



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

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## 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

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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*My eyes have seen your saving power*



Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40

**COMMENTARY:** The prophecy of Malachi (First Reading) is fulfilled when Mary and Joseph present the child Jesus in the Temple, for Malachi speaks of a day when 'the Lord . . . will suddenly come to his Temple'. The Gospel serves as a formal announcement of Jesus's arrival in the Temple: his presentation to Gentiles and Jews alike, as 'the salvation' of all humankind. The intimate scene also highlights the faithful piety of the young couple, as well as the patient faith and hope of Anna and Simeon. The Second Reading underlines the reality of Jesus's humanity. Like all of us, Jesus must grow in maturity and wisdom, as well as experiencing the suffering that real temptation brings to every human being. The Psalmist marvels that the Lord of the Universe has deigned to live amongst us in the Temple: he bids its gates and ancient doors to lift their heads, so that the mighty Lord may enter. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that, like the Holy Family, we might have a growing faith and hope in a loving God who cares for us all. We remember especially those who are victims of modern slavery in our turbulent, uncertain world. We also ask for an openness of heart and spirit to appreciate God's many blessings, freely available to us every day.

**GOSPEL Luke 2: 22-44 (first part)** When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, Simeon took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

**REFLECTION** I ask the Spirit to lead and guide me into the 'temple' of my own heart as I deliberately focus my loving attention on Christ Jesus. As best I can, I withdraw from the turmoil of any thoughts and distractions. Letting them die down, I create an inner space to welcome the Holy One.

I read this intimate narrative of the young couple bringing their new-born son into the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. Perhaps the story is familiar . . . though perhaps, like Mary and Joseph, I do not grasp its full significance at first. What do I notice? I share with the Lord from my heart.

Simeon (and later in the Gospel passage, Anna), like the members of the Holy Family, are models of patient, enduring faith. Perhaps I pray for the desire to experience a deeper, child-like trust and hope in God, the Father of all creation. Like Jesus before me, I invite God to increase my wisdom and faith in the power of the Divine. Glory be . . .

*Brendan Byrne, SJ, FAHA, taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Vic., for almost forty years. He is now Emeritus Professor at the University of Divinity (Melbourne).*

## 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. 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

Our CRISP journey has progressed, and we are now reaching out to a lady in Syria who has been assigned by the Australian government for us to support for a year. This is very exciting, and we may need to call on all in the parish for assistance, even just fraternity.

The CRISP Western Sydney & Blue Mountains will be gathering on February 28 in Orchard Hills to share with other groups. This year the World Day of Prayer county is the Cook Islands. We celebrate with fellow parishioner Patrick Shirvington who is the 2025 THSC Environmental Citizen of the Year.

**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:** Louis Sammut, Antonio Votano, Nancy Held De Miranda, Maria Giuseppina Panetta, Adalgisa Verteramo, Werner Bachmann, Anthony Grima, Franchesca Foggiato, 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:** Judith Preston, Margaret McNamee, 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 [kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)**



## 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)

## 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) = \$1,283.45  
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,060.00 Loose = \$2,417.60  
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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**VOLUNTEERS** Please contact the office if you are able to assist

- ◆ with flower arrangement on a Friday morning.
  - ◆ Cleaning on a Saturday morning
- or
- ◆ Donating flowers on a one-off or regular basis

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PH 9654 2260

## **JUBILEE UPDATE**

Have you downloaded the official Jubilee App "Iubilaeum25"? The doors are open, this weekend is a time to reflect with armed forces, police and security personnel, Catholics are being invited to reflect on the importance of art and artists, as the Church marks the Jubilee of Artists from February 15-18



## **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**

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## **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**

**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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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Alicia Shaw Maria Fry	Sue Martin Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech
8 & 9 Feb		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Robert Gerometta Pat Waters	Maria Baldi Margaret M	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Sandra Bonello Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS				
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Loretta Wilson & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chacal
FLOWERS	Ortolan Family		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow	