



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

3rd November 2024 | 31st 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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St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

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Marian College

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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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This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it



Deut 6:2-6, Heb 7:23-28, Mk 12:28-34

COMMENTARY: The readings this week remind us that the love of God and the love of other people lie at the core of our lives as Christians. In the First Reading, Moses reminds the people of Israel, who are about to enter the promised land, that they must love God with all their heart, soul and strength. The Psalm expresses our love for God, who is our rock and our refuge. It praises the God who has done so much for us. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading) speaks of Jesus as the ideal high priest. Unlike previous high priests, he lives for ever, and can 'intercede for all who come to God through him'. Answering the question posed by a scribe in the Gospel, Jesus goes beyond the exhortation of Moses. We are indeed to love God, but we must also love our neighbour. Love of God, the greatest commandment, is inseparable from love of neighbour. This week, we might want to focus our prayer on the people around us, near and far, that they should know and love the Lord, and live in peace.

GOSPEL Mark 12: 28-34 One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

REFLECTION Before reading the text and beginning to pray, I try to get into the right frame of mind. I take a few moments to reflect on what's happened to me today so far, and insofar as I can, try to put aside any worries or anxieties. I ask the Holy Spirit to help me be fully present to what the Lord will say to me today. Slowly and prayerfully I read the text. Maybe I find that I have been asking myself the same questions as the scribe. How do I feel as I listen to Jesus's reply? I may want to engage in a conversation with him: 'Yes of course, but . . .' or . . . 'I know, but what if . . .?' Or perhaps I have a completely different question to ask. I make the most of the time I have with Jesus just now. I speak to him as two friends would speak, and I listen. Going back to the text, I may want to consider how much I love my neighbour . . . or indeed how much I love myself. If I have some reservations here, I tell the Lord, and if needs be, I ask for his help. In today's context, what are the 'holocausts and sacrifices' that the scribe mentions? Perhaps they are the religious rituals I myself follow as a Christian. If so, what is their importance in my daily life and in my prayer? Once again, I know that I can be perfectly honest and frank in my conversation with the Lord. Eventually, with great gratitude, I take my leave with my own words of thanks.

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



Dates for the 2025 Sacramental program will be available shortly.

The program will commence with preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For baptised Catholic children Year 3 or above. The Parent Information evening will be on Tuesday, 11 March 2025—enrolment forms will be available in February 2025.

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 This week our Hindu brothers and sisters have been celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights. Something for us to ponder upon. The MET Social Justice team is hosting Parramatta Street Feast, Wednesday November 13th all welcome. It is supported by the PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity and is a chance to join in a spirit of friendship and solidarity with people on the margins. Marian Piper recently volunteered with School for Life and is planning to share her experiences with us, details to come. Our CRISP team is preparing for our next step to welcome a refugee family. The small team is meeting for afternoon tea November 12th at Aimee's house.

"He loved us" "Dilexit nos," Pope Francis' fourth Encyclical, retraces the tradition and relevance of thought on "the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ," calling for a renewal of authentic devotion to avoid forgetting the tenderness of faith, the joy of serving, and the fervour of mission.

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 3rd 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 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:

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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) = \$1,322.25
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,058.00 Loose = \$1,285.00

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

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, 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

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 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

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

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



Next dates for our **BUNNINGS CRAFT:** Thursdays 7 and 28 November
RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org

PIETY SHOP

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Christmas Cards \$8 per pack of 10**

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	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Frederick Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders Rick Di Cristoforo	Sue Martin Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin & Emerson		Georgia & Luciana	Benjamin & Charlyze
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Loretta Wilson & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry
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9 & 10 Nov	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
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	READERS	Pat Waters Colleen Dunlop	Tony Hooper Margaret M	John Burford Sally Coppini	Tereza Barisic Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Sophie C & Emerson		Anneliese & Evangeline	Grace
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
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	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman