



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

17th November 2024 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year

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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He shall gather his elect from the four winds



Dan 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-14, 18, Mk 13:24-32

COMMENTARY: As we approach the end of the Church year, the readings challenge us to reflect on the 'End Times' and judgement that follows; our own death; and the hope we have in Christ. Today's Scripture reveals the fidelity of our God who stays with us through it all, encouraging us to remain faithful to God's love, even in difficult times.

The poetic, symbolic language of the **First Reading** offers hope to those facing persecution. It includes one of the earliest Old Testament references to resurrection, where the faithful will rise from the dust to 'shine as bright as stars for all eternity'. Jesus uses similar imagery in the **Gospel** to describe a world beset by turmoil and distress, just like our own. Jesus nevertheless assures his disciples (including us) of his constant presence and his ultimate victory. God's promises will be fulfilled: we can be confident in knowing that we will rejoice with Christ forever.

The Letter to the Hebrews (**Second Reading**) was written to Jewish Christians who were struggling with their faith. It speaks of Jesus as the perfect high priest who offered himself as the final sacrifice for our sins.

Through Jesus, we are forgiven and made holy. The **Psalms** is a hope-filled song of trust that God will offer deliverance from death. It praises God for his care and protection.

This week, let's pray for each other. We ask to follow the Lord's path of life closely, showing it to others through the way we live our own lives.

GOSPEL Mark 13: 24-32 Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

REFLECTION As I prepare to pray, I entrust any distractions to the Lord. I settle into stillness, perhaps quietly reciting the response from today's psalm as a mantra: 'Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you'. I read the passage through slowly until I become familiar with it. Jesus is speaking to his disciples after leaving the Temple in Jerusalem during the days leading up to his Passion. Perhaps in my mind's eye, I picture myself there. I listen to Jesus, noticing the tone of his voice. I watch the disciples, imagining the expressions on their faces and how they are responding. What sense do I have of their mood? How am I feeling as I hear Jesus's words? Perhaps challenged . . . puzzled . . . frightened . . . absorbed . . . comforted . . . ? Jesus's words are not meant to frighten his disciples, nor us. Rather they can offer consolation and hope that God is near, especially when we face difficulties or uncertain times. Which of his words are staying with me now? I tell Jesus why they are significant, and I listen to whatever he might be saying to me. I ask the Holy Spirit to keep me watchful, praying for the wisdom and courage always to live by Jesus's teachings. Giving thanks, I end my prayer with an 'Our Father . . .'

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK.

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



Baptism of Primary Children: please contact the parish office if you have a primary school child that you would like baptised. We are offering a baptism preparation program on Saturday, 1 March 2025.

Reconciliation: For baptised Catholic children Year 3 or above. Parent Information evening Tuesday, 11 March 2025. Enrolment forms available in February 2025. Dates will be on our website shortly.

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER AT ST MADS

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 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

St Mad's Christmas Hamper Appeal Please bring a hamper for a family for Christmas, Sunday 10am mass **December 8th**. Shopping cards are OK as well. Hampers will be delivered via Holy Family Emerton to needy families this Christmas.

St Benedict's Monastery Sunday

24 November 5pm - 8pm "Canine Conservationists" BenedictUs Fundraiser 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia. All funds raised are going towards cost of a new classroom in Butembo (Congo). Contact Penny 0409 309 344 about tickets.

Saturday 23rd November the Diocesan Social Justice team will be holding a formation day at Mamre House all welcome.

PARISH ADVENT BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 8:30AM-10AM

Please join us as we learn from Marian Piper and Meg Thomas who have close connections with volunteering in Uganda. Marian recently nursed at the School for Life Foundation set up by a Sydney sider and Meg's family have helped sponsor family networks in Uganda. A chance to stop and reflect and prepare in Advent. Bring a plate if you can. Sign up sheets are in the Church foyer.

INVITATION: ALL VOLUNTEERS

It would be wonderful for everyone to come together to celebrate our God-given talents and skills for the growth of His Kingdom

Friday, 6 December 2024

At 6.30pm

In the St Madeleine Centre

RSVP Maureen Jones 0419 512 252

YOUTH GROUP

The next youth group meeting

will be this

Sunday 17th November

after the 5.30pm Mass.

RETIRED PARISHIONERS' & FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

12NOON HEALING MASS

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

Friday, 13 December 2024

RSVP by Friday, 6 December

Jenny Puleo 0414 650 011

Lesley Gangemi – 0408 758 548

*Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ, we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

**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) = \$1,547.75

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,102.00 Loose = \$1,582.30

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

Our Community

VOLUNTEERS

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, powerpoint operator or with morning tea. All volunteers please ensure we have current contact details.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

For this year's Vigil Mass we will be having a nativity pageant.

There is a sign up sheet in the Church foyer if you would like to register your child to participate.

There will be short practices after the 10am Mass on 8, 15 and 22 December

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, 29th 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

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>

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: 19 NOVEMBER The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Diocesan Mass for our Deceased Clergy on Tuesday 19 November at 9.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in St Marys Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ. We encourage **each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests who have served in your own parish**, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

Diocesan Notices

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

PJE TABLE TALK "DISABILITY – UNEMPLOYMENT – SEEKING ASYLUM: NAVIGATING MULTIPLE CHALLENGES IN AUSTRALIA" :

28 NOVEMBER Please join us for our final diocesan table talk to hear and discuss powerful stories from people affected by overlapping challenges. Participate in meaningful small group conversations and learn how you can play a part in creating positive change: 28 November 2024, 6:00pm – 8:30pm, Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light dinner will be served on arrival. Find our more and register at parracatholic.org/pjetabletalk

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

EMAIL—PLEASE IGNORE any email you may receive requesting money or gift cards for Fr Giovanni. These emails are not from Fr Giovanni.



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 date for our **BUNNINGS CRAFT**: Thursday 28 November
RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org

PIETY SHOP

**2025 Columban calendars \$10
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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
16 & 17 Nov	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Tony Hooper Catherine Diekman	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	Harry, Christian & Kerstin		William & Breanna	Benjamin & Madison M
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Corrie Sebire		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman
23 & 24 Nov		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Carmel & Mike O'Connell Brendan Ford	Pierre & Sally Coppini	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Maria Fry Eileen Sherlock	Sandra Tabone Sue Martin	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred & Xavier		Joyah & Aaliyah	Sophia B & Sofia M
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino	