



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**13th March 2022**

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

**God places us in the world as His fellow workers -agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world"- Desmond Tutu.**

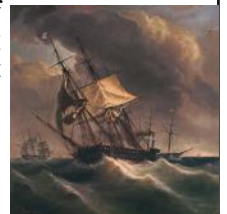
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We all have 'mountain top experiences', 'aha' times and 'beloved' moments in our lives which fill our lives with joy and fulfillment like a promotion, a wedding, the start of a family, the birth of the first child, getting a job, buying the first house and so on. Like Peter in the gospel, we would expect these moments to stay permanent and we don't want to leave the joy and comfort of these 'peak moments. "Let's build three tents (booths) here and reside where it's secure and blissful," he said. We are one with Peter for sure. But the reality is that life brings its own 'downhill' experiences as well. The low points of life may be adversities like the recent floods, war in Ukraine, the oppression being staged in Hong Kong and Afghanistan, sudden death of a loved one in our family and friendly circles, a financial crisis, the pandemic, a terminal illness, a failed marriage and so on. It is but very human and natural that we don't want to go down to such debilitating, unnerving experiences. We feel discouraged and even cop out in the face of such misfortunes of life. Again, we are one with Peter saying that we don't want to go down the valley. Against such trajectory of life, the transfiguration of Jesus this Sunday (Gospel) invites us to imbibe the attitude of Jesus and Abraham, Father of our Faith (first reading) and rise from adversities with the firm and certain hope that God is there with us to get through the struggles of life.

*As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at any time, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.*

*He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller, we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."*

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were. Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before? Failures are the stepping stones of our victory or glory. Besides, 'the downhill' moments enlighten us to understand the purpose of trials, suffering, testing and making sacrifices. We enter into prayer with anger in our hearts, we come out in forgiveness; we go to the Lord in confusion, we come out in enlightenment; we go with our struggles and we come away with strength to face them. We go with our doubts and we come back with understanding. The sacrament of confession becomes a transfiguration for a good number of people who feel understood, comforted, and empowered to face the hard realities of life after celebrating the Sacrament. (Source acknowledged). The darkest moments of our life become in turn the most transfiguration moments! Robert Louis Stevenson tells the story about a ship that was in serious trouble in a storm. A passenger on that ship, defying orders, made his way to the pilot, who seeing the fear on the passenger's face gave him a smile of assurance. Relieved, the traveller returned to his cabin and said, "I have seen the face of the pilot. He smiled and all is well." The transfiguration of Jesus is a message of hope and encouragement for us. In moments of doubt and during feelings of despair, we look up at Jesus in prayer and feel empowered to keep going.



Our faith-life has mountain peaks and lows or valley moments. But, Jesus is travelling with us through and through! As St Paul would say, 'if God is with us who can be against us?'

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:careyanneoylan@hotmail.com">careyanneoylan@hotmail.com</a>
Prayer Group	Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre
St Mad's Book Club	To register contact Careyanne on <a href="mailto:careyanneoylan@hotmail.com">careyanneoylan@hotmail.com</a>
RCIA	For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office
St Mads Care Group	Provide parish support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance to members of our parish Contact Bernadette 0418 248 256
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass & Monday night at 7pm Via Zoom Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Contact Lydia Ceccato & Kay Brooks
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> )



## LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

Wednesday after Morning Mass 10am at St Madeleine Centre  
 Friday morning 10.30am at St Madeleine Centre  
 Sunday evening after 5.30pm Mass

**SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S** Hills Yarning meeting last week, was great to see our St Mad's Social Justice group members present. One of the plans for Hills Yarning this year is to hold a Sorry Day event May 26<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills. We hope to share the story of Aunty Rita who was part of the stolen generation that was sent to Marella Mission Farm, Kellyville which is now part of Bernie Mullane reserve. Marella Mission Farm opened in 1948 as a response to the bombing of Darwin assisting Aboriginal families but also took many other children and closed in 1986. Laudato Si' tip this week from the ISN Lenten Carbon Fast France has banned the use of plastic packaging for most whole vegetables and fruit. All plastic packaging for fruits and vegetables will be phased out by 2026. Support similar initiatives in your locality.

## 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 parish office or you can do it electronically to:  
**Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic**  
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**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  
**Thank you for your generosity!**

## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

**Palm Sunday** 9 April Saturday 5.30pm Vigil  
 10 April 8am, 10am and 5.30pm Mass

**Holy Thursday** 14 April 7pm

**Good Friday** 15 April

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm The Passion of Our Lord

**Holy Saturday** 16 April Easter Vigil 5.30pm

**Easter Sunday** 17 April 8am and 10am Mass



We are having a special collection this weekend for the PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION to love our neighbours in need. Envelopes are available on the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.

## Congratulations to the newly baptised:

Harmony Rahme  
 James Gangemi and Leo Gennari



## ST MADELEINE'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Starts: Term 2**

Held at: St Madeleine's Centre

Time 10am on a Sunday

to coincide with the 10am Family Mass

We look forward to welcoming you back!

Deb Rankin

Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator

## CONFIRMATION

Please pray for all our children as we hold our Commitment Masses this weekend.

The Confirmation process will continue the following Sundays with our preparation sessions.

Confirmation itself takes place on Friday, 13 May and Sunday 15 May

Sandra m.0410 587 735

[stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For the recently deceased:**  
 Miriam Dieudonne



**For the dearly departed:** Rita Franceschina, Eriberito Adan, Giuseppe Musso, Benito Sabellano, Cescilita Villavert, Vince O'Neill, Thomas Farrell, Vicky Caruana, Mary Fatima Ovens, Domenico Franceschina, Alegria Canseco-Ricafrente, Sr Mary Eufemia Buhagiar, Patrick Joseph Bradley, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Maria & Giacomo Battaia, Olive Burns, Theresa Alphones, Joe Galea, Norah Theresa Joy, Marian Adorni, Neville Hannah, Engracia Corpuz, Sheila Lopez, Michele Vaccarella, Shaju Xavier, Louis Sammut, Josephine Cortis, John Spencer, Antonio and Rosa Cicino, Barbara Wood, Karen Draddy, Elizabeth Graby, Thea Crowe, James D'arcy, Keith Okey, Marguerita Rigby, Michele Vacearella, Pablito Corpuz, Feliciana Sabellano

## 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 Shop:** Sandra Tabone

**Altar Linen Coordinator:** Catherine Diekman

**Parish Council Chair:** Patrick Tuttle

**Finance Committee Chair:** Carl Mathias

**Welcomers Coordinator:**

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

### Deacon

Michael Tan

### 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 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 Patrick

### Feast Day:

17 March

Legends about

Patrick abound; but

truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ. Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold. After six years Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts. Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-patrick>



## CARITAS

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for various ministries in our parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, singer, sacristan or with cleaning.

Could all existing volunteers please email the Parish Office: a form will be provided to you to update your details and confirm your availability.

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



Please note that the Internet and Phones are not working at the parish.

Any queries please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 or [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)



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### Synod of Bishops Local Submissions extended!

The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday 13 March**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at [bit.ly/synod2023](http://bit.ly/synod2023)

### Masterclass for Mentor Married Couples: 18 March

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 18 March at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

### 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)

### 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.

### World Meeting of Families: 22-26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022.

### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	Joseph Spina Belinda Da Ruos
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Peter Balnaves	Darren McNeill	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		Christopher Kang Monica & Dom Bruggeling	
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Sonali Arnold & Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	<b>FLOWERS</b>			<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Maria Fry

<b>19/20 Mar</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Belinda Da Ruos	Maria & Steve Fry Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Belinda Da Ruos	Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeill	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Anne & Justin Kyngdon
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>		Patrick McNeill	Elizabeth Cauchi	Sara Sawaya
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Paul Vella		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	To be announced
	<b>FLOWERS</b>			<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Marian Piper