mins from Rouse Hill)

8883 1522

\*Open 6 days

\*Female and male dentists  
\*Medicare schemes accepted  
\*All ages \*One-appt crowns



**NORTH & CO.**  
Menswear

Casual, Business Wear, Formal & Wedding Suits - Shoes & Accessories for men of all ages and sizes!

02 8919 4662 - 8 KENTHURST ROAD, ROUND CORNER DURAL  
NORTHANDCOMENSWEAR@GMAIL.COM  
WWW.NORTHANDCOMENSWEAR.COM.AU



For All Your Catholic Goods And Sacramental Gifts!  
-Personalised Baptismal Towel  
-Holy Host Packs  
-Holy Night Lights  
-Hair Clips and Earrings  
-Keychains and Wooden Jerusalem Bead Decade  
-Rosary Capes

[www.reginaaustralia.com](http://www.reginaaustralia.com)



# Funerals of Compassion

"Compassion when you need it most"

A family business with family values.

Call Annangrove Locals

John - 0408 116 747

1300 906 060 - 24 hours

We support St Madeleine's Catholic Church



Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria  
Care, Compassion, Choice

# LOCAL HANDYMAN & GARDEN MAINTENANCE



carpentry—painting—tiling  
plastering—bricklaying  
mowing and gardening

Call Ross—0417 278 351

**WANTED**  
**Housekeeper/Babysitter**  
**in Dural area**  
**To help family with 2 children**  
**Please call Alison at**  
**0498174131**

**ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE**

**ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE**

**ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE**

**ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE**

		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
20/21 Nov	<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	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>			Elizabeth Cauchi	Sara Sawaya
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Maria Baldi, Vicky Hooper & Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Donate by Nick Ceroli; arrange by Alice Garratt		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman
27/28 Nov	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Brendan Ford Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Lidia Ceccato
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo		Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Teresa Capadi; arrange by Maureen, Mari & Pauline		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Sonaldi Arnold