



## St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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**3rd September 2023**

**22nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

There's something fascinating about Peter. One of my favourite passages in the New Testament is the prologue of the Gospel of John, where Peter jumps out of the boat when he sees the Risen Christ on the shore line. He throws off his garment and dives right in, swimming with all of his strength. It's such a Peter thing to do, wearing his heart on his sleeve.

We see in Peter moments of great passion but we also see moments of great weakness. It's a bit like the Gospel today. We read in one moment Jesus calling Peter the 'rock,' and in the next moment Jesus calls him a 'stumbling block.' I love the exchange that takes place between the two of them. Jesus and Peter are completely open to each other.

While we see both passion and weakness in Peter, we also see something redemptive. We know that, while he will at first abandon Jesus and run away from the cross, he will eventually ask for forgiveness, and embrace his own cross. The Gospel today is a bit of a prelude to all of this happening. Today we get a glimpse into Peter's thinking about the prospect of Jesus going to his death. He is determined not to let that come to pass.

But Peter misses the whole point of Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus makes it clear - on the third day, he will be raised up from death. This was going to take a lot of faith to believe. It's not every day we see someone resurrected. Peter just wasn't ready yet to accept what Jesus is saying. What Jesus was saying didn't fit with his idea of a messiah.

Jesus' rebuke of Peter holds nothing back. "Get behind me, Satan!" he says.

It takes a little bit of unpacking to understand this response. The cross, while a gruesome fate, was also the means of salvation. It is in the death on the cross, the perfect sacrifice of love, that God overcomes the grip that death holds over humanity. This is why then Jesus rebukes Peter - he is unknowingly getting in the way of the pathway to human redemption.

On a lighter note, I wish all of the fathers here a very happy Father's Day, and also a big thank you to everyone who helped out on Friday night for the memorial mass for Fr Vincent's mother. The outpouring of support and love was quite evident, so thank you all for what was a special night here in the parish. May Arockia Mary rest in God's heavenly arms.

Have a lovely week ahead,

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> )



Dear Parishioners,

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

St Madeleines has collected \$4,220.45.

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 we thank you and the parish for its generous gifts and for continuing your unwavering support.



## St Mad's Women's Breakfast

Come and join us to explore the concept of "Finding Heaven's Heart."

9 September, 8.30 – 10am



Sue Martin, our deanery rep, brings with her great expertise and commitment to ecology and Ignatian Spirituality. Her current & recent roles include Reconciliation with Creation project officer for the Australian Province and globally being part of the Ecojesuit team; and National Director – Catholic Earthcare Australia.

Sign in at back of church or call:

Sue 0432716577 Carmel 0417237013



## 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:

**Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic Church BSB : 067950 Account Number : 0000388**

**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) = \$1,062.20  
2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$670 Loose = \$1,078.75  
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$2,037.23

## THE CHOSEN

St Madeleine Centre  
Tuesday evening 7pm  
**5th September S2 Episode 6**  
Never too late to join us  
Everyone is welcome!  
**Season 1** now available on Netflix.

For information Loretta m. 0419260637

## PIETY SHOP

Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? Come and have a look in the piety shop. 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 0413272400 for any special requests.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Happy Season of Creation, the Columban missionaries have been collaborators in the production of the Let Justice and Peace Flow - A Catholic Liturgical Guide, with the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. God, creation and greening the heart of the Church the latest Soul Food episode from the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) is with Sue Martin talking about our parish at Kenthurst and the wonderful hospitality we have and the beautiful nature environment. Visit Soul Food on Spotify. Over 80 people came to the Walking Together workshops & training at Castle Hill last week. These workshops are giving people from all cultural backgrounds the tools they need to walk with First Nations Australians in unity. You can join the Facebook group (1) Walking Together Project | Facebook

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



**For the dearly departed:** Salvatore Dolores, Marine Schelazi, Rena, Percy & Michael Hooper, Patricia Bryant, Rona Collins, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham, Farrugia family, Mangoin family, Michael Joseph Duffy, Mary Cumbo, Virgilio Inoc, Carlo Esposito, Salvatore Barbaro, Josephine Campo, Ivan Ceccato, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Sacco family, Sultana family, Spadaro family, Pulis family

**Please pray for the sick:** Cherry Luezzi, Henry Field, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, Aura Krakowszky, Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, Antonia Desanti, and Jennifer Burgess

*If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please use the Mass offering envelopes found at the entrance to the Church or email the office [kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)*

## PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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

**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

## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day: 8 September

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

**Reflection** We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. [www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.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.

## BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL: CARING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CARED FOR US

### SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Ap-

peal at  
[parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)  
or scan this QR code.

Thank you.



Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October

## Praise Those Fathers

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

*Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD*



### 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@parra.catholic.edu.au



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST EUCHARIST

Our last Preparation Session at 4pm on 10 September

Holy Communion dates

Sunday, 17 September  
and  
Sunday, 24 September

Please continue to pray for all children and their families

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

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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Jan Schroder Lidia Ceccato	Nigel Saunders John Walcott	Karla Quinn Roslyn Earl	Trish Maidens Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima			Ben Barker
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
FLOWERS	Calla Lily		ALTAR LINEN		Marian Piper
9 & 10 September		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	Joseph Spina Sacramental Team
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Margaret Mieczkowski Tony Hooper	Sue Martin Mary Sammit	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS	Xavier & Fred Kyngdon			Oliver & Charlyze & Sophia
	MUSICIANS		Joan Sattler	Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN		Marian Piper