



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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## 9th April 2023

## Easter Sunday

### **“We wake up’ to the real world, we find God patiently waiting for us, ready to help, ready to save us and make us whole. That is the resurrection in our lives”**

Egyptian pyramids are world-famous as one of the “seven Wonders” of the ancient world. But they are gigantic tombs containing the mummified bodies of Egyptian Pharaohs. Westminster Abbey is famous, and thousands visit it because the dead bodies of famous writers, philosophers and politicians are entombed there. But there is a Shrine of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, and pilgrims from all over the world visit a tomb there which is empty with a note at its entrance which says, “He is not here.” It is famous because Jesus Christ Who was once buried there rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb, as He had told his disciples he would. Thus, He worked the most important miracle in His life, defying the laws of nature and proving that He is God. We rejoice at this great and unique event by celebrating Easter.



*The story is told of two old rabbis who were sitting together talking one day. One of the rabbis was a very old man with a lot of experience, while the other was young and still learning the insights of being a rabbi. The old rabbi kept testing the younger rabbi's knowledge by asking him questions. The final question on this day by the old rabbi: "Was the world better off before or after the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden?" Without hesitation the young rabbi blurted out, "That's easy, the world was better off before the fall of Adam." The old rabbi sat and stared at the young rabbi, and in a calm, but firm voice said, "No, the world was not better before the fall of Adam. The world is better after the fall of Adam because now we have a God who comes to look for us!"*

Now we have a God who comes to look for us.

Today, Christians around the world celebrate that life has meaning. We celebrate that life is redeemed. We celebrate that to be human is to be good because when we are most ourselves, when we are most fully human, it is then that we recognize God.

Today we celebrate that it is never too late to begin again. By the resurrection of Christ, the Father says to Adam, "I love you." To Peter, who denied Christ, "I love you, Peter. Now let's start over." And poor Judas didn't understand that he could start over. He just couldn't figure out that Christ forgave him, even if he couldn't forgive or accept himself. And to each of us the message is the same: "I give you new life because I love you. I am the God who comes to look for you."



Today's celebration challenges us to move from FEAR to FREEDOM. We are challenged to move from a relationship of fear to a free, life-giving relationship of love. We are asked to believe that even in spite of sin, evil and darkness, the world is better off because now we have a God who comes to look for us.

Isn't it true that we are all formed by our past and, very often the fears of the past control us? But Christ invites us to put all that behind us. Christ invites the person who has any history of abuse to find new freedom. Christ invites the person with the struggles of an alcoholic in the family to put that past fear behind. Christ invites the person who feels worthless to put the past behind and move away from fear. Christ invites the teenager or young adult to give up the fear of failure or rejection. Christ invites people suffering with illness to move from fear by knowing that God suffers with us.

Jesus is the God of real people, who live real lives, and have real joys and sorrows. There was this lady in a nursing home. She never opened her own mail. She would have a nurse open it and read it first. If it was bad news, the letter got thrown away, without the elderly lady ever seeing it, saying that she had enough bad news in her life as it was. If it was good news, the nurse gave it to her to read.

Easter allows us to face the Good News and the bad news of our life. God is there through it all, just as God was with Christ through it all. Life. Death. Resurrection.

Today's feast invites us to move from fear to freedom, from the past to the present, from death to life. Jesus invites you and me to come out of our own tombs into the light of His life.

In the end, all of this is fairly simple: nothing can separate us from the love of God -- not time, not space, not even death. Since God was faithful to Christ, God will be faithful to us. Is the world better off before or after the fall of Adam? After, of course, because now we have a God who comes to look for us. In fact, in Christ, we have a God who lives with us. Jesus has already rolled the stone of our tombs away. All that is left for us to do is to come out . . .

**The Parish Team wishes every one of you “Happy and Blessed Easter”**  
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: 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 Rosary                | Thursday after morning Mass<br>Monday Rosary Via Zoom 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> ) |



*A Big Thanks to ~*

*The Catechists who prepared the palms*

*The facilitators of the Lenten Reflection:  
Sue Martin and Careyanne Moylan*

*Rosa Carlino, Maureen Jones and Maria  
for decorating the Altar on Holy Thursday*

*The volunteers who prepared the garden of  
Gethsemane for Holy Thursday:  
Sally Coppini, Deb Rankin and the team*

*The organiser of the focus on the altar for  
the weekends: Careyanne Moylan*

*The musicians and choir members: Selina  
Calleia, Joan Sattler, Alexandra Mifsud,  
Merle Fonseca, Doug Gerke and all the  
singers and musicians*

*RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry*

*The readers, ministers of the altar,  
collectors, welcomers*

*Supplier of the plants for the garden of  
Gethsemane: Shane Hunter*

*Sponsor of the flowers: Cosmo Murdocca*

*The Parish team and parish secretary,  
Sandra De Nardi*

*And everyone else who helped us during the  
season of Lent  
and especially the Holy Week.*

*To everyone in the community  
for your active  
participation in the Lenten services in our  
parish.*

*God bless us all  
Fr. Vince*



## Please ensure your details are kept up to date **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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## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,670.75  
2nd Collection (for Parish)  
Envelopes = \$1,155 Loose = \$1,933.15

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

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For the recently deceased:** Steve Nash, Beryl Foster



**For the dearly departed:** Paul Cascun, Martin Mileto, Yvonne Muter, Barbara Sweeney, Michele Vaccarella, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Shedly & Chahide Hajje, George Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Abraham family, Abbey Mousa, Joe Fuda, Maria Rose Napoli, Salvatore Napoli, Joseph & Lyn Napoli, Sam & Barbara Napoli, Anne & Chris Geniale, Yolanda & Sam Papallo, George Papallo, Immacolata Agostino, Ariella Napoli, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham, Daniel Francis Doyle, June Brennan, James Peter Quinn, Erminia Vumbaca, Patrick McGloin, Vincenzo Luca, Raffaele Loccisano, Pasquale, Giuseppe, Rosina, Giuseppina & Giorgio Loccisano, M. Teresa Mainolo, Giuseppina Murdocca, Pietro Luigi Fuda, Vincenzo, Giorgio & Rosina Fuda, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap

**Please pray for the sick:** Catherine Saunders, Rowena Justiniani, Aura Krakowszky, Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, Margaret Martin, Antonia Desanti, and Jennifer Burgess

## PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

**Music Coordinators:** Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

**Junior Ministers Coordinator:** Maree McNeil

**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** Pauline Chaccal

**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:**

**Security:** Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

### Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

### 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 during school term

### Weekday Masses

9:15am Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45am - 10:15am 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)

Weddings: By appointment

## 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

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Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.



## CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for our children and their families as they prepare for Confirmation

Practice Session: Sunday, 30 April

3pm for Wednesday, 3 May &

4pm for Friday, 5 May Confirmation

Confirmation will take place at 7pm on  
Wednesday, 3 May and  
Friday, 5 May

## RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolment forms will be available in May 2023.  
Timeline found on our website [stmadeleine.org.au](http://stmadeleine.org.au)

For any queries [stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)



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## MET FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE: STARTING 2 MAY

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pparra.org.au/faithlife/>

## St Stanislaus

Feast Day: 11 April

Anyone who reads the history of Eastern Europe cannot help but chance on



the name of Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic bishop of Kraków, patron of Poland. He is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government. Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072. During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II. The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. Enraged, the latter ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed Stanislaus with his own hands. Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-baptist-de-la-salle/>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Overview of the Diocesan Social Justice Networking Day: April 1 @ St Marys Parish. Facilitated by Sebastian, James and Rachel from our Diocesan Peace, Justice and Ecology team 32 Reps from parishes across the diocese gathered from 9-4 and shared experiences and heard about initiatives that are diocese-wide or based in local parishes. Recent church documents, Pope Francis' Laudate Si encyclical, The Bishops' statement 'Cry of the earth, Cry of the Poor' and the Decrees of our Plenary Council, underpinned initiatives. Bishop Vincent's proclamation of a Parramatta Diocesan Synod in October this year gave a sense of urgency and relevance to the networking experienced on the day. As we contribute to this Synod agenda what are the needs of the church and the marginalised in western Sydney that need to be included in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan? Sue can share further on any social justice issue discussed if required.

## PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

please provide current contact details by completing a form found online (use the QR Code).



Copies also available in the Church. Please also complete form if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, or with providing flowers.

## 2023 MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES CONFERENCE 3-5 MAY 2023

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. For more information, visit [www.2023.mohmv.com.au](http://www.2023.mohmv.com.au).

## PARISH PLAYGROUP

Start Date: Thursday, 27 April  
and each Thursday during school term

At: 9.30am  
in the St Madeleine Centre

Do you have any good  
quality toys that you would  
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| 8 & 9 April   |                        | 5:30PM VIGIL                       | 8AM SUNDAY                               | 10AM SUNDAY                          | 5:30PM SUNDAY                   |
|               | WELCOMERS              | Corrie Sebire                      | Fran & Rocco Scardino                    | Zakia Touma<br>Sandra Tabone         | Joseph Spina<br>Nicole Foxall   |
|               | MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | Dianna Millington                  | Steve Fry                                | Phillys Hannah                       |                                 |
|               | READERS                | Please see Easter Roster           | Eileen Sherlock<br>Maria Fry             | Rosanna Ceroli<br>David Hall O'Dwyer | Lidia Ceccato<br>Joanna O'Neill |
|               | JNR MINISTERS          | Emerson Sebire                     | Bailey Gambrill                          |                                      |                                 |
|               | MUSICIANS              | Merle & Chris                      | Joan Sattler                             | Teri Hughes-Everard                  |                                 |
|               | COUNTERS               | Sandra Tabone & Parish Team        |  | CHILDREN'S LITURGY                   |                                 |
| FLOWERS       | Cosmo Murdocca         |                                    | ALTAR LINEN                              |                                      | Catherine Diekman               |
| 15 & 16 April |                        | 5:30PM VIGIL                       | 8AM SUNDAY                               | 10AM SUNDAY                          | 5:30PM SUNDAY                   |
|               | WELCOMERS              |                                    | Maria & Steve Fry<br>Carol & Terry Scott | Sandra Tabone<br>Zakia Touma         | Joseph Spina                    |
|               | MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | Dianne Millington                  | Piety Rocha                              | Joe Touma                            |                                 |
|               | READERS                | Joanna O'Neill<br>Robert Gerometta | Catherine Diekman<br>Margaret M          | Rosanna Ceroli<br>Adriana Kennedy    | Jacqui Nisbet<br>Tereza Barisic |
|               | JNR MINISTERS          | Kerstin Grima                      |  |                                      |                                 |
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|               | COUNTERS               | Sandra Tabone & Parish Team        |  | CHILDREN'S LITURGY                   |                                 |
| FLOWERS       | Parish                 |                                    | ALTAR LINEN                              |                                      | Rosa Carlino                    |