



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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11th June 2023

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16  
1 Cor 10:16-17  
John 6:51-58

**“Being simple and essential, bread broken and shared,  
the Eucharist we receive allows us to see things as God does.”**

**"It inspires us to give ourselves to others. It is the antidote to the mindset that says,  
'Sorry, that is not my problem,' or, 'I have no time,  
I can't help you, it's none of my business.'"**

- Pope Francis



The story is told about a seminarian who was serving as a tour guide at St Peter's, Vatican. One time he was leading a group of Japanese tourists who knew nothing of our faith. With particular care he explained the great masterpieces of art, sculpture and architecture. He finally concluded at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel trying his best to explain quickly what it was. As the group dispersed, an elderly man, who had been particularly attentive stayed behind, and said, "Pardon me. Would you explain again this 'Blessed Sacrament?'" Our student did, after which the man exclaimed, "Ah, if this is so, what is in this chapel is a greater work of art than anything else in this basilica." Today's feast of Corpus Christi is intended to make us value and appreciate the worth of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. [Msgr. Timothy M Dolan in *Priests of the Third Millennium*, (2000), p. 226.]

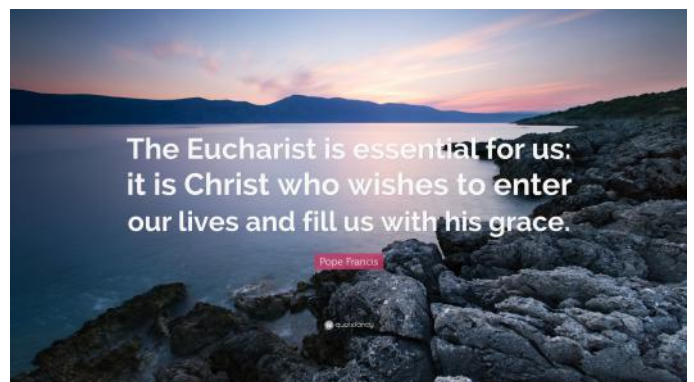
The Feast of Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday) commemorates the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It was first initiated by St. Juliana of Cornillon. St. Juliana received a vision in which she was told that this feast honouring the Body and Blood of Christ was missing in the liturgical calendar and should be added. She was much opposed by some from her own religious order and suffered at their treatment. However, she shared her vision with, and received support from, the future Pope Urban IV, who upon becoming Pope sanctioned this feast in 1264. Later Pope Clement V mandated that this feast should be observed throughout the Catholic world.

The Second Vatican Council states that the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian Life' (LG 11). The Sacrament of the Eucharist is very central to our catholic faith. It is the source from which we gain spiritual strength and vitality and the summit of saving faith as we remember and receive Jesus who suffered for the entire humanity. The Eucharist strengthens our sense of unity and love. The sharing of the same bread and the same cup brings the faithful together in Jesus. This feast reminds us that as we receive Jesus's Body and Blood in the Eucharist that he made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and it should elicit from us not only a willing dependence on him but an invitation to Jesus to abide in us, providing true life. (Source Emmaus Journey)

Pope Francis has said that the Eucharist should create a communion that the world needs today. At every Mass, Pope Francis states that this "miracle is repeated: in the hearing of the word and in the sign of the broken bread, even the smallest and lowliest assembly of believers becomes the body of the Lord, his tabernacle in the world."

As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in faith, may we also realise deeply that we are the Body of Christ in, and for, the world today.

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 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> )



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of my family in India, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in the St Mad's community for your kind prayers and comforting words over the 'exodus' of my mum from earthly life to eternal life.

One of my sisters, Alfonsa, a religious nun in Toronto, was able to make it for the 7th day memorial Mass. She will be flying back to her congregation in a week.

The rest of my family is moving on with the grace of God.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

I wish the children who have started preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to experience the grace and love of God deep in their hearts.

Let's keep one another in our prayers!

God's blessings,  
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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**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.**

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,221.90  
2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$962.60  
Envelopes = \$962.60  
Loose = \$1,559

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

*Congratulations to our newly baptised:*

*Lilly, Aubrey & Holly Ottaway*

## **CHOSEN** SHOWING EACH TUESDAY EVENING AT 7PM

**13 JUNE: S1 EPISODE 5 - "THE WEDDING"**

**IN THE ST MADELEINE CENTRE**

**Never too late to join us**

**Enjoy watching with fellow parishioners**

**Everyone is welcome**

**For information Loretta m. 0419260637**



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S**

NATSICC is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops. Established in 1992, the council has been a voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics for over 30 years. NATSICC acknowledge that the Indigenous Voice represents a significant stride towards empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in addressing the deep-seated inequities prevalent in numerous social, economic and health indicators. By working in tandem with truth-telling, a robust First Nations Voice will serve as the bedrock for the journey towards reconciliation. This journey may encompass treaties, sovereignty, and various opportunities that the First Nations Voice can explore and advocate for. NATSICC have released a website full of resources for the Voice One [Journey, Together](http://JourneyTogether(indigenousvoice.church)) ([indigenousvoice.church](http://indigenousvoice.church))

## **PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**



**For the dearly departed:** Arockia Mary (Fr Vince's mother), John & Julie Saadie, Ray Dwyer, Norman & Chahide Hajje, Shedly & Chahida Hajje, George Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, Abraham family, John Nati, Immacolata & Oreste, Rosa Maria and Francesco Nati, Vincenzo Luca, Louise & Joseph Bonello, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap

**Please pray for the sick:** Odette Cutrone, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, 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:** Pauline Chacal

**Baptism Preparation:** Angelique Easton

**RCIA Coordinator:** Steve Fry

**Playgroup Coordinator:** Amy Seychell

**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 Champion:** 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

## The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Feast Day: 16 June

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of

Jesus is a reminder that our human

feelings, desires and inclinations—our hearts—must be

inclined to God's providential love for each and every

one of us. The opening prayer for today's liturgy

expresses how the heart of Jesus is a symbol of "the

wonders of his love for us" and reminds us "of the

overflowing measure of grace" that comes to us through

Christ. In the history of Israel, the symbol of the human

heart stands for the very core of the human person. The

daily prayer prescribed in the book of Deuteronomy

6:5-6: "Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all

your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin

on you today." The prophets speak of how God will

remove the "stony heart of sinners" and give them a

new living heart. When asked what was the greatest

commandment (Mt 22:36-39), Jesus quoted

Deuteronomy 6:5 and joined it to the injunction

of Leviticus 19:18: "Love your neighbor as yourself." This

teaching of Jesus is the heart of his teaching. Christian

history bears witness to how devotion to the Sacred

Heart of Jesus appears to have offered a remedy to the

harsh spirituality of the Jansenist period of the middle

17th century. The teachings of this movement so

emphasized human sin and depravity that fear of hell

and damnation lurked in the hearts of many Catholics,

making some people scrupulous and leaving most

people fearful of damnation. St. John Eudes (1602–

1680) and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90) played

key roles in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart.

The celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart is a

great reminder of the love of God for each of us. "

Fr Dan Kroger OFM, <http://franciscanmedia.org>



### PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love. Open our hearts as we listen and discern. Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep. Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



For further information on the Synod  
<https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>



"Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19)

Submissions due  
31 July 2023

Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023

"Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit." (Pope Francis)

We are all asked to participate and there will be a process of collating feedback on the future and life of our Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

The question that will guide the Synod is: *In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?*

Please join us for our next Women's and Men's breakfasts as we discuss the synodal journey and the mission of our Church.

## Women's Breakfast

17 June 2023

St Madeleine Centre

8.30 -10am

Come to a talk about the mission of our church: examine and share our ideas, thoughts and worries, listen to Sr Anna Conway share her thoughts, and take part in the Synod.



Contacts: Carmel O'Connell 0417237013

Sue Martin 0432716577

Careyanne Moylan 0438791813

## St Mad's Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8.30-10.30am 24 June 2023

Sign in at back of church.

More info: 0438791813



Come listen to Fr Adam share his thoughts on faith, priesthood and the church, and get to know our new assistant priest.



Join us as we venture on our synodal journey and share your thoughts and listen to others as we decide our new mission and direction.

## PARISH PLAYGROUP Each Thursday at 9.30am in the St Madeleine Centre

22 June: craft activities will be run by Tahlee from Bunnings Dural

29 June: picnic in the park

For further info contact  
9654 2260



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM RECONCILIATION

Please continue to pray for all children and their families as they prepare for their first Reconciliation

Date: **Wednesday, 28 June** at 5.30pm and 7pm—all parishioners are welcome to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

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

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Tony Hooper	Sue Martin	Lidia Ceccato Sandra Bonello
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler		
	COUNTERS	Sonali Arnold & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
FLOWERS	Linda Pellizer		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech	

17 & 18 June	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY	
	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Catherine Diekman	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neill Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima	Bailey Gambrell		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
FLOWERS	Hills Family Funerals		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech	