



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

19th January 2025 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

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Rev Adam Carlow

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

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St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

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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)

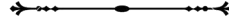
Weddings: By appointment



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The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee



Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

COMMENTARY: After his Baptism, Jesus now starts his public ministry by giving us a first 'sign' of his transformative love. At the wedding feast of Cana, he changes water into wine at the suggestion of his mother. Here we see Mary already interceding for others. (Gospel) The First Reading also uses the image of a wedding to show that the Lord rejoices in his people 'as the bridegroom rejoices over his bride'. St Paul teaches the people of Corinth about the various gifts given to each one of them – and to each one of us – which can be used for the good of all in a variety of ways. These gifts all witness to the same Spirit, the same God. (Second Reading) The Psalm is a joyful song of praise that reflects the spirit of the other readings. It invites us to 'Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples'. God will judge the people with fairness. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, the joyful image of wedding festivities might inspire us to think of all who suffer from food poverty. We pray that each one of us might use our different gifts generously to help those in need, so that all have sustenance. In this way, may we appreciate the transforming love that God has for every one.

GOSPEL John 2: 1–11 At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding 70 or 100 litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

REFLECTION If possible, I find a quiet place, indoors or outdoors, to spend some quality time with the Lord. For a few moments I try to relax and put my worries aside. When I am ready, I read this familiar story slowly, perhaps several times. What does it say to me today? Using my imagination, I try to visualise the scene and all the people involved. Maybe I find myself standing with Mary . . . or with Jesus . . . or with the master of the feast. How do I feel as I see each of them respond to the situation?

Am I, like Mary, confident that Jesus will be able to help? Or am I worried, anxious or baffled? Maybe I recall times in my own life where I followed Mary's command: 'Do whatever he tells you'. What happened? Perhaps I now realise how my circumstances were transformed, even if I could not see it then.

I ponder. If there still are areas in my life which are empty and need filling, I ask the Lord to help me, trusting in his unconditional love for me. Finally, when I am ready, I close my prayer with my own words of thanks.

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angeliqe 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. Register by Tuesday, 4 February Baptism preparation Saturday, 1 March Baptism Sunday, 9 March 2025

RECONCILIATION: Enrolment forms available in February 2025 and all documents due in the parish office Tues 4 March. Parent Information evening Tuesday, 11 March. Commitment Masses 15 & 16 March. Preparation Sessions Thursdays, 20 & 27 March and 3 April at 7pm. 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Wed 9 April 2025.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Enrolment forms due Tues, 6 May 2025. Parent Information Evening Tuesday, 13 May. Commitment Mass 17 & 18 May. Preparation Sessions Thursdays 22 & 29 May and 5 June. Holy Communion Masses 15 and 22 June 12noon.

CONFIRMATION: Enrolment forms due Tues, 22 July 2025. Parent Information Evening Tues, 29 July. Commitment Mass 2 & 3 August. Preparation Sessions Thursdays 7, 14 and 21 August. Confirmation Masses Wed, 27 and Thurs, 28 August at 7pm

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Recently the Soul Food podcast team in Parramatta Diocese interviewed the [CRISP team in Marayong parish](#). Anne-Marie, Maxi and Nenette share a lot in common, most recently, they form part of a larger team of volunteers at Marayong who support refugees and asylum seekers transitioning to Australia. Our next parish breakfast is planned for Saturday March 15th as we listen to James Atanasious, a member of the MET team in the diocese and who is closely associated with the Sudanese community.

St Josephine Bakhita 1869 -1947 Feast day: 8 February Patron saint of victims of modern slavery

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

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Werner Bachmann, Anthony Grima, Franchesca Foggiano, Mary Cumbo, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe & Sam Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Goeff Burcham, Norah Joy, Irene Cameron, Karen Bartolo, Feliciana Sabellano, Kalem Saras, Ana Mlinac, Joe Fuda, Maria Rosa & Salvatore Napoli, Joseph & Lyn Napoli, Sam & Babara Napoli, Anna & Chris Geniale, Yolanda & Sam Papallo, George Papallo, Ariella Napoli, Immacolata Agostino, Caterina Marcellino, Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Harold & Olive Burns, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Sheaddy & Chahede Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Abraham family, George Cascun, Fay Megson, Dina Ratliff, Lukenn Sabellano, Margaret Caruana

Please pray for the sick: Tony Mannah, Vlado Mlinac, James Hann, Faye Wong, Cutrone family, Joe Luezzi, Kalem Saras, Anthony Attard, Roy Cutrone, Frances Perri, Pat Brush, 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



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

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) = \$1,249.75

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$818.00 Loose = \$1,152.20

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

Our Community

SAFEGUARDING Safeguarding training is mandatory for all volunteers in a Church.

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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. The Volunteer registration form found at the back of the Church or use the QR Code.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS

IN 2025 The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org. Registrations close 28th January, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment



St Mad's Care Group

We assist members of our community and others when they need help. We provide meals, transport to medical appointments and functions, advice, and gifts of flowers and chocolates to remind others that we care. We walk with others and aid where we can. Confidentiality is important. Many members of our parish assist when called upon. Our executive needs extra members to replace those retiring.

If you could assist or you would like more information, please call Careyanne 0438791813.



St Mad's Care Group

Who we are: our parish is a community gathered to worship God, bring His light to the world and care for His body.

Our mission: to bring Christ's light through giving hope and service to others.

Our aim: to provide to members of our parish practical support and care, such as meals, transport, shopping, information, support, and assistance.

Do you **need** help?

Do you **know** someone who needs help or is ill?

Do you **want** to help?

Call: Careyanne 0438791813.

The saints were not supermen, nor were they born perfect. When they recognized GOD'S LOVE, they followed it and SERVED OTHERS. Pope Francis

MET NATURAL FERTILITY CREIGHTON MODEL

INTRODUCTION SESSION: 19 FEBRUARY

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore the Creighton Model FertilityCare System – a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. This free session will be held on Wednesday 19 February from 7:15-8:15pm via Zoom and is valued at \$125. To register or for more information, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605



2025 A Jubilee Year for our Church

themed "Pilgrims of Hope",

a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis.

Commences **24 December 2024** with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and runs to 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

A Jubilee is a special and profound year of grace, mercy and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years.

In our Diocese, we are invited to a personal or small group pilgrimage to one or all three of our pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year:

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa
The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville

A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year. For those who cannot make a jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances, you are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in reconciliation, prayer and the Eucharistic celebration.

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.

Resumes on **Friday, 7th February 2025 at 10am.**

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

PIETY SHOP

2025 Columban calendars \$10

God's Word Reflection book \$20 - proceeds go to children in India

We now have EFTPOS available

We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items. Special orders are welcome too. We are open after every weekend Mass. Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.

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Sandra Tabone

Joseph Spina

**MINISTERS OF
THE ALTAR**

Dianne Millington

Piety Rocha

Joe Touma

READERS

Colleen Dunlop
Pat Waters

Catherine Diekman
Tony Hooper

Rosanna Ceroli
Adriana Kennedy

David O'Neill
Tereza Barisic

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William, Christian &
Harry

Joyah & Aaliyah

Sophia B & Grace

MUSICIANS

Rebecca & Chris

COUNTERS

Paul Vella & Corrie Sebire

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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FLOWERS

Parish

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8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Sally & Pierre Coppini

Joseph Spina

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