



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

10th November 2024 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year

## 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

Phone: 9654 6751

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### Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Dr Gavin Hays

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed*

→ Kg 17:10-16, Heb 9:24-28, Mk 12:38-44

**COMMENTARY:** The reign of the Lord glorified in today's Psalm is a kingdom of justice for the oppressed. The other readings, too, all focus on God's loving concern for the poor, the weak and the powerless. In the First Reading, a destitute Gentile widow gives to Elijah all that she has left in the world, when he asks for help. Though she herself is not one of the people of Israel, her generous self-giving is rewarded by a miraculous multiplication of her tiny supply of flour and oil. The Psalm continues this theme, celebrating God's eternal faithfulness and loving care to those who are vulnerable, bowed down and hungry. By way of introduction to today's Gospel scene, which takes place outside the Temple in Jerusalem, the Second Reading explains that the death and resurrection of Jesus have done away once and for all with Temple offerings and sacrifices for sin. As Jesus sits outside the Temple treasury (Gospel), he teaches his disciples to be wary of people like the scribes, who flaunt their privilege and entitlement in public places. The rich and powerful have a false sense of their own importance. In contrast, Jesus honours the humble actions of another poor widow passing by. Although she only gives a tiny amount to the Temple, her contribution is all the more generous because she is offering all that she has to the Lord. It is her example that we are asked to follow. Let us pray this week for a generous and loving heart. May we never be afraid to give of ourselves to the Lord, so that we may bring about his Kingdom of love in the world today.

**GOSPEL** In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the people who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

**REFLECTION:** I come to my time and place of prayer, remembering that I am always in the presence of the Lord. In that presence, I gradually find a point of stillness within myself, in the way that works best for me. Perhaps I listen to some prayerful music or focus on a lighted candle. Once I feel ready, I turn to the Gospel. I read it as many times as I need, in order for the scene to become familiar to me. Is there something new that I notice as I come to pray with this text today? It may help my prayer if I not only envisage the scene playing out before me, but also imagine myself as one of Jesus's disciples. I hear Jesus speak about the scribes, criticising their behaviour. How do I react to the way he relates to these people of religious influence and importance? Perhaps I am shocked? pleased . . .? Have I ever found myself behaving like the scribes? Jesus asks me to witness the generosity of the widow in contrast to the offerings of the rich people in the Temple. Widows had very little status in Jewish society at that time: why might Jesus focus on them? Who are those on whom our society looks down today? Do I tend to pay more attention to the rich and the 'scribes' around me, or to the weak and powerless in our world? Again I ponder my response to this Gospel teaching. How is Jesus guiding me now? Once more I listen, and when I am ready, I close my prayer by making the sign of the cross.

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

## 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



<http://www.facebook.com/stmadeleines>

## 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

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



**Baptism of Primary Children:** please contact the parish office if you have a primary school child that you would like baptised in early 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](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)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

As we journey towards the beginning of Advent, we prepare. Our Family Group Hamper mass is planned for December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring food items for a family for Christmas to 10am mass and we will deliver to Holy Family Parish Emerton where St Vincent de Paul and Jesuit Social Services will ensure our hampers are delivered to families in need. On December 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning we will share the amazing experience Marian Piper one of our social justice team members has recently had volunteering in Uganda. This Tuesday coming our CRISP team is meeting to plan our refugee family sponsorship. Thinking about Christmas gifts visit [Jesuit Mission Shop](#) and consider the gift of a chicken or school veggie garden in Cambodia

## 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  
**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 : 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) = \$1,786.45  
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,200.50 Loose = \$2,452.95  
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 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, 15th 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

**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)

# 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](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.



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



Next date for our **BUNNINGS CRAFT**: Thursday 28 November

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

## PIETY SHOP

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	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Colleen Dunlop	Tony Hooper Margaret M	John Burford Sally Coppini	Tereza Barisic Lidia Ceccato
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Sophie C & Emerson		Anneliese & Evangeline	Grace & Charlzeye
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Tony Hooper & Paul Vella		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Alexandra Quail
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Parish		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman
<b>16 &amp; 17 Nov</b>		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Heidi Bou-Harb	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Alicia Shaw Catherine Diekman	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Niel Tereza Barisic
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Harry, Christian & Kerstin		William & Breanna	Benjamin & Madison M
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