



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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12 February 2023
6th Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Year A

Sir 15:15-20
I Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace and Joy of Christ to you all!

During our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner on 4th November of 2022 at Oatland House, Rev Peter Williams, Vicar General of the Diocese of Parramatta asked me if I would be happy to receive an assistant priest into our parish. I welcomed his kind gesture. Fr Paul Marshall, Rector of the Seminary contacted me a couple of weeks back and conversed with me for a while and he conveyed that our parish will be getting Fr Adam Carlow after his Ordination. Now, he is ordained to Priesthood and he is starting his priestly life and ministry from St Madeleine's community. He will be sharing the residence (rectory) with me and gradually merge into the realm of ministry in our parish. This is what he has to say to our community:



My name is Fr Adam Carlow and I've just been appointed as an assistant parish priest here in Kenthurst. It was only last week that I was ordained as a priest, alongside two other seminarians. I'm very excited to be here with you all, and what a blessing it is to call Kenthurst my first home as a priest! I thank Fr Vincent for his warm welcome to me.

By way of introduction, I grew up in Wetherill Park with my parents and two older sisters, attending St Gertrude's parish Smithfield, and Fairfield Patrician Brothers high school. While I had fallen away from my faith as a teenager, I came back to pursuing my relationship with God after two powerful experiences. One involved the unexpected passing of a close friend, and the other involved my time at World Youth Day in Sydney, when Pope Benedict XVI visited.

Since those seeds were planted, my faith has grown and taken me down some unexpected yet transformative paths. I would never have imagined becoming a priest growing up, but God was gently calling me over time. This led me to spending a year with some Capuchin Franciscan friars in Brisbane, and a missionary experience in East Timor, before entering the Diocese of Parramatta as a seminarian.

This is a new experience now for me as a priest in a new place, one that I'm not all too familiar with. I'm excited and open to the work of the Holy Spirit here in this place. It's a wonderful opportunity to share in your experiences and your journey, as we all come to continually encounter God's presence in our lives. With this in mind, I pray for St Madeleine's intercession, that this time may be fruitful for all of us.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone. Please come and say hello if you see me around! If you don't see me, you might catch me playing soccer somewhere in the Hills, or watching the Eels at Commbank. God bless and see you soon!

Fr Adam

With you all, I welcome Fr Adam and I am looking forward to his faith journey with our community.

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MAD'S

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)



CATECHISTS

Our local schools, of which there are 4, are in need of Catechists.
We have a group of great dedicated parishioners, who attend the local schools, each week.
If you are wanting to join, or you have any questions, please contact
Maureen Jones 0419 512 252 or
Email maureenjones782@hotmail.com
or Father Vince 9654 2260.



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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Account Number : 0000388

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Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,261.45
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$1,399 Loose = \$1,081.35

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ St Mad's All eyes are on Fiji this past week. Starting last Friday with an inspirational talk from Sr Natalie on Synodality. In Fiji the Oceania Bishops are meeting and experiencing climate displacement. Coming up is Clean Up Australia day, some parishes do this as a pilgrimage picking up rubbish along the way, where is our place to go on a pilgrimage locally??

As we enter the Lenten Season it is good to consider some Fair Trade choices we can make, especially in our chocolate purchases.

PLEASE RETURN ALL PALMS FROM LAST YEAR'S PALM SUNDAY- THESE WILL BE BURNT FOR USE ON ASH WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY



CONFIRMATION: for children in Yr 5 onwards who have received their first Eucharist.

Enrolment forms available from our parish office and on our website.

Completed documents to be handed in to the parish office **by Friday, 3 March**.
Parent Information Evening **Tuesday, 7 March** at either 4.30pm or 7pm

PLEASE NOTE: the enrolment process is completed by handing in the enrolment documents; and, attendance at BOTH the Parent Information Evening AND a Commitment Mass on the weekend of **11 & 12 March**.

All Preparation Sessions are compulsory and to be attended by your child and one parent, followed by 5.30pm Mass:
4pm **Sundays 19, 26 March and 2, 30 April**
Reconciliation **Thurs 30 March** 5.30pm or 7pm (please note date change for Reconciliation)

Confirmation 7pm on Wed 3 May and Fri 5 May

For any queries stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

All dates for the Sacramental program are now on our website. **Enrolment forms** for the sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **First Eucharist** will be available online in May

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - 18TH MARCH

In the footsteps of St Madeleine Sophie Barat, local stories of determination with Sue Martin Saturday morning 8:30am – 10:30, all welcome.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



Recently deceased: Darren O'Reilly

For the dearly departed: Michele Vaccarella, John Spencer, Angela Barbaro, Giacomina Zancanaro, Anthony & Rose, Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, John Spencer, Francesco Piperata, Silvestro Gatto, Mary Cumbo, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Joe Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Ky Frenedo, Goeff Burcham, Domenico & Rita Franceschina, Keith Dawson, Joseph Tabone, Connie Vella, Maria La Spina, Giuseppe Carli, Roberto Motta Pirocelli, Antonio Votano

Please pray for the sick: Aura Krakowszky, 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

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

Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

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 Claude de la Colombière

Feast Day:

15 February 2023



This is a special day for the Jesuits, who claim today's saint as one of their own. It's also a special day for people who have a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a devotion Claude de la Colombière promoted along with his friend and spiritual companion, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. The emphasis on God's love for all was an antidote to the rigorous moralism of the Jansenists, who were popular at the time. Claude showed remarkable preaching skills long before his ordination in 1675. Two months later, he was made superior of a small Jesuit residence in Burgundy. It was there he first encountered Margaret Mary Alacoque. For many years after he served as her confessor. He was next sent to England to serve as confessor to the Duchess of York. He preached by both words and by the example of his holy life, converting a number of Protestants. Tensions arose against Catholics and Claude, rumored to be part of a plot against the king, was imprisoned. He was ultimately banished, but by then his health had been ruined. He died in 1682. Pope John Paul II canonized Claude de la Colombière in 1992.

Reflection: As a fellow Jesuit and as a promoter of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Saint Claude must be very special to Pope Francis who has so beautifully emphasized the mercy of Jesus. The emphasis on God's love and mercy are characteristic of both men.

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

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

You are cordially invited to attend a MASS on Friday the 17th of February 2023 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta to offer our prayers and support for the repose of all the souls of those who have passed away in the recent earthquake in Syria, as well as for all those who have been affected by this tragedy. Fr. Chadi Ibrahim SDB

This Mass is an opportunity for us to come together as an international community and to offer our support and love to those who have suffered from this disaster.

PIETY SHOP

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

We are open after every weekend Mass. Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413 272 400 for any special requests.



2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Join us on **FRIDAY 3 MARCH** to pray in an ecumenical group of local churches. "I have heard about your faith" (Eph 1:15-19) is the theme written by the Christian women of Taiwan.

When: 10.30 am

Where: Seventh Day Adventist Church, 49 Arcadia Rd Galston

More info: Careyanne 0438791813



8 FEBRUARY ANTI SLAVERY DAY: ST BAKHITA FEAST DAY DISCUSSION

Watch: [What is Modern about Modern Slavery? \(vimeo.com\)](https://vimeo.com/781111111)

Help stop slavery: [Making slavery unacceptable | The Catholic Weekly](https://www.thecatholicweekly.com/making-slavery-unacceptable)

More info and join the discussion:

Careyanne 0438791813

SUNDAY REFLECTION BY RHONDA MISKA (US CATHOLIC)

"There were three frogs sitting on a log over a pond. One of the frogs decided to jump into the pond. So, then how many frogs were sitting on the log?" It seems like a question of simple arithmetic. Maybe something out of a child's elementary math book. Three minus one equals two, right? But wait—that one frog only decided to jump into the pond, it didn't actually take the leap. So, there are still three frogs sitting on that log. The decision has been made, but not carried out.



This question was posed to me once in spiritual direction when I was in the midst of a difficult discernment. I had been overthinking and was stuck in a paralysis of analysis: I knew what I needed to do but couldn't bring myself to do it. In offering that story, my spiritual director was nudging me to recognize the difference between making a decision and carrying a decision out. Our readings today challenge us to consider both the making and the living out of our decisions as believers who seek to walk in God's wisdom.

The reading from Sirach offers stark contrasts: there is fire and water, life or death, good or evil. We are challenged to make a choice and then to reach out our hand. It's not enough to choose life, to choose the good; we also need to reach out to enact that choice. We need to physically take action: to make that phone call, have that difficult conversation, set that boundary, offer that apology.

In the Gospel, moving through the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus seems to offer a different but complementary challenge about our decisions and how we live them out. Four times we hear "you have heard that it was said to your ancestors...but I say to you." His listeners are challenged not just to check off the box of following the rules, but to be aware of inner motivations. It's not simply conforming to the rules about insults, marriage, adultery, and oaths. It's about having a heart that is fundamentally oriented towards reverencing others in our speech, honouring the gifts of sexuality and marriage, and being trustworthy and honest. This is a call to deeper conversion, a challenge to not just keep the law, but to also have an internal posture of love and respect for others, for ourselves, and for our Creator. A challenge to be a person of integrity.

When read side by side, the scriptures from Sirach and the sermon on the mount challenge us to integrate our hearts and our heads and our bodies, our intellect and will, what we think and what we do.

What about you? Is there a place where you have made a choice in your mind and heart but haven't carried it out—a place where you are still sitting on the log, looking down in the pond? Or is there a place where you are "doing the right thing" but your heart isn't in it, where you are going through motions, following the letter but not the spirit of the law to be compassionate, loving, truthful and just? What support do you need in reaching out your hand and choosing life and choosing the good in your world this week?



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	READERS	Justin Sebire Colleen Dunlop	Maria Baldi Catherine Diekman	Karla Quinn Adriana Kennedy	Sandra Tabone Frederick Kyngdon
	JNR MINISTERS				
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	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech
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