



St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

"Mother Mary helps us grow, to confront life, to be free."- Pope Francis

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



Wishing you all a Prosperous and happy New Year 2023! May this New Year bring a new beginning in our lives as we place ourselves under the maternal protection of the Mother of God, who is also our Mother. May she intercede for us that we may be steadfast in our faith and live with integrity in all the circumstances of our lives. She is our role model in facing the issues and trials of our lives with the joyful certainty that the Lord is always with us and especially at the crossroads of our lives. The church observes this day also as the World Day of Peace and invites us specially to pray for peace in the world. In his message for the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis says, "Many moral, social, political and economic crises we are experiencing are all interconnected, and what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another." And he calls on all those in positions of responsibility and on all men and women of goodwill "to revisit the issue of ensuring public health for all"; to "promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to spawn poverty and death"; "to join in caring for our common home and in implementing clear and effective measures to combat climate change"; "to battle the virus of inequality and to ensure food and dignified labour for all, supporting those who lack even a minimum wage and find themselves in great difficulty." May we be open to new ways and opportunities to make the planet a better place for everyone!

All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our heavenly Mother is no exception: Faith and love were the two salient features of Mary. She succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favour before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honouring our heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our heavenly Mother, the holy Mother of God.

Let us make our life simple by keeping these attitudes in mind:

- ❖ Gratitude for the past and be grateful for everything and everyone, good or bad.
- ❖ Trust in the future: Learn to surrender all our plans and worries to the Heavenly Father.
- ❖ Live in the present: Do our best now, and we will have no regrets about the past, and no worries about the future.

May this year be a good one for everyone!

God's blessings,
Fr. Vince



A Protestant clergyman was once visiting an orphanage, and the children were each reciting their prayers for him to hear. One little boy who had previously been to a Catholic school, after finishing the 'Our Father,' began the 'Hail Mary.'

"No, no!" the clergyman vehemently protested. "We don't want to hear about her – go on to the 'Creed.'"

The little boy did so, but stopped suddenly when he came to 'born of the' and said, "Here she comes again – what shall I do now, sir?"

Indeed, we cannot have Jesus without Mary – they can never be separated

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

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| The Sunday Gospel reflections | Tuesday at 10.30 am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com |
| 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 careyannemoylan@hotmail.com |
| RCIA | For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office |
| St Mads Rosary | Thursday after morning Mass Monday Rosary Via Zoom—Resumes Monday, 30 January 2023 at 7pm 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 stmads@yahoo.com.au) |



LET US BUILD OUR COMMUNITY

As God is a community, we, who are created in His image and likeness are a community of social creatures. We are created for a purpose of making everyone around us feel loved and accepted. Community is very important to society at large.

We all face internal and external issues in our lives and sometimes these issues may make us feel isolated. The struggles can make us feel like we are invisible and without someone to offer much-needed support it is easy to spiral.

St Madeleine's parish community with the school communities has been a welcoming, supportive community in ways possible. It is a caring and loving community offering its spiritual, material, and pastoral support to the people in need here and abroad. I do appreciate and thank everyone who is part of this selfless service in our parish. May I invite the young families of our parish together with the elderly to join the party and build up our community for the wellbeing of everyone around us! Your sharing of time, talents and treasure in any one of the ministries of the parish can make a lot of difference. I do hope that the young people own the parish and take it forward in the gospel values of love, peace and justice.

You are always welcome to be a part of formation.
Kindly get in touch with the parish office for further details.

God's blessings
Fr. Vincent



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:

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Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$3,984.05
Diocesan Christmas Offering = \$1,655
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$855 Loose = \$4,721.25
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—January

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Mary Cumbo, Lina Tabone, Filiana N Sabellano, Michele Vaccarella, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Domenica Scarpin, Olive Burns, Ortensia Russo, Pablito Corpuz, Francesco Piperata

Please pray for the sick: Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, Margaret Martin, Antonia Desanti, 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S Happy New Year and may your resolutions for 2023 have care of creation at the heart of our work. 1st January is World Day of Peace. The theme this year is 'no one is saved alone'. Palms Neighbours Without Borders Program: Strength through Diversity (NWB) a new cross-cultural training program to build strengthen connection and capacity for Australian communities.

The training is available as a three-night, four-day residential program (January 8-11, 2023) alongside those preparing for a Global Mission. With Palms passion to build inclusive communities we offer it as a gift.

We're only charging for accommodation and meals.: [Sunday 8 to Wednesday 11 January](#)

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

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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)

St Elizabeth

Ann Seton

4 January



Elizabeth Ann Bayley

Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others. The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness. At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support. While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805. To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809. The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You,

Holy Spirit,

as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go

and how we are to pursue it.

We are God's beloved children:

may our journey together

be marked by humble listening,

courageous speech, and lively hope.

Let us find in You our unity

as we seek to do what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

AMEN

Adapted from the original

A MESSAGE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear Parishioners,

A big thank you to you all for your kind support and generosity in the recent Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

St Madeleines has collected \$3,193.40.

This is a very stressful and tiring year for many in need. Your contribution helps St Vincent De Paul continue their work and assist many of their programs in providing the services many in need require.

From us all at Vinnies may you and your families have peace and support in the New Year. And many thanks again.

PIETY SHOP

God's Word 2023 is now available for \$20
2023 Columban Calendar \$10

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 0413 272 400 for any special requests



EVERY VOLUNTEER in our parish must provide current contact details by completing a form found online (use the QR Code).

Copies available in the Church.

Please also contact the parish office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, or with providing flowers.



Faith and Formation session for

Catholic Health Care Professionals

Saturday 11 February 2023 9am-10.30am

All-Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Diocesan Mass with Anointing begins at 11:00am

RSVP by 06 Feb to met@parracatholic.org



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Sr Nathalie Becquart Sydney Public Forum and Lecture: 3 February

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, the Vatican's most influential female, is coming to Australia for a whirlwind tour in February 2023. Sr Nathalie will be in Sydney on Friday 3 February, presenting at a public forum at 4pm and a public lecture at 7pm, both held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Places are limited, so please register via <https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie/>.

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February 2023

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.



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| WELCOMERS | | Sandra Tabone | Rosa & Tony Carlino | Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy |
| MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | Heidi Bou-Harb | Heidi Bou-Harb | Piety Rocha | Joe Touma |
| READERS | Pat Waters Colleen Dunlop | Tony Hooper | Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski | Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl |
| JNR MINISTERS | | | | |
| MUSICIANS | | | Joan Sattler | |
| COUNTERS | Tony Hooper & Sandra Tabone | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | Resumes School Term 1, 2023 |
| FLOWERS | Parish | | ALTAR LINEN | Marian Piper |

7 & 8 Jan

| | 5:30PM VIGIL | 8AM SUNDAY | 10AM SUNDAY | 5:30PM SUNDAY |
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| WELCOMERS | Corrie Sebire | Fran & Rocco Scardino | Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone | Nicole Foxall Joseph Spina |
| MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | Dianne Millington | Steve Fry | Phillys Hannah | |
| READERS | Justin Sebire Pat Waters | Catherine Diekman Maria Baldi | Sandra Tabone David Hall O Dwyer | Lidia Ceccato Frederick Kyngdon |
| JNR MINISTERS | Emerson Sebire | Bailey Gambrill | | |
| MUSICIANS | | Joan Sattler | Merle & Doug | |
| COUNTERS | Paul Vella & Parish Team | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | Resumes School Term 1, 2023 |
| FLOWERS | Parish | | ALTAR LINEN | Alice Garrett |