



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

6th October 2024 | 27th 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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*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*



Gen 2:18-24, Heb 2:9-11, Mk 10:2-16

**COMMENTARY:** The long form of this week's gospel reading includes some strange words that are worth our careful reflection. The disciples get annoyed at people bringing children to Jesus so that he can bless them. You can imagine their grumbling: "We have work to do, God's work! We don't have time to waste like this. We have to make it to the next town by nightfall. Crowds are waiting to be taught. Sick need healing. Possessed need deliverance. We will be here all day with all these children ..." The disciples, the insiders, the privileged participants in Jesus' mission, in their zeal and sincerity still miss the essential point. In fact, throughout the gospels, Jesus' most intimate friends and his most devoted followers, struggle to comprehend what following Jesus is really all about. They put their understanding of God, of his Kingdom, of Jesus, before God, his Kingdom and Jesus. They make a box and place God, the Kingdom and Jesus inside of it, instead of letting their little box be broken open by the wonder of who God is, and what God is accomplishing in Jesus for the world (which is called the "Kingdom"). Just like the disciples, our ideas of Jesus and his mission can be too convenient and comfortable, too idolatrous and narrow. This was the problem with Jesus' disciples and it's the problem with Jesus' disciples today. But again and again, Jesus mercifully and patiently corrects his disciples' misunderstandings; he breaks open their all-too-narrow, all-too-convenient understandings of himself and his Kingdom. How does Jesus break open and transform our understanding in this story of the little children? It's all revealed in Jesus' response to them when they try to bar the children from coming to him: "Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." On the one hand, the disciples know that Jesus' mission is the Kingdom; the reign and rule of God over all the earth, the eradication of all injustice, suffering and evil, the gathering of all peoples as one in obedience to their Creator — all of this and more is Jesus' singular purpose in his teaching and in his actions. The disciples, like us, believe this and devote their entire lives to it. What is the problem, then? Jesus' disciples continually struggle to understand this rule and reign of God. Jesus demands a complete undoing of what we think rule and reign is. The Kingdom is not accomplished by might, strategy and self-interest, but by humility, self-sacrifice and love. Strength, wealth, good looks and smarts get you nowhere! Jesus tells us frankly: "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it."

W Chris Hackett

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## 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

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



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

## 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 beloved departed. Names can be written in the Book of Life at the entrance to the Church. The Book will be available from next week.

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

## 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 13th October**, 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

October is Mental Health Awareness Month! This year, the theme is "Let's Talk About It." To encourage open conversation surrounding Mental Health, the Justice & Peace Office Sydney is launching our very first Mental Health Toolkit - for Young People aged 15 to 24, Parents & Carers, and Adults aged 25 and above. To engage in practical conversation, debunk common myths and misconceptions, learn how to recognise the signs in yourself and in your loved ones. Social Justice is embedded across the Diocesan Pastoral Plan I am With You Always. Reflection for a Church that Reaches to the Margins – "We cannot be indifferent to suffering – as recipients of God's boundless mercy, we are called to challenge attitudes that condemn those suffering. The call to action is to form a social justice committee in each parish across the Diocese.

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

**For the dearly departed:** Rita & Domenico Franceschina,

Roberta Alumios, Feliciana & Benito Sabellano,

Sr Eufrazia Caruana, Argentieri Pompea, Leslie Waters, Hector

Soans, Paul Refalo, Hugo Cutrone, Hector Soans, Engracia

Corpuz, Davide Baldi, Frank Agresta, Joseph & Louise Bonello,

Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Aldo Tallon,

Geraldo Tallon, Francesca Calabro, Raffale, Salvatore

Verteramo



**Please pray for the sick:** 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**

**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) = \$1,335.85

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,015.10 Loose = \$844.55

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

# Our Community

**SAFEGUARDING** Safeguarding training is mandatory for all volunteers in a Church. If you would like to complete this training online 'Sign up' by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Brendan - Parish Safeguarding Champion m. 0448 683 146

## **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 18 OCTOBER**

"Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill on Friday 18 October from 6pm to 7pm with Fr Galbert Albino. Holy Hour will be 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](mailto:galbert.albino@parracatholic.org).

**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, 18 October at 10am.**

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



## **BUSKING FOR CHANGE—ST MADELEINE'S PRIMARY**

We warmly invite you to come together with our St Madeleine's Primary School community for Mass on **SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER at 10:00am.**

This will be a special time to share in and reflect as we look ahead to the commencement of the new term, with its opportunities for growth, learning, and deepening our faith.

We are also excited to announce that the school choir will be performing their "Busking for Change" song during the service, sharing their talents and commitment to this important cause.

After Mass, we will gather for morning tea. Please bring a plate of food to share as we enjoy this time of fellowship and connection. Tea and coffee will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there and joining in prayer for a blessed term ahead!

Visit <https://buskingforchange.ilf.org.au/donate>  
In 'Search Organisation and Individuals' type in St Madeleine's and select St Madeleine's Primary School, Kenthurst. You will be brought to our school home page. Scroll down to the bottom of the page until you reach the school donation payment options and choose the amount you wish to donate. Follow the instructions to finalise your donation.

# Diocesan Notices

**YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION: 13 OCTOBER** Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 13 October at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is Christian Stephens who will talk about and lead discussion on "Is Evolution Compatible with Faith?" All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678

## **CYP LIFTED GO: 17 OCTOBER**

"LIFTED Go" is an exciting new initiative in Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED series, co-created with the Peace, Justice, Ecology team. You can expect an uplifting, energising and prayerful night in true LIFTED style, that will encourage us all to GO out into the deep as missionary disciples & peacemakers: 17 October 2024, 7-9pm, WestHQ. Find out more and register at [parracatholic.org/liftedgo](http://parracatholic.org/liftedgo)

## **DIocese OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:**

**27 OCTOBER** The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting [parracatholic.org/weddingmass](http://parracatholic.org/weddingmass) or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome



**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)



## **PIETY SHOP**

**2025 Columban calendars \$10**  
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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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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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Adriana Kennedy

Joseph Spina

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THE ALTAR

John Puleo

Piety Rocha

Joe Touma

READERS

Colleen Dunlop  
Pat Waters

Maria Fry  
Rick Di Cristoforo

Karla Quinn  
Roslyn Earl

Joanna O'Neill  
Gael Carpani

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Max, William & Elsie

Benjamin

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COUNTERS

Tony Hooper & Loretta Wilson

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School Holidays

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Kathy Fenech

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Fran & Rocco Scardino

Teresa Capaldi

Joseph Spina

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FLOWERS

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Jan Parslow