



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**22nd May 2022**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
  
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23  
John 14:23-29

**“It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.” —Eleanor Roosevelt**

A WIFE ordered a tombstone for her late husband’s grave with this inscription to be written: “Rest in Peace.” A few days later she discovered that her husband had left a part of his will to another woman. Furious, she called up the engraver if he could change the inscription on the tombstone. The man replied that “Rest in Peace” had been already inscribed. “Well then,” the wife snorted, “just add ‘Until We Meet Again.’” That’s the problem with using the word “peace.” We say “peace” but more often it’s only a temporary “cessation of hostilities,” as the above story illustrates. The other message of the story is there’s no peace (even after death) because of the infidelity of the late husband.

One of the important messages of the Lord in this gospel is “peace.” “Peace be with you,” he said when he appeared to his disciples on the evening of Easter Sunday. And now, as he is about to depart to His heavenly Father, He bequeaths Peace to his troubled and angstful disciples.

“Peace” is what we want to spring forth in war-torn countries today. We are saddened to hear about hundreds of Ukrainians taken as prisoners. Will there be peace in the families, countries and the entire world- is the boiling question in our minds and hearts.



There’s no peace if the leaders cannot join hands on peaceable agreements. Similarly, there is no peace at home if children flout the authority of parents or when there’s no respect for each other in the family.

*There’s a story about a young boy, who was doing his homework. He approached his father and asked: “Dad, how do wars begin? The father answered, “Well, war begins when, for example, the US attacks Britain; then Britain retaliates. The mother, who was within hearing distance, suddenly intervened: “How could that happen? The USA and Britain are allies!*

*“But that’s just an example!” The husband growled. “And how do you expect a child to learn with wrong examples!” the wife shot back. Irked, the husband replied, “But that was only an example...Why are you meddling? Would you shut up!” “You shut up, too!” the wife snapped. “What you’re teaching is wrong!” And the two hotly argued. The son raised his voice and said: “Papa, Mama, that’s enough! Now I know how war begins.”*

There’s no peace in a person if his or her life is a spiritual mess: infidelity in marriage, inordinate attachments to evil and vices, can deter peace of mind and heart. But we are promised God’s peace. This peace challenges and confronts us. “It teaches us a distant gaze and a profound respect for the bigness of God. It is peace that was born in a crushing death and in the echoing silence of an empty tomb”. Hence, there is still the possibility of receiving such peace even in the midst of suffering, pain, hurts, frustrations and disappointments. This is an empowering peace from the Holy Spirit!

**St Mother Theresa reflects on working toward Peace:**

The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace.

Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion. Peace begins with a smile. Smile five times a day at someone you don’t really want to smile at; do it for peace. Let us radiate the peace of God and so light His light and extinguish in the world and in the hearts of all men all hatred and love for power.

Today, if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other-that man, that woman, that child is my brother or my sister. If everyone could see the image of God in his neighbour, do you think we would still need tanks and generals?

Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy.

Today, nations put too much effort and money into defending their borders. They know very little about the poverty and the suffering that exist in the countries where those bordering on destitution live. If they would only defend these defenceless people with food, shelter, and clothing, I think the world would be a happier place.

The poor must know that we love them, that they are wanted. They themselves have nothing to give but love. We are concerned with how to get this message of love and compassion across. We are trying to bring peace to the world through our work. But the work is the gift of God. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me, and us! (Sources: Fr Louis SVD, online)



God’s blessings

Fr. Vince



# 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
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 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 at 7pm Via Zoom: Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 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> )



**SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S** The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. **When: Wed 20 July, 6-9pm**

**BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL 2022** Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community and support these faithful men to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to becoming priests.

Next weekend we will have a special collection towards this appeal.



## 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:

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**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

Thank you for your generosity!

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,189.05  
 2nd Collection (for Parish)  
 Envelopes = \$1,046 Loose = \$2,064.05  
 Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit  
**\$1,855.76**

*Our condolences and prayers with Barbara over the demise of her mum Melba Cardozo*

*and*

*Our condolences and prayers with Fran over the demise of her brother Peter Sarrinsen*

*Please come to the Catechists Commissioning Mass on Sunday 5th June at 10am, to join in a prayer of thanks and blessing for our tireless catechist volunteers. Morning tea to follow.*

*Welcome to all of the families who have joined us for scripture at our local schools.*

*We also welcome all our sacramental program families and parishioners who have prayed for children as they have prepared for the sacraments.*

## Congratulations to the newly baptised:

Grace Beeton  
 Edward Beeton  
 Jeremy Attard



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For the recently departed:** Melba Cardozo, Peter Saarinsen, Kumara Singham

**For the dearly departed:** Diann Caruana, Vicky Caruana, Joe Camilleri, Frank Piperata, Domenico Piperata, Annina Piperata, Len Gauci, Mavis Joan O'Brien, Paul Cascun, Paul Castelino, Mary Cumbo, Joan Carroll, James McGirr, Rosa Maria & Francesco Nati, Immaculata & Oreste Amministratore, Kenneth McLachlan, Joe Fuda

**Please pray for the sick:** Antonia Desanti, Joseph Spina, John Dal Ben 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:** Deb Rankin

**Baptism Preparation:** Angeliqe 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

## OUR PARISH PATRON SAINT

### ST MADELEINE'S FEAST DAY

*Please join us as we celebrate*

*St Madeleine's feast day*

*at our 10am Mass*

*with St Madeleine's Primary School*

**Sunday, 29 May**

*Followed by a BBL*

*Let us build our community  
in faith and love*

*Be humble, be simple and  
bring joy to others*

*~St Madeleine Sophie Barat~*



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Madeleine's Centre at

10am to coincide with

the 10am Family Mass

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

All documents for **Reconciliation** to be  
dropped in at the parish office by  
**Friday, 27 May 2022.**

**Parent Information evening** will be  
held on **Tuesday, 31 May** at 4.30pm  
and 7pm.

**Preparation Sessions:** Sundays, 19 and  
26 June and Sunday, 17 July at 4pm.

Sandra - stmads.sacraments@gmail.com  
m.0410 587 735



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### Position Vacant: Fundraising Campaigns Manager

### Put Your Faith Into Action For the Common Good

Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns Manager, following Bronwyn Muir's retirement. This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

### Position Vacant: Senior Administrative Support Coordinator

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking an experienced person for a full or part-time (4 days a week) role in our Governance, Risk, Compliance and Assurance team. You will have extensive experience in providing high-level administration support, and a customer-focused and 'can-do' attitude. If you would like to know more about the role and to obtain a copy of the Position Description, please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources, nevine@reachhr.com.au or 0418 698 327.

### Position Vacant: 2 x Project Coordinator (part time) - Catholic Youth Parramatta

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

Applications close 10pm Sunday, 29 May

### Bishop Vincent Presents Sr Patricia Fox NDS

Friday May 27, 7-9pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown

Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and drinks.

LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### Free lecture: The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm

Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta

Vatican correspondent from the international *The Tablet* magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2 July to [mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org)

### SAVE THE DATE Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20 July from 6pm to 9pm – more details will follow in June.

*We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship*

### St Madeleine Sophie Barat

Feast Day:  
25 May



The legacy of Madeleine Sophie Barat can be found in the more than 100 schools operated by her Society of the Sacred Heart, institutions known for the quality of the education made available to the young. Sophie herself received an extensive education, thanks to her brother Louis, 11 years older and her godfather at baptism. Himself a seminarian, Louis decided that his younger sister would likewise learn Latin, Greek, history, physics and mathematics—always without interruption and with a minimum of companionship. By age 15, she had received a thorough exposure to the Bible, the teachings of the Fathers of the Church and theology. Despite the oppressive regime Louis imposed, young Sophie thrived and developed a genuine love of learning. Meanwhile, this was the time of the French Revolution and of the suppression of Christian schools. The education of the young, particularly young girls, was in a troubled state. Sophie, who had discerned a call to the religious life, was persuaded to become a teacher. She founded the Society of the Sacred Heart, which focused on schools for the poor as well as boarding schools for young women of means. Today, co-ed Sacred Heart schools also can be found, along with schools exclusively for boys. In 1826, her Society of the Sacred Heart received formal papal approval. By then she had served as superior at a number of convents. In 1865, she was stricken with paralysis; she died that year on the feast of the Ascension. Madeleine Sophie Barat was canonized in 1925. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>



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	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Brendan Ford Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina Lidia Ceccato
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Heidi Bou-Harb	Catherine Diekman John Walcott	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>			Merle & Doug	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Maria Baldi, Vicky Hooper & Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Kim Parslow
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Teresa Capaldi as arranged by Maureen, Mari & Pauline		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Vicky Hooper	

28/29 May	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Corrie Sebire	Maureen & Rick Jones	Teresa Capaldi Maureen Burford	Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Justin Sebire Lina D'Silva	Catherine Diekman Maria Fry	Sue Martin David Hall O'Dwyer	Joanna O'Neill Gael Carpani
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Emerson Sebire			Thomas & James Barker
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