



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

27th October 2024 | 30th 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

### 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



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*Master, grant that I may see*



Jer 31:7-9, Heb 5:1-6, Mk 10:46-52

**COMMENTARY:** Our Scripture today invites us to worship Christ Jesus, who opens our eyes to the marvels that he has done for us as our high priest, and reveals to us the Father. The readings also assure us that our God never abandons us, even in our bondage. Using tender, compassionate imagery, Jeremiah addresses the exiled people of Israel with a poem of restoration. He promises that God will bring them home again: they will be restored to their own land, and God's loving purpose will again be triumphant. (First Reading) The account of the miracle in the Gospel reveals another type of restoration: the restoration of sight to Bartimaeus, the blind beggar at the roadside who cries out to Jesus in desperation. Not only is Bartimaeus healed and his sight restored, but he also models discipleship by following Jesus without hesitation. In the Second Reading from Hebrews, the theme of restoration appears again: Christ Jesus is our compassionate high priest who restores us as daughters and sons of God. The Psalm is a pilgrim song of hope and joy, reminding us of God's goodness in the past and his ongoing deliverance of his people. This week, we pray for the eyes of our heart and mind to be opened, so that we might receive the life-giving revelations and blessings of Jesus. We also pray for all who are living lives of bondage and slavery in our world today, and seek God's guidance as to how we can help.

**GOSPEL Mark 10: 46-52** As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So, they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' Throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned, and he followed him along the road.

**REFLECTION** I come to prayer freely, aware that I am responding to the invitation of the Father, who draws me into relationship with Jesus. As I come to rest in my own way, I allow myself to be 'found' by God . . . When I am ready, I slowly read this engaging story of human vulnerability and Jesus's response to it. I ask the Holy Spirit to help me absorb the story in a fresh way today, letting it speak to my heart. One way to engage with the text is to use my God-given imagination. I may like to imagine myself as a blind beggar, stretching out cupped, begging hands . . . a visible statement of my vulnerabilities and needs. Perhaps I adopt this physical gesture in prayer as I focus on my deepest innermost desires. I take a moment to connect these desires with my cupped hands. What do I notice? Perhaps I feel an overwhelming yearning to encounter Jesus as he walks down my road, but then hear voices telling me I am not worthy to be noticed, with my blind eyes and poverty, my bare feet and dirty hands. But I am driven to shout even louder: 'Jesus, have pity on me!' . . . and now the unimaginable happens, and I am noticed by the Lord! The world stops. I hear Jesus ask me: 'What do you want me to do for you?' Christ already knows the desires of my heart, but he wants me to share them with him in my own words . . . I allow the scene to fade. I now share my deepest longings with the Lord of compassion and tenderness. I rest in the Presence of the Holy One.

*Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham*

## 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

## ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

*There will be a Mass for All Souls' Day on Saturday, 2 November at 9.15am*

If you would like photos of your dearly departed displayed on our Remembrance Wall throughout the month of November please provide to the parish office.

During the month of November, we will offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our dearly departed. Names can be written in the Book of Life at the entrance to the Church.

Envelopes for Mass intentions will be available during November in the foyer of the Church.

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE MARGARET CARUANA

*Date: Friday, 1 November  
Time: 11am  
at St Madeleine's*

*Our prayers and condolences with the Caruana family*

## 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)

**YOUTH GROUP** The next youth group meeting will be **Sunday 3rd November** after the 5.30pm Mass.

It's a great opportunity for our young people to connect with each other and to share faith. If you're interested and you are between the ages of 14-18, you will find some more information at the entry of the church, and a form where you can leave your name and contact details. Hope to see you there!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S** So exciting to see our Aunty Jenny from Baabayn as part of the Indigenous Community Leaders meeting with King Charles last Tuesday at Redfern. For the calendar our St Mad's Hamper Mass will be December 8th at 10am mass, we will be supporting families in Mt Druitt Holy Family Parish. Our CRISP training is nearly complete with the final training happening November 26th. The team will be meeting in a few weeks to get ready for our family that our parish will sponsor. If anyone is interested in joining the team, just to help as you can please reach out and leave a note with the front office. "Bring the whole human family together... for we know that things can change" (Laudato Si' 13)

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

**Recently deceased:** Margaret Caruana, Laura Iris Nathan

**For the dearly departed:** Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe & Sam Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Goeff Burcham, Karen Bartolo, Leonard Meryment, John Nati, Frank Scalercio, Frank Agresta, Rosa Agresta, Teresa Maguire, Rita & Domenico Franceschina, Roberta Alumios, Paul Refalo, Hugo Cutrone

**Please pray for the sick:** James Hann, Faye Wong, Cutrone family, Joe Luezzi, Kalem Saras, Anthony Attard, Roy Cutrone, Frances Perri, Pat Brush, Bob Burke, 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](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)**



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

## 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 : 100000064**

**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) = \$1,585.85  
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,201.00 Loose = \$1,706.00

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

# Our Community

## VOLUNTEERS - FLOWERS NEEDED

Please contact the office if you are able to donate flowers for the Church as a one-off or on a regular basis.

Please also contact the parish office if you can help as a reader, musician, cleaner, welcomer or with morning tea. All volunteers please ensure we have current contact details.



## SAFEGUARDING

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 9 November at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands for Modules 4-5. 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

Brendan - Parish Safeguarding Champion m. 0448 683 146

**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, 1st November at 10am.**

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



## FROM THE PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028: BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU

**ALWAYS** From the ancient truism, Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi (as we worship, so we believe, so we live), we are challenged that liturgy is not just an add-on to our faith lives but an essential expression of it. We recognise the need to continually renew and strengthen our liturgical celebrations so that all the baptised may truly participate in the life of the Church." (Pg. 43, Pastoral Plan). Learn how the Synodal Church invites us to strengthen our liturgy: [www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality)

**ACBC: SYNOD ON SYNODALITY PRAYER RESOURCES** A range of liturgical resources have been prepared for parishes as we enter the second session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website has a range of related resources here: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops>

## MET NATURAL FERTILITY BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD

**INSTRUCTION SESSION: 12 NOVEMBER** The next session in our Natural Family Planning series is the Billings Ovulation Method®. Following this instruction, you'll be set up to chart immediately to help you reach your family planning goals. The session will be held on Tuesday 12 November from 7.15pm to 8.15pm via Zoom. To book your place or for further information, please contact Catherine on [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605

**DIocese OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL OFFICE** The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org)

# Diocesan Notices

**PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST 13 NOVEMBER:** On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: [parracatholic.org/streetfeast](http://parracatholic.org/streetfeast)

## MET ANNUAL BISHOP VINCENT VATICAN II LECTURE:

**20 NOVEMBER** You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 20 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Commences **WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER** at 6pm in the St Madeleine Centre



RCIA is a process through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This consists of steps, periods, and rites that make up the model of Christian Initiation as restored in the second Vatican Council. Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home?

Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic?

For queries, please get in touch with the parish office.



## 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](mailto:aseychell3@parra.catholic.edu.au)



Next dates for our **BUNNINGS CRAFT:** Thursdays 7 and 28 November

RSVP [kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)

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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,  
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and in eternity



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5.30PM SUNDAY

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Sally & Pierre Coppini

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Steve Fry

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Joan

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Alexandra Quail

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Maria Fry

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