



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am - 3pm
Wednesday 9am - 2pm

14 July 2024 | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

Susie Lee

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Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

Marian College

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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



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He called the Twelve, and began to send them out

Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mk 6:7-13



COMMENTARY: The theme that linked the readings last week, that of the “rejected prophet,” in some respects carries on today, appearing in both the First Reading and the Gospel. The First Reading, taken from the Book of Amos 7:12-15, tells of the prophet Amos’ rejection by the priest at the shrine of Bethel. Amos preached at a time when the southern and northern Kingdoms of Israel (Judah and Israel, respectively) existed side by side. Amos was a southerner given the unenviable task of being sent as a prophet to the northern kingdom. Bethel, the royal sanctuary of that kingdom, became the target of Amos’ critique since the worship established there condoned and legitimated glaring social inequality, in particular, the exploitation of the poor by the wealthy. Threatened by the denunciation and regarding Amos as a representative of the “professional” class of prophets – seers chiefly renowned for ecstatic behaviour rather than the delivery of challenging messages – the priest of Bethel tells the prophet to go back to his own land and do his prophesying there. Amos retorts that he is not one of those “tame” professional prophets but a simple shepherd, who was called to be a prophet by the Lord and sent with a message to Israel. It is the Lord’s authority, then, that lies behind his message, guaranteeing its validity and its eventual vindication by events.

SENT OUT TO PREACH: The Gospel, Mark 6:7-13, places the Twelve in the line of this authentic prophetic tradition in that they are ordinary people sent out with the authority of Jesus to carry on the preaching, liberating, and healing role that has been his alone up till now. What is striking is the “lightness” with which they are to travel. They are to submit themselves to the risk of hospitality. No bread – that should be provided for them; no haversack (the modern equivalent would be a sleeping-bag) – lodging should also be provided; and, for the same reason, no money. Sandals, yes, and a staff (as a walking stick, but also to ward off dangerous animals) because they will be constantly on the move. If they do meet with inhospitality and rejection in any place, then they are to respond with a prophetic gesture indicating judgment (shaking the dust from under their feet; cf. Acts 13:51) and move on. The lightness of equipment is so as not to compromise their absolute trust in the divine authority that has been given to them and to avoid any suspicion of self-seeking in the enterprise. They must have confidence that the “treasure” they bring to people in the shape of the Good News of the Kingdom vastly outweighs any burden of hospitality that they will impose and that this will be recognized by those destined to be gathered into the community of the Kingdom.

PILLARS ON WHICH THE CHURCH IS BUILT: The Twelve, of course, are the “pillars” upon which the later Church will be built. Their mission here foreshadows that of the Church, establishing something essential for its life: that it is always a community on mission, entrusted with the supreme treasure of the Gospel and the healing ministry carried out in the Sacraments. How it is to imitate these first missionaries in the “lightness” of its travel is far more of a problem, granted the massive institutional plant and wealth that the Church has acquired in the course of the centuries. There are no facile solutions to this – save perhaps the otherwise traumatic experience of persecution. But the Gospel reminds the Church that the effectiveness of its prophetic role – its critique of prevailing cultural assumptions and practice – will largely be in proportion to the “lightness” with which it travels, the trust in the goodness (hospitality) of ordinary people and the lack of self-seeking it presents to the world. This is perhaps all the more necessary at a time when the Church’s credibility has been so seriously eroded by the sexual abuse crisis.

Brendan Byrne, SJ, FAHA, taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Vic., for almost forty years. He is now Emeritus Professor at the University of Divinity (Melbourne).

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 VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angélique 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

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, 24 July 2024
at 5.30pm or 7pm

All parishioners are welcome to attend



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM RECONCILIATION

Please continue to pray for children

Celebration of Sacrament
Wednesday, 24 July 2024
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: enrolment documents due in the parish office by **Friday, 2 August**

Preparation Sessions: Sundays

18 & 25 August, 8 September

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

Was great to see Hills Yarning at the NAIDOC Week celebrations at Bella Vista farm this week. The theme for NAIDOC Week is Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud. Homelessness Week is coming up August 5-11th the theme is "Homelessness Action Now". The PJE Table Talk will be on this issue, come along August 3rd 7pm at Good Shepherd Plumpton. Plans are progressing for our CRISP Refugee Sponsorship project within the parish. Our core team is formed next step is training. Soon we will do a call out for various help. Looking forward to our Women's Breakfast next Saturday.

ST MAD'S WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



Come and join us to explore the concept of "finding God in everyday life"

We welcome Valentine Mukuria as she shares her faith experiences and journey from her childhood in Kenya, through to her time in America, and finding her way to Australia. Valentine will share her experiences in finding God in everyday life.

20 July, 8.30-10.30am St Madeleine Centre

Sign in at back of the church or call

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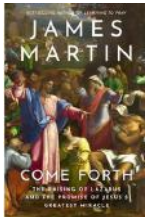
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St Mad's Book Club Join us to discuss Fr Martin as he

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

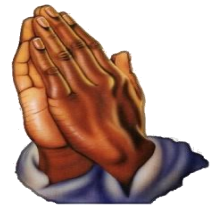
PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently deceased: Patrick (Pat) Lynch

For the dearly departed: Dermot Murphy, Laurence Bernard Riley, Mary Cumbo, Toshio Sato, Mary Cutajar, Mary Ellen Bradley, Costantino Giudice, Fulvio Russo, Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Giulia Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Rodney Teagued Anniu, Hugo Cutrone, Angelo Cammarata, Milagrino Castelino, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Salvatore Barbaro, Karen Bartolo, 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, Miriam & Vansen Tsueng, William Chapman, Rocco Scardino, Kia Benete, Nathan Luezzi, Greg Lambert, David Tierney, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Henry Field, Aura Krakowsky

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 : 10000064

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) = \$1,195.65

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,044.00 Loose = \$936.90

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

Our Community

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL - Supporting the 'Working Homeless' - THIS WEEKEND:

There is an emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being in employment. These are people who hold jobs that should offer stability, yet are sleeping in cars, tents or relying on the goodwill of others. As housing security becomes more precarious due to rising rents, cost-of-living pressures and a shortage of affordable housing, Vinnies is hearing daily from people who in years gone by would never have needed to seek support. Two years ago, 19% of people seeking assistance in NSW were experiencing homelessness or living in temporary accommodation. Today, that figure has concerningly grown to 30%. Your donation in this appeal raises funds that ensure Vinnies can continue to provide a 'hand-up' and immediate practical relief to the working homeless and other vulnerable people in the local community in their time of need. Your gift provides the spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire the power to change lives. Collection shall occur during mass times and an envelope will be available inside the church. **Envelopes** for credit card and receipt requirements will be placed on the poor box and the brochure stands for quick access and are available now and can be placed inside the poor box for your convenience if you wish to do outside of weekend mass times. Also if you would like to **donate directly online** please do so through www.vinnies.org.au We thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS - Standard 4: Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account

The Diocese of Parramatta upholds equity and takes into account diverse needs through: Its Commitment to an encounter of radical love, inclusiveness, and solidarity for all people Supporting refugees and asylum seekers. The Safeguarding Council – Members are from diverse circumstances and backgrounds. Provision of financial assistance to those experiencing hardship. Training for staff and volunteers on Elder Abuse Awareness, vulnerable adults and children, and domestic and family violence. Advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees, and asylum seekers. Recruitment practices which include principles of equity and diversity Equal opportunities for staff, volunteers, gender equality, race, age, religion, marital/family status, sexual orientation, or disability

For more information on Diocesan Safeguarding go to <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding> or phone 8838 3429



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, 26th July 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 2024
RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org



Please place your name on the list found on the **DINNER DANCE TABLE** located at the entrance to the Church if you are able to provide the donation of prizes or alcohol - or help in any way.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

SAFEGUARDING KIDS ART COMPETITION As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". Entries close on Friday 26 July. For more information and to enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS DR MYRIAM WIJLENS: 5 AUGUST Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultant to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia to deliver a series of free public lectures on the topic of 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.' Dr Myriam will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series on Monday 5 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/drmyriam

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING with keynote speaker John Lochowiak, Chair of NATSICC. The event will reflect on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People", and is hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney: 25 July 2024, 6pm, The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping). Please register by 17 July at trybooking.com/ctcfo

MET WORSHIP MUSIC COPYRIGHT WORKSHOP 30 JULY OR 1 AUGUST Calling all Parish musicians and members of our parish communities who create slides and booklets for our masses. Mr Eric Grella will be holding a workshop on **THE IMPORTANCE OF COPYRIGHT**. Bring all your questions to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on 30 July or to St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on 1 August at 7pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship> or email lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS 19 JULY Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown with Fr Tom Green on Friday 19 July from 6.30pm, followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email galbert.albino@parracatholic.org



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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

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8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Joseph Spina

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FLOWERS

Parish

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8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

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