



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

16th June 2024 | 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Rev Adam Carlow

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The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest

Ezek 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mark 4:26-34



GOSPEL MARK 4: 26-34

Jesus said: 'This is what the Kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the Kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like the mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.'

REFLECTION I come to my place of prayer. I gently become aware of God's presence in and around me. I spend time resting in his all-embracing love.

When I am ready, I slowly read and re-read the Gospel text. What strikes me in the first parable? Maybe I can imagine myself as a seed planted in God's rich soil. What does this mean in my life?

It is the land that produces the grain. How can I let God work in me, enabling me to grow and flourish in him, rather than depending on my own efforts? I give time to being silently aware of God's work deep within me.

Perhaps the second parable reminds me of the breadth of the Kingdom of God. In what ways am I part of it? And how can I, in my turn, be welcoming and inclusive in prayer and action? I speak to the Lord of all this, giving time to listen to him.

I ask the Lord to deepen my understanding of his Kingdom as I ponder on these parables during this week. I take the time to end my prayer slowly in a spirit of thanksgiving.

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

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



<http://www.facebook.com/stmadeleines>

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

Thank you
to the very kind person
who donated beanies!

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

All parishioners are invited to attend
Wednesday, 24 July at 5.30pm or 7pm



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

RECONCILIATION

Preparation Sessions
on Sundays 16, 23 and
30 June at 4pm.

Each child to attend with one
parent.

Celebration of Sacrament
Wednesday, 24 July
at 5.30pm or 7pm

All parishioners are invited to this
2nd Rite of Reconciliation.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Enrolment forms are
available online or in the office

For any queries
Sandra mobile 0410 587 735
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

PRAYER AT ST MAD'S



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 MAD'S 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
kenthurst@parracatholic.org

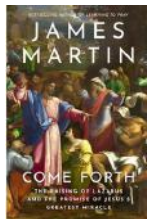
SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

"Please contribute to the St Mad's Refugee Week Food Drive 16-22nd June, please drop off non-perishables at the back of the Church near the piety stall and they will be distributed through JRS. This year the theme is "Finding Freedom" – with a focus on family. Coming up in July Sydney Alliance is working with the Tenant's Union of NSW to hold a forum around access to rental homes, cost of living, affordability, energy and climate. This will be a forum focused on renters' experiences and perspectives on solutions.

24 July 2024, 5:30pm – 8:30pm Blacktown Senior Citizens Centre. Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own, look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief. Inspire generosity and compassion in the hearts of all of us. Thank you to the Brigidine Sisters

St Mad's Book Club

Join us to discuss Fr Martin as he
analyses the miracle of Lazarus's resurrection and asks us to consider what Jesus
means when he calls Lazarus--and each of us--to "come forth." Taking us through
the Gospel story verse by verse, he offers deep reflection on the lessons it holds
about love, family, sadness, frustration, fear, anger, freedom, and joy.



8 August 2024 at 7pm

Meeting ID 825 5839 3422 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82558393422>
Careyanne 0438 791 813

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Salvatore Barbaro, Karen Bartolo, Norman & Chadide Hajje, George Sheaddy and Chahida Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, El-Hage Family, Carlo, Giuseppina & Michael Esposito, Anton Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Samira Hasham



Please pray for the sick: Anthony Attard, Roy Cutrone, Frances Perri, 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, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Henry Field, Aura Krakowszky

If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please use the Mass offering envelopes found in the foyer of the Church or email the office kenthurst@parracatholic.org

**Please contact the parish office
if you are sick and would like to organise a home visit
by Fr Giovanni**

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Please ensure your details are kept up to date

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 : 00000388

Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church for completion and return to the office.

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,366.30
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 1,084 Loose \$ 1,319.95
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

Refugee Food Drive



When: 22/23 June 2024

How: Drop goods at the church

Our refugees are in great need for basic non-perishable food. Most of the 97,000 people seeking asylum have no access to any form of safety net. Many have no access to income support and many without access to Medicare, especially vulnerable.

"Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord...You have to know in order to understand...be close in order to serve...to be reconciled, we need to listen...to grow, it is necessary to share..."
(Pope) Franciscus

SHOPPING LIST: Cooking oil (vegetable/canola 750ml or 1 litre containers), Rice (Basmati is the most popular), Tinned chickpeas and kidney beans, Tinned diced tomatoes, Breakfast cereal (Cornflakes are popular!) up to 500g packs, Condiments (honey, jam), Coffee (instant), Dried fruit (apricots, prunes, dates), Dried lentils (red or green) Long life milk (1 litre containers), Noodles (instant), Pasta (spaghetti, penne, spirals etc), Pasta sauce, Tea (black or green), Tinned or instant soup, Tinned corn Tinned fish, Spices (chilli, curry powder, turmeric etc, small packets or bottles), Tinned fruit. Other items: Deodorant (for men & women) Shampoo, Nappies (for over 10kg babies only), Razors, Sanitary pads (no tampons), Shaving cream, Shower gel / body wash, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

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, 28th June at 10am

If you would like to come but require transport please contact the parish office on 9654 2260



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, 25 July
RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org

CARDINAL MARENGO MEET AND GREET: 22 JUNE As part of his Australian visit through Catholic Mission, the Diocese of Parramatta is hosting Cardinal Giorgio Marengo IMC, Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on Saturday 22 June. Cardinal Marengo will celebrate the Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta followed by a conversation about his mission and service. The event is free, but registration is essential via <https://parracatholic.org/cardinalmarengo>

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES: Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email marriage@parracatholic.org or Marisa on 0412 280 017

YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE: 30 JUNE : Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, on Sunday 30 June for 9:30am Mass. Please join us after Mass for a picnic at Buttenshaw Park. For more information, please contact Laura Burton on laura@stbernadette.org.au

CYP LIFTED RETREATS Looking for an opportunity to get away? Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups!
5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. Cost \$150.00.
12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville, free of charge.
19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, cost \$150.00.
Registration is essential! Please head to parracatholic.org/events for more details.

DO YOU FIND LIFE & FAITH INSPIRATION BY LISTENING TO THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S

PROJECT ELIZABETH Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



SAFEGUARDING

Training has been organised for **Saturday, 17 August 2024** in the St Madeleine Centre for those who have had previous safeguarding training (Cycle 1 training commenced two years ago)
10am - 11.30am Module 4
11.30am - 12noon Break
12noon - 1.30pm Module 5

We will also keep you updated with training opportunities in the diocese in this bulletin or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=safeguarding>

Training is also available online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>
For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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



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St Madeleine Sophie's Daily Prayer

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Give me a heart that is
one with your own;

A humble heart that knows
and loves its nothingness;

A gentle heart that holds and
calms its own anxiety;

A loving heart that has compassion
for the suffering of others;

A pure heart that recoils even at the
appearance of evil; A detached heart that
longs for nothing other than
the goodness of heaven;

A heart detached from self-love and
embraced by the love of God,
its attention focused on God,
its goodness its only treasure in time
and in eternity

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

*We pray that migrants fleeing from war
or hunger, forced to undertake journeys
full of danger and violence, find
welcome and new opportunities in the
countries that receive them*

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.

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE

		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
15 & 16 June	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Teresa Capaldi	Sacramental Team
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Steve Fry		
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Catherine Diekman Eileen Sherlock	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin & Maddison M		Oliver, Elise & Isabelle	Benjamin
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca			
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech
22 & 23 June		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra Tabone	Sacramental Team
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Corrie Sebire Pat Waters	Maria Fry Tony Hooper	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Sacramental Team
	JNR MINISTERS	Emerson Christian & Harry		Luciana & Georgia	Grace & Charlyze
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca	Joan		
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Gerard
FLOWERS	Hills Family Funerals		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow	