



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish



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12th May 2024

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:11

Eph 1:17-23

Mk 16:15-20

COMMENTARY: I come to pray the texts for the feast of the Ascension and ask the Lord for a deeper understanding of this mystery of Christ. Throughout the Eastertide readings, we have watched the disciples grow and mature in faith – I wish to do the same.

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles marks the end of Jesus's earthly ministry as he returns to the Father and promises to send the Holy Spirit. The Psalm is a joyful prayer of praise and an acclamation of Christ's victory. He is Lord of all people, of the universe.

St Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension – the Father has raised Jesus above all powers and made him Lord of creation. The gifts of the Spirit are given for the good of all, to lead us to full maturity in Christ. (Second Reading) In the Gospel, Jesus ascends to heaven and continues to work with his disciples as they preach the Good News. The signs he works confirm their message.

This week, we might want to pray for the opportunity to proclaim the Good News to as many people as possible.

SECOND READING - Ephesians 4: 1–13 I, Paul, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you therefore to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us however, has been given his or her own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Person, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

REFLECTION As I settle to pray, I centre on the presence of my risen Lord. I ask the Spirit to be with me as I seek this encounter. I read the text slowly a couple of times. This Eastertide, we have been contemplating the growth of the infant Church. Perhaps, in spirit, I join Paul, a prisoner – but full of the urgency of his mission and anxious to maintain the unity of Christ's body. What draws me in Paul's exhortation? It may be the theme of unity. I ponder on how I can strengthen peace and unity in my life. Is it through selflessness, gentleness, patience. . . ? Or maybe I want to praise and thank the Father of all, who by the Spirit has made us one body in Christ. . . Christ is the giver of all grace. His gifts are given for the good of all. What are mine? How do I use them? In gratitude I speak to the Lord, asking his help that I may see and act. I end with a prayer of trust in the action of the Holy Spirit who leads me in knowledge of Christ and who acts in me, so that I may grow to greater maturity in him.

GOSPEL Mark 16: 15–20 Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. The one who believes and is baptised will be saved; the one who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover'.

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

REFLECTION I take time to become still, and ask for the grace to meet the risen Lord as I pray with this Gospel. It may help to recall the different ways Jesus met the disciples after his resurrection. . . in the garden, by the tomb, in the upper room, sharing food. In the light of these joyful, sometimes confusing, meetings for the disciples, I now take time to read this passage slowly. Perhaps I use my imagination to picture the scene that is unfolding. What time of day do I imagine this took place? What does the scenery around look like? Perhaps I enter the scene as one of the Eleven. . . or maybe I am observing, wondering what it all could mean. 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News.' How do I respond hearing these words of Jesus? What are the signs of my faith that I proclaim in my daily life? I may not have the gift of tongues, but do my actions and words tell of God's love for creation? What are the challenges in my life that I have to handle with care? Are there opportunities for me to be a healing presence for others? As I watch Jesus being taken up into heaven how do I feel now? Am I excited? Am I daunted, frightened even? However I feel, I take time to talk to the risen Christ. As I draw my prayer to a close, I remember that the Lord is working with me as I try my best to proclaim the Good News in my life.

Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK

Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, a community of faith and service, strives to be a witness for Christ's love far and wide, reflecting the humility and wisdom of St Madeleine, the Patroness of the parish.

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

The Sunday Gospel reflections	Tuesday at 10.30am 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 the Parish Office
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass Monday Rosary Via Zoom Contact 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 9am-3pm or kenthurst@parracatholic.org)



SAFEGUARDING

Training has been organised for **Saturday, 17 August 2024** 10am-1.30pm in the St Madeleine Centre for those who have had previous safeguarding training (Cycle 1 training commenced two years ago)

Information about the Diocese's response and supports about safeguarding children and vulnerable people are available at www.safeguarding.org.au.

Brendan - Parish Safeguarding Champion
m. 0448 683 146

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for our children and their families



Practice Session **Sunday, 19th May** 3pm for Wednesday, 22 May and 4pm for Thursday, 23 May

All Children and their families are invited to our **Pentecost Sunday 19th May** celebration at the **10am Mass** followed by lunch. Please bring a plate to share that reflects your cultural background.

Enrolment forms for **RECONCILIATION** (and First Eucharist) are available in the office and on our website.



For Yr 3 children and above **Enrolment forms are due Friday, 31 May** Parent Information Evening Tuesday, 4 June at 4.30pm or 7pm Commitment Masses 8 & 9 June Sessions Sundays 18, 23 and 30 June at 4pm

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Please pray for Earth: Adapted from Joseph Carver's Ecological Examen All creation reflects the beauty and blessing of God's image: in our climate, the weather that shapes our planet, the seasons that give a rhythm to our life, and our own internal fluctuations. Where were you most aware of these today? Peace Justice Ecology Table Talk "Laudato Si' Week - Seeds of Hope": 20 May You are invited to an engaging conversation about caring for God's creation: Hear and discuss inspiring stories from lived experience and play a role in creating positive change in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. Join this Diocesan Table Talk on Monday 20 May, 6pm - 8:30pm, St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook. Light dinner will be provided on arrival. Please register by 12 May and find out more at tinyurl.com/laudatosi-table-talk

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 EASTER COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,396.40
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$1,178 Loose \$1,374.30
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS



For the dearly departed: Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe Farrugia, Sam Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham, Vickie Rose Camilleri, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Sheaddy, George & Chahide Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, Toshio Sato, Karen Bartolo, Paul Castelino, Anton Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Samira Hasham, Ben & Paula Dieudonne, Adelaide & Davide Baldi, Jack Schelazi, Felicity Davis Rafferty, Marlon Alumios

Please pray for the sick: Paul Refalo, Pat Brush, Bob Burke, Felicity Rafferty-Davis, Geoffrey Bolland, Miriam & Vansen Tsueng, William Chapman, Rocco Scardino, Kia Benete, Nathan Luezzi, Greg Lambert, David Tierney, Dawn Phillips, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Henry Field, Aura Krakowszky, Sofia Viizzo, Antonia Desanti, and Jennifer Burgess

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S: Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre for a casual morning tea. Perhaps meet up with some old friends - or make some new ones. Everyone is welcome. Our next get together will be **Friday, 17th May at 10am** If you would like to come but require transport please contact the parish office on 9654 2260

CHOSEN

TUESDAY - 14 MAY - AT 7PM
SEASON 3 IN THE ST MADELEINE CENTRE
Never too late to join us

Enjoy watching with fellow parishioners
Everyone is welcome



PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton
RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones
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: Sally Coppini
Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias
Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

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, 10:00am, 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

9.15am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
at 11:30am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

Our Lady of Fatima

Feast Day: 13 May

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

Reflection: The message of Fatima is simple: Pray. Unfortunately, some people—not Sister Lucia—have distorted these revelations, making them into an apocalyptic event for which they are now the only reliable interpreters. They have, for example, claimed that Mary's request that the world be consecrated to her has been ignored. Sister Lucia agreed that Pope John Paul II's public consecration in St. Peter's Square on March 25, 1984, fulfilled Mary's request. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith prepared a June 26, 2000, document explaining the "third secret." Mary is perfectly honored when people generously imitate her response "Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38). <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/>



PENTECOST SUNDAY

19th May

Mass 10am Lunch 11am

Please bring a plate to share that reflects
your cultural background

There will be a special blessing
for all Volunteers at this Mass



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parish Facebook page:
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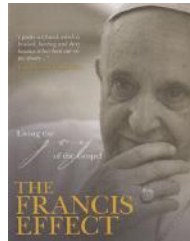
DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN: LOCAL THINK TANK SESSIONS FROM MAY-JUNE: Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. Contact the parish office to inquire about our local Think Tank session, and visit parracatholic.org/synod for more.

PENTECOST SCRIPTURE REFLECTION EVENING: 15 MAY: What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when it comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly rsj on **Wednesday 15 May 2024** – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org



CELEBRATE LAUDATO SI' WEEK: SEEDS OF HOPE (16-24 MAY) Are you ready to sow "Seeds of Hope"? Join the Catholic Church around Australia and worldwide in celebrating Laudato Si' Week: 16 to 24 May 2024. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation. You can find useful resources at linktr.ee/met.pje.

St Mad's Book Club



Join us for a chat on zoom.
You're welcome even if you
haven't read the book. Listen
to ideas, share yours. Meet
new people, renew old
friendships.

6 June 2024 7pm
Meeting ID 825 5839 3422
[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/82558393422](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82558393422)
Careyanne- 0438791813

"This is a must-read for anyone living and leading mission in the Australian Catholic Church. Here, twelve gifted Catholic leaders provide significant insights and provoking reflection questions on how we are called to implement Pope Francis' vision for mission and evangelisation in Australia. Here are lessons from Evangelii Gaudium today for our lives, ministries, workplaces, our communities and Church."

*I wish to express my sincere gratitude to
Fr Giovanni, Fr Adam and the many
parishioners who prepared such a wonderful
feast to mark my 90th birthday.*

*I also want to thank those who gave me
thoughtful and lovely gifts. Above all, I was
delighted to be among so many good friends.*

*I want to know that I will always hold the
people of St Madeleines in my heart, and my
prayer is that God will continue to shower His
blessings on each of you—and your families.*

Thank you to each and every one of you.

Sr Anna

St Mad's Ecology Group (LS) Book Club

Pope Francis' call to care for creation
has become more urgent, and has
highlighted our personal responsibility
to act now. Join us on zoom to discuss
Chapter one. **13 June 2024 7pm**

Meeting ID: 822 6399 7741
Careyanne: 0438 791 813
Sue: 0432 716 577

This book brings
development
theory and

practice into dialogue with a religious tradition in order to construct a new, transdisciplinary vision of development with integral ecology at its heart. It focuses on the Catholic social tradition and its conception of integral human development, on the one hand, and on the works of economist and philosopher Amartya Sen which underpin the human development approach, on the other. Free access Open Access Laudato Si' Integral Ecology Collection | Laudato Si' Research Institute (ox.ac.uk)



ST MADELEINE'S PLAYGROUP

St Madeleine's Centre
28 Annangrove Road, KENTHURST

- 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



Next Bunnings Craft Morning: Thursday, 13 June
RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org

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A Mother's Prayer

God Almighty Father, help me to live
today according to your will.
Give me the strength to do the
work of this day.

Make no load too heavy to bear,
no duty too
burdensome. Give me the time to fulfil

your will, time to be joyful in serving you
and my family, and time to have
a moment of peace.

Dear Father, give me a loving heart, a
smile, a word of comfort for others. Let me
not do anything to diminish your light
shining about us all. Let my words be
cheerful, let my silence bring your song of
joy to me this day. Amen

Happy Mother's Day!

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

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vocations through their human,
pastoral, spiritual and community
formation, leading them to be credible
witnesses to the Gospel*

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	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY	
11 & 12 May	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Pat Waters Colleen Dunlop	Alicia Shaw Eileen Sherlock	Sandra Bonello Sally Coppini	Joanna O'Neill Trish Maidens
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson , Anneliese		Lucinda, Grace	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca	Joan		
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chacal
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt
18 & 19 May	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5:30PM SUNDAY	
	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha		
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Maria Baldi Catherine Diekman	Valentine, Heidi & Selina	Joanna O'Neill Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick		Oliver, Emerson, Charlyze & Grace	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca		Joan	
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt	