



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

28 July 2024 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

### Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

### Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

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### Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

### St Madeleine's Primary School

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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



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## *He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted*

2 Kgs 4:42-44, Eph 4:1-6, Jn 6:1-15

**COMMENTARY:** We begin today the first of five Sundays where a series of Gospels taken from the sixth chapter of the Fourth Gospel interrupts the Year of Mark. John 6 consists of an account of the multiplication of the loaves (John 6:1-15), which forms the Gospel for today, followed by a long discourse from Jesus on the Bread of Life. The sequence of Gospels around this theme over the coming weeks offers an opportunity for a sustained catechesis on the Eucharist. It should be noted, however, that while eucharistic overtones are there from the start, it is only towards the end of the discourse (vv. 51-58) that they become explicit. The principal focus of the discourse is on Jesus as the One sent down from heaven to be the life-giving revelation of God – a focus in which 'Wisdom' motifs are prominent. Our overall interpretation will be richer if we do not allow the eucharistic allusion to "swamp" the whole meaning from the very start.

**PROFOUND GIFT:** The "Bread of Life" sequence as a whole displays a pattern that can be discerned in several of the long discourses in the Fourth Gospel. The remedying of a human need – usually through a miracle – functions as a symbol of a far more profound gift involving the person of Jesus himself. Here the miraculous provision of bread for the hungry crowd signals that he is the "Bread of Life". As the manna was sent down from heaven to feed the Israelites during their years of wandering in the wilderness of Sinai, Jesus is the life-giving Bread sent down from heaven by the Father. The following discourse "unpacks" this symbolic sense of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is well set off by the brief First Reading, 2 Kings 2:42-44, recalling the similar miracle of the prophet Elisha. The prophet tells his servant to feed the crowd with the twenty barley loaves, just as Jesus will insist that his disciples feed an even greater multitude with even less. In both cases, too, after everyone is satisfied, there will be plenty left over. When the Lord supplies, the generosity is unstinting. The context for the miracle described in the Gospel (John 6:1-15) is the Jewish feast of Passover, a feast celebrating the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and their formation into the covenant people of God. Seated on a mountain in front of the crowds, Jesus challenges his disciples with the question, "Where can we buy bread ....?" The disciples are utterly perplexed as to why they should take upon themselves this responsibility, impossible to fulfil granted the amount of food available (five barley loaves and two fish).

**THE LORD WILL FEED HIS PEOPLE:** In the face of their perplexity, Jesus instructs them to have the people sit down upon the green grass. The Greek word translated "sit down" has the sense of "recline as if for a banquet." Telling the people to sit down would create the expectation of being fed. So the disciples risk being involved in an embarrassing failure. But, in the view and intention of Jesus, it is not a question of "buying" anything but rather of becoming instruments of the divine generosity. As with the manna in the wilderness of Sinai, the Lord will feed his people. In fact, when all have been fed, there are twelve baskets of leftover scraps to be collected – a symbol of the Eucharist that the successors of the twelve apostles will distribute to the Church. The Eucharistic celebration will continue Jesus' ministry of the hospitality of God. The message of the feeding is not lost on the people. Working out of their own categories of conventional messianic expectation, they see in Jesus the Prophet-King Messiah, promised by Moses (Deut 18:15-18). But Jesus will not be captured within messianic categories that are in his case completely inadequate. For the present, he eludes the crowd, to return later on his own terms. Then in the course of sustained interaction recorded in the rest of the chapter, he will attempt to communicate a sense of his true status and of the gift to the world that he represents. In a world faced with hunger on a global scale, the challenge of Jesus, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" remains. It is an economic question and a political question. The Gospel suggests it is also a religious question – one Jesus throws to us as he did to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee

*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:** 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

## FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolment forms are available online or in the office:

required documents to be handed in at the parish office by **Friday, 2 August**

Preparation Sessions:

Sundays 18 & 25 August, 8 September



For any queries  
Sandra mobile 0410 587 735  
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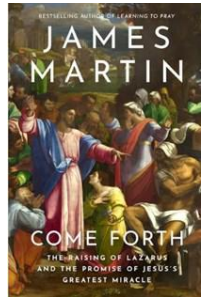
*The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us ~Pope Francis*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

This week Catholic Earthcare showed the movie Teilhard Visionary Scientist, a very powerful story of a mystic in our time, if you are interested it can be found online easily. This week we also met for the Tri Diocesan Social Justice dinner. Was great to catch-up with fellow social justice advocates from across our three Sydney diocese's. The presentation from John Lochowiak, Chair of The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council who spoke about his hope for our country and all its Peoples, especially those who are indigenous. The Earthcare Convocation program has been announced and I will be presenting on Living Laudato Si' and exploring parish as a place of belonging. You are all welcome to join this on-line gathering September 12th and 13th and in person on September 14th at Mulgoa where Chris Tobin local Darug elder will share his story.

## **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.



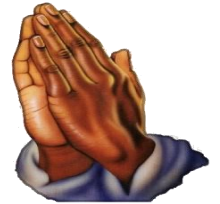
**8 August 2024 at 7pm**

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

## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor

## **PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS**



**For the dearly departed:** Ron Phillips, Evelyn Attard, Patrick (Pat) Lynch, Dermot Murphy, Laurence Bernard Riley, Mary Cumbo, Toshio Sato, Mary Cutajar, Mary Ellen Bradley, Costantino Giudice, Fulvio Russo, Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Giulia Russo, Rodney Teagued Anniu, Hugo Cutrone, Angelo Cammarata, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, 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](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)**

## **PRAYER AT ST MADS**



**THE SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS**  
Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom.  
Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 [kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto: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:

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**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) = \$1,075.80  
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$977.00 Loose = \$815.55  
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38



# Our Community

## 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



## CHOSEN TUESDAYS - AT 7PM

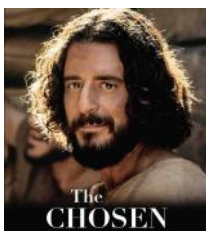
6, 13, 20 & 27 AUGUST AND  
3, 10, 17 & 24 SEPTEMBER

IN THE ST MADELEINE CENTRE

Enjoy watching with fellow parishioners

Everyone is welcome

For information: Loretta m. 0419260637



**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, 9th August 2024 at 10am**. If you would like to come but require transport please contact the parish office on 9654 2260



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 help in any way.

**VALE BISHOP KEVIN MANNING - FUNERAL DETAILS** The funeral Mass for Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, will be held on **Friday 2 August** at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel. A vigil service will be held [information will be provided in coming days]. Bishop Manning will then be interred on Monday 5 August in Coolah, NSW. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life. To register your attendance, please visit [parracatholic.org/bishopmanning](http://parracatholic.org/bishopmanning).

## LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is only 2 weeks away, on Saturday 10 August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. For more information, visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality)

## 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](http://parracatholic.org/drmyriam)

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation](http://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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or Marisa on 0412 280 017

## MET WORSHIP MUSIC COPYRIGHT WORKSHOP 30 JULY

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](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org).

## PEACE, JUSTICE & ECOLOGY TABLE TALK—HOUSING FOR EVERYONE: 3 AUGUST

Many people in our communities struggle to find a home, due to high prices to rent or buy, lack of availability, or lack of social housing. At this Diocesan Table Talk, you are invited to hear and discuss inspiring stories from people affected and insightful information from an expert: 3 August 2024 from 7pm – 9:30pm (after Mass) at The Good Shepherd Parish, 130-136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton. Light dinner will be included. Please register at [tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24](http://tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24)



## ST MADELEINE'S PLAYGROUP

St Madeleine's Centre  
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- Every Thursday during school term, from 9.30am
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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

27 & 28 July

3 & 4 August

	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sally & Pierre Coppini	Joseph Spina
<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
<b>READERS</b>	Robert Gerometta Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Margaret Mieczkowski	Karla Quinn Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin		Luciana & Joyah	Sophie B & Sofia M
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca			
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Corrie Sebire & Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Pauline Chacal
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Nick Ceroli		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman
	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Piety Rocha		
<b>READERS</b>	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders Rick Di Cristoforo	Sue Martin Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>				
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca			
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Loretta Wilson & Sandra Tabone		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Sandra Bonello
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Parish		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman