



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**29th May 2022**  
Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11  
Eph 1:17-23  
Luke 24:46-53

## **“God does not ask of us the perfection of tomorrow, nor even of tonight, but only of the present moment”** - St Madeleine

We celebrate the feast of St Madeleine, our parish patron saint this Sunday and we can't thank God enough for having blessed our parish community in unimaginable ways for the past 34 years. Gratefully, we remember the remarkable journey of our parish and we thank every single hand that has contributed towards the growth of the parish. It is our responsibility to make our community grow in number and also in community spirit founded on faith, love and justice As St Madeleine said, let us "Be humble, be simple, bring joy to others." May the parents encourage their children to be actively involved in the parish activities because theirs is the parish and the church in due time. As St Madeleine said, "Your example, even more than your words, will be an eloquent lesson to the world."- especially to the world of youth. It is in your participation in the Sacramental and social activities, our community can grow and blossom. May our community shine in faith and charity! Happy Feast to you all!

### Reflections for this Sunday:

There are people we entrust with our lives — or a big part of our lives, anyway. We entrust the education and care of our children to teachers and coaches. We entrust our retirement savings and college funds to financial managers. We entrust the structural security and efficient operation of our homes to contractors, electricians and plumbers. Firefighters, police, doctors and nurses — all professionals we entrust with our health and safety. We trust these folks because they have demonstrated a sense of responsibility and competence in their fields and have proven that will act in our interests.

And there are many people who have entrusted some part of their lives to us: our employers, our clients, our friends — and, most important of all, our families and children. It is no small thing to be entrusted as such. It means putting aside our own interests to seek what is best for those who have placed their confidence in us. It begins by understanding and appreciating what they want to make of their lives and their expectations for the future.



To entrust some part of our lives to another requires letting go, respecting their expertise and competence, accepting the reality that some things will go wrong or fail, that nothing is forever. And to accept the responsibility of taking on what someone entrusts to us requires patience, understanding – and being ready and willing to say what they may not want to hear, but have to.



Such trust, such commitment, is sacred.

Today, on the mount of the Ascension, Jesus entrusts to us his life, his Gospel of healing, compassion, reconciliation and hope. Having given his life to reveal the love of God for all of us, he entrusts that work to you and me. He commissions us to be his “witnesses” and to continue his work — with all its risks and despite all our doubts. The work of building his church of reconciliation and love requires humility, respect, patience; it asks us to let go of our own interests and wants to open our hearts to change and a willingness to cope with that change. In baptism, every Christian of every time and place takes on the role of witness to all that Jesus did and taught. We are witnesses not only in our articulating the powerful words of the Gospel but in the quiet, simple, but no less powerful expressions of compassion and love that echo the same compassion

and love of God — God who is Father and Son and Brother and Sister to us all. (A Connections Sampler)

**Entrust  
Yourself to  
God's  
Hands**

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

**SORRY DAY WITH HILLS YARNING** was a wonderful gathering this week we said sorry for the hurt that our local Marella Mission (Bernie Mullane reserve) has caused. Act for Peace Ration Challenge starts June 19<sup>th</sup> For one week in June, thousands of people across Australia will eat the same rations as a Syrian refugee in Jordan — just a small amount of rice, lentils, flour, chickpeas, beans, fish and oil — to raise awareness about the situation facing refugees around the world, whilst also raising money to provide emergency food, healthcare and life-saving support.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST June 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30am** in the St Madeleine centre, listening to Marcelle Douglas, a beekeeper and uni lecturer, who will give the talk and share her experience with us.

**LAUDATO SI ACTION:** Sue Martin 0432716577

## 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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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) = \$1169.45  
 2nd Collection (for Parish)  
 Envelopes = \$839 Loose = \$1,051.50  
 Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit  
**\$1,855.76**

## BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL 2022

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is carrying out its mission to prepare 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 seminarians on their important spiritual journey 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.



We have a special collection at this weekend Masses.

Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their journeys.

Our prayers and condolences to  
 Careyanne Moylan and her family  
 on the demise of her father  
 Laurie Beckett

May Laurie rest in peace!

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:

Mia Micallef  
 Rey-Jay Alvares  
 Georgie Klaack  
 Matilda Rezo



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For the recently deceased:** Laurie Beckett, Jesline Bastianpulle

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



## 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.



## 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

After attending a convention led by Billy Graham a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home."

There is the funny story of the raw army recruit standing at attention on the drill field. The Drill Instructor yells, "Forward, march!" And the entire ranks begin to move, all except this one raw recruit. He's still standing there at attention. So the Drill Instructor strolls over to him and yells in his right ear, "Is this thing working?" "Sir, yes, sir!" The recruit yells. Then the drill instructor walks around to the other ear and yells, "Is this thing working?" "Sir, yes, sir!" The soldier says. "Then why didn't you march when I gave the order?" "Sir, I didn't hear you call my name." Some of us are like that soldier, standing around waiting for God to call our names. But the great commission given by Jesus on the day of the Ascension is a blanket order. It has everyone's name on it. And you can be sure that the Man in charge says, "Go! Make disciples! Teach!" It is your mission and my mission. (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Madeleine's Centre at

10am to coincide with  
the 10am Family Mass

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

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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PARRAMATTA

## 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

## 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

## Workshop for Children's Liturgy of the Word: 9 June

The Office for Worship is conducting a workshop for parish teams who are running or are interested in running Children's Liturgy of the Word on **9 June 2022** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre. This workshop will include planning and leading, a look at diocesan guidelines and practicing safe ministry. If you are interested, please contact (02) 8838 3456, or [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@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.

## Interfaith Dialogue Workshop: 24 June

Join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine as Fr Patrick McInerney from the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations presents a workshop on Interfaith Dialogue on Friday June 24 from 10am to 12 midday. All are welcome, but please register by contacting Maree on (02) 8838 3486 or email [maree.collis@parracatholic.org](mailto:maree.collis@parracatholic.org).

## St Joan of Arc

### Feast Day:

29 May

Burned at the stake as a heretic after a politically

-motivated trial, Joan was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1920. Born of a fairly well-to-do peasant couple in Domremy-Greux southeast of Paris, Joan was only 12 when she experienced a vision and heard voices that she later identified as Saints Michael the Archangel, Catherine of Alexandria, and Margaret of Antioch. During the Hundred Years War, Joan led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. This enabled Charles VII to be crowned as king in Reims in 1429. Captured near Compiègne the following year, Joan was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft. Professors at the University of Paris supported Bishop Pierre Cauchon of Beauvais, the judge at her trial; Cardinal Henry Beaufort of Winchester, England, participated in the questioning of Joan in prison. In the end, she was condemned for wearing men's clothes. The English resented France's military success—to which Joan contributed. On this day in 1431, Joan was burned at the stake in Rouen, and her ashes were scattered in the Seine River. Remembered by most people for her military exploits, Joan had a great love for the sacraments, which strengthened her compassion toward the poor. Popular devotion to her increased greatly in 19th-century France and later among French soldiers during World War I. Theologian George Tavard writes that her life "offers a perfect example of the conjunction of contemplation and action" because her spiritual insight is that there should be a "unity of heaven and earth." <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>





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	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Justin Sebire	Catherine Diekman Maria Fry	Sue Martin David Hall-O'Dwyer	Joanna O'Neill Gael Carpani
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Emerson Sebire			Thomas & James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Deb Rankin
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	<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
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