



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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### 23rd July 2023

16th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Wis 12: 13, 16-19

Rom 8: 26-27

Mt 13: 24-43

As you're probably aware by now, the Diocese of Parramatta is holding its Synod from the 12th to the 15th of October. In the lead up to this, people are invited to make a written submission, discerning how we as a Church can best respond to the call of the Holy Spirit. Submissions close July 31st.

To make a submission, or to find out more information, you can visit the Synod website here:  
<https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

In the meantime, I invite everyone to pray for the Synod, and to ask for Our Lady's intercession. When it comes to listening to the Holy Spirit, there's no better example to look to than Mary.

I thought I'd just share this little prayer with you that I came across the other day. As we are called to listen like Mary, perhaps this prayer will be of some help:

### ***Prayer to Mary, Woman of Listening***

*Mary, woman of listening, open our ears;  
grant us to know how to  
listen to the word of your Son Jesus  
among the thousands of words of this world;  
grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live,  
to every person we encounter,  
especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.*

*Mary, woman of decision,  
illuminate our mind and our heart,  
so that we may obey, unhesitating,  
the word of your Son Jesus;  
give us the courage to decide,  
not to let ourselves be dragged along,  
letting others direct our life.*

*Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move "with  
haste" toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son  
Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did.*

*Amen*

(Prayer to Mary at the conclusion of the recital of the Holy  
Rosary, Saint Peter's Square, 31 May 2013)

I wish you all a happy and safe week ahead, and may you, like Mary, have Jesus forever close to your heart.

Fr Adam

# 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> )



### Come & Support

Our Marian students at Mass!

Marian students will be providing the music for the 5.30pm evening Mass on

**Sunday, 30 July 2023**

We would love to see as many of our St Mad's parishioners come along to this Mass to support these young people and to welcome their involvement in church!

Thank you

### Safeguarding

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

Suzanne - Parish Safeguarding Champion  
m. 0410 936 108



### 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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**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.**

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 932.65  
2nd Collection (for Parish)  
Envelopes = \$1,080 Loose = \$964.40

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

### Congratulations to our newly baptised:

Rhett Aitken  
Jett & Gabriel Le Mene

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes will be available in the coming weeks. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes please contact the office on 9654 2260 or [kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

Please contact the parish office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, or with the powerpoint. All existing volunteers please ensure we have current contact details. Volunteer registration form found at the entrance to the Church or use the QR Code.



### CHOSEN RESUMES ON TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST AT 7PM FOR SEASON 2

**1 AUGUST: S2 EPISODE 1 - THUNDER**  
**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

Sunday 23rd July is the third World Day For Grandparents And The Elderly "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). This, says Pope Francis, "is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth." National Launch of 2023 - 2024 ACBC Social Justice Statement Please keep August 17 free for the livestream launch of the National Social Justice Statement for 2023 - 2024. This statement will reflect the voices of our First Nations Community and will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta, taking place in Holy Family Parish, Emerton. Hills Yarning will be working to help establish the Hills YES campaign with an event on August 24th at Castle Gran planned, details to follow also Hills Yarning is planning to have a stall at the Kenthurst Fair for the 2023 Orange Blossom Festival too, which is 10th September.

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

**For the dearly departed:** Frank Agresta, Giuseppina Esposito, Tunhouse Takchi, Norman & Chahide Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahida Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, George Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Vincenzina Americano, Salvatore Barbaro, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Dermot John Murphy, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Eriberto Adan, Mary Cumbo, June Kingston, Costantino Giudice, Maria Ceroli, Sr Therese Gaudry RSM, Mary Ellen Bradley, Socorro Corpuz, Pablito Corpuz

**Please pray for the sick:** Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, 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:** 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

## Saints Joachim & Anne

Feast Day: 26 July

In the Scriptures, Matthew

and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died. The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people. The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past. Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

**Reflection** This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignore

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### 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.



Your stories matter.

**SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO THE SYNOD**

CLOSES 31 JULY 2023

[www.parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023)



DIOCESE of  
PARRAMATTA

### Your stories matter! Send your submissions to the first Diocesan Synod before 31 July

Our Diocesan Synod is calling you to share stories and have conversations at your parish, with a friend, or with family, about how we can walk together to become the Church that Christ calls us to be. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Your submissions will inform the development of the agenda for the Synod, from 12-15 October 2023, which will gather clergy, consecrated and laity to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Applications to be a member at the Synod are now open. Apply to be a member or make a submission before 31 July: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

**Diocesan Food Drives** Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at [parracatholic.org/fooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/fooddrive) or emailing [james.atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.atanasious@parracatholic.org)



**ST MADELEINE'S  
PLAYGROUP**  
St Madeleine's Centre  
28 Annangrove Road, KENTHWIRST

- Every Thursday during school term, from 9.30am
- Play and activities for children 0-6 years old.

- Mums, Dads, Carers and Grandparents are all welcome!
- Bring a healthy morning tea and a hat for play.
- For more information, please contact Sarah - 0405 514 624 or Amy - aseychell3@parracatholic.edu.au



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

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?*

### FaithLIFE—3 night short course on Synodal Spirituality: Beginning

**22 August** Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 22 Aug + 29 Aug + 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparr.org.au/faithlife/>

**FLOWERS:** if you would like to donate flowers for our Church please contact the parish office



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST EUCHARIST

*For children who have celebrated both  
Baptism and Reconciliation  
and are in Year 3 or older*

*Enrolment documents to be handed in at the  
parish office no later than  
Friday, 4 August 2023  
see [stmadeleine.org.au/sacraments](http://stmadeleine.org.au/sacraments)*

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

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<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski	Sandra Bonello Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>			Grace Bonello, Lily-Anne & Luciana	
<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Paul Vella & Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Pauline Chaccal
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Teresa Capaldi		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Maria Fry

29 & 30 July

	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY
<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Maureen & Rick Jones	Teresa Capaldi Zakia Touma	Joseph Spina
<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Heidi Bou-Harb	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Eileen Sherlock Catherine Diekman	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Marian Students
<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima			Charlyze, Oliver & Sophia
<b>MUSICIANS</b>				
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Paul Vella & Sonali Arnold		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Pauline Chaccal
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Parish		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Maria Fry