



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**20th November 2022**

Solemnity of  
Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

## **JESUS CHRIST WAS AN EXTREMIST FOR LOVE, TRUTH AND GOODNESS** - Martin Luther King Jr.

*Dear Sisters and Brothers, the 3rd anniversary of the dedication and blessing of our church falls on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Time flies! Time and again, we are reminded of the words of St Paul that 'we are the temple of the Holy Spirit' and we need to recognise the abiding presence of our Lord with us and amid us in our community. As we move on, let us rejuvenate our faith in God through much involvement in the growth of our community in the values of the Gospel! Whatever we do even to the size of a mustard seed, will have a tremendous ripple effect. Let us be united with Christ the King in love, goodness and truth!*



*When we think about Kings and Queens, princesses, and others of royal fame, what surfaces in our minds are power, prestige, wealth, sophistication etc. But, when we think of Christ as the King of the Universe, what prevails are poverty, humility and rejection. The path of Jesus has always been a downward mobility which most of us despise in truth. But that is the way God wants us to embrace in simplicity of heart.*

Maryknoll Fr. Larry Lewis reflects on the life and death of Jesus on the cross, connecting with all our sufferings, hopes, fears and dreams.

Light amidst darkness . . . strength manifested through weakness . . . blessed are the sorrowful . . . life through death . . . these truths are the cornerstones of our faith, so it should not come as a surprise that on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe the gospel presents Jesus Our Lord and King of the Universe nailed to a cross, writhing in pain, mocked, ridiculed, misunderstood, bloody and bruised, crowned with thorns and, save for his mother, his dear friend and a few women, abandoned by those he trusted with his love and hope. And still he was identified by the soldiers of that day and by a 2,000-year-old Church as King.



But what an upside-down, inside-out King he is! Jesus isn't a Marvel comic caped crusader who changes everything with power, force, magic and strength. He does not meet our expectations of what a King ought to look like or how a King ought to be revered. Indeed, rather than using his power to control and be praised – Jesus forsakes it and is acknowledged as King only by a convicted criminal nailed on his cross next to Jesus – begging Jesus for mercy – and Jesus promises that together that day they will enter Paradise! What?!

About thirty years ago, I facilitated a seminar for seminarians freshly returned from their first exposure of a few years in a transcultural situation. They were all preparing to be missionaries. I asked each to choose an experience from those years that stood out for them. They were to write it in detail and, over the course of the semester, that experience would serve as the "text" of each student to see what God revealed to them through their transcultural experience.

A Maryknoll seminarian born in Vietnam wrote that the parishioners where he was serving in Taiwan took a daylong bus trip to a Taoist shrine. One of the events of the day was watching a Taoist priest walk barefoot on hot coals and beat himself with a spiked ball and chain. Miraculously, he was not marred! As this seminarian watched the event unfold, he recalled that as a child in Vietnam he had witnessed a similar event and how deep an impression that experience made upon him.

On the bus ride home, the parishioners asked him – half-jokingly, half-seriously – if, after he was ordained a priest, could he perform such an act of faith and not be harmed! The indelible memory of his childhood was compounded and confounded with a question and a challenge that he brought to our seminar. During the semester, the question remained unanswered.

Toward the end of the year, I met with this Maryknoll seminarian and asked him, "What is the difference between you and that Taoist priest?" He looked intently into my eyes almost trying to pull out an answer that would satisfy us both. After a few moments, he said straightforwardly and with conviction, "Jesus died." I knew and felt in my heart and bones and soul that God had blessed Maryknoll with a fine priest who would understand peoples' sufferings and hopes, fears and dreams.

Lutheran Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber says we are to fall on our knees before such a king:

Fall on your knees before this true king.  
Fall on your knees before this shepherd-king whose love transforms us.  
Fall on your knees before the One who does not meet violence with violence.  
Fall on your knees before the shepherd who cares for his flock with his arms and feet nailed to the cross even as with his last dying breaths.  
Fall on your knees before this shepherd king who has found a lamb in his last breaths. I thank you Lord for your breath-taking LOVE. What kind of love is this, O my soul? Hold us close when we carry our cross. Give us your strength as we fight evil. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen." [from Saint John Lutheran Church of Bellmore, NY]



WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY FEAST!  
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:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com">careyannemoylan@hotmail.com</a>
Prayer Group	Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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> )



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Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413 272 400



## Advent Day of Prayer

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

Date: 26 November 2022

Where: St Madeleine's Kenthurst

Time: 9.30 – 1.30pm and on.

All welcome

Contact: Careyanne Moylan 0438791813 or [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)

## 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 weekend Masses or the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic  
Church BSB : 067950  
Account Number : 00000388

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) = \$1,141.10  
2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$728.20  
Envelopes = \$728.20 Loose = \$1,238.85  
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2022

St Madeleine Centre  
directly after 10am Mass



Please pray for the recently deceased:

Shirley Swinnerton, Nedina A Ratliff



**1 December 7-8pm:** Told from the viewpoint of Psyche's sister, Orual, *Till We Have Faces* by CS Lewis is a brilliant examination of envy, betrayal, loss, blame, grief, guilt, and conversion. In this his final, and most mature and masterful novel, Lewis reminds us of our own infallibility and the role of a higher power in our lives.

Join us on zoom

Meeting ID: 815 4470 1500

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Hamper Mass will be December 11<sup>th</sup>, our donations will be for the families at Emerton.

**Sydney Alliance Assembly** You are invited to join people from across the Diocese of Parramatta to participate in a Sydney Alliance Assembly. At this event, we will discuss the issues of housing, cost of living, energy, and climate change with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean: **Wednesday 30 November, 6pm-8pm** (dinner provided), **Parramatta Mission**, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta, **Registration is essential:** Please register at [www.bit.ly/3hHJQNV](http://www.bit.ly/3hHJQNV). For any questions, please contact Quyen Nguyen at [quyenvn@sydneyalliance.org.au](mailto:quyenvn@sydneyalliance.org.au) or 0451 018 808 With the NSW Election only months away, the Sydney Alliance is working across all parties to secure commitments for the next four years.

## Prayer for Courage

Lord of life and love,  
as we give thanks for times past,  
grant us courage to embrace  
the present  
and grace to share the future.  
In memory of loved ones dear,  
kindle their flame to shine in the dark  
and light the path ahead.  
Show the way that leads to life  
as we cherish days gone by  
and inspire us with the touch of love  
that faith and hope live on. 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 Shop:** Sandra Tabone

**Altar Linen Coordinator:** Catherine Diekman

**Parish Council Chair:** Patrick Tuttle

**Finance Committee Chair:** Carl Mathias

**Welcomers Coordinator:**

**Safeguarding:** Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

## 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 2nd and 4th Sunday  
at 11:20am  
(Must make a booking)



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PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

WE NEED SOME MORE MEN TO JOIN THE PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE GROUP THAT INVOLVES THE MOWING OF  
THE GRASS AREA AROUND THE CHURCH AND LOOKING  
AFTER THE PLANTS.

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IS NOT GOING TO TAKE MUCH  
OF YOUR TIME FOR SURE.

KINDLY CONTACT  
RICK JONES 0408512252 OR THE  
PARISH OFFICE



**THE LETTER** is a film about  
dialogue that calls for a change  
of heart screening on

Date: Tuesday, 22 November

At: 7pm

in the St Madeleine Centre

Supper provided - RSVP to Suzanne 0410 936 108



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

for our retired parishioners

Tuesday, 6 December

11.30am Mass followed by Lunch

Please use the sign-in sheet at Church  
entrance to register or contact the parish office

## ADVENT 2022



### Prayer Reflection

Every Wednesday 7pm

in the St Madeleine Centre

Facilitator: Rev Deacon Michael Tan

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)

7pm Tuesday, 13 December

7pm Thursday, 15 December

Reflection on The Plenary Council  
with Sue Martin

## BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

for Catholic Care's Assistance  
with Care and Housing Service  
Next weekend: 26 and 27 November  
in our parish

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

Next weekend, our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Your generosity will ensure that Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing service can continue to help our homeless brothers and sisters to find place to call home.

The service was launched this February, and over 120 people have received support. With increased costs of living and homelessness, demand for this service has soared, and we need to help more. Please stretch out your hands in compassion for the poor. Thank you.

### Mass for Deceased Clergy—Friday 25 November

Bishop Vincent will celebrate a Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese at St Bernadette's Church, 367 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill on Friday, November 25 at 10.30am, which will be followed by prayers at the priests' section of Castle Hill Cemetery, Gilbert Road, Castle Hill. You are warmly invited to attend these celebrations.

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

## Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day:  
21 November



Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

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

PARARAMATTA  
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No one should be without  
a place to call home.

"Stretch out your hand to the poor."  
Sir 7:32

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<b>26/27 November</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Brendan Form Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Justin Sebire	John Walcott Maria Fry	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
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	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan Sattler	Merle and Doug	
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