



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

2 March 2025 | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

## 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 Catholic College

Phone: 9654 6700

Acting Principal: Ms Melinda Breakspear

## 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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*A person speaks from what is in his heart*



Sirach 27:4-7, 1 Cor 15:54-58, Lk 6:39-45

**GOSPEL:** Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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**COMMENTARY:** With the Gospel of today (Luke 6:39-45) we come to the third major section from Jesus' instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. Where the section set for last week dealt with action towards others, now we seem to have something that is trying to reach deeper: to the wellspring of action found in the human heart. Get the heart – the fundamental attitude – right, Jesus seems to be saying, and all else will follow. The opening commands not to judge and not to condemn are already bound up with this. They raise the issue of just how difficult it is for people to have the kind of understanding that would really allow them to make judgments of others. The illustrations of one blind person leading another and of attempting to remove the speck in a neighbour's eye when one has a log in one's own are, again, as is so often the case with Jesus' image and illustrations, exaggerated and humorous. It is so hard to know what is in one's own heart – to recognise the 'plank' that may be there, inhibiting right vision and right judgment. Yet, even with such impediment, we are still so confident that we can see and set about rooting out the failings of others. If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that – not judgment and condemnation – should surely be the model for human interaction. This should certainly be the case within the community of the kingdom. But Jesus may also mean it to apply even to outsiders who persecute and maltreat members of the community (see Paul's handling of this issue in Rom 12:17-21).

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** Paul's long instruction about the resurrection ends on a strong note of encouragement. 'Keep on working', he says, 'at the Lord's work, knowing that in the Lord, you cannot be laboring in vain'. Though so often we seem to be getting nowhere and are tempted to give up, the hope of resurrection means that nothing is valueless, nothing – even failure and seeming defeat – is wasted. It is all part of a great design in which the power of the risen Lord is at work in us, overcoming the forces of death and negativity to reclaim the universe for life and for humanity. Though, as is usually the case, Paul's instruction has little in common with the Gospel, it is very consoling in its own right.

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## 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

We have 13 children being prepared for Baptism this Saturday with baptism taking place on Sunday, 9 March.

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

### RECONCILIATION

Enrolment forms now available  
[www.stmadeleine.org.au](http://www.stmadeleine.org.au)

All documents to be hand delivered to the parish office by Tues 4 March.  
Please do not email documents.

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 will be available in April and are due on 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 form available in June.  
For any queries Sandra 0410 587 735  
[stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S** This weekend we celebrate Clean Up Australia day, an opportunity to remove plastic and other litter from our local place. Caring for creation is the 8th work of Mercy. As Lent starts we have a Lenten calendar that encourages Care for Creation With each day being a theme, Sustenance Sundays, Meatless Mondays, Talk Energy Tuesdays, Wisdom Wednesdays, Turnaround Thursdays, Fish & Footprint Fridays, Sustainability Saturdays. All our prayers are with Pope Francis as his health falters. Look forward to seeing you at our Parish Breakfast Saturday March 15th and World Day of Prayer this Friday coming at the Salvation Army 10am, praying for the Cook Islands .

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

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

[kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)  
PH 9654 2260

**Congratulations  
to Paige Taylor  
& Adam Gauci  
on their wedding this weekend**



## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

**For the recently deceased:** Antonio Gerometta, Rosa Paolucci

**For the dearly departed:** David Piper, Giuseppina & Pietro Luigi Fuda, Harold & Olive Burns, Warwick Rule, Lino Russo, Ortensia & Aldo Russo, Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Fulvio & Giulia Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Maria & Giacomo Battaia, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Rena Hooper, Percy Hooper, Patricia Bryant, Sr Rona Collins, Michael Hooper, Nelly Castanares, Benito Sabellano, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Karen Bartolo, Frank Bucceri, Sr Maria Eufemia Buhagiari, Ramon Preller, John Spencer, Michael Bourke, Domenica Franceschina, Frank Agresta, Louis Sammut, Antonio Votano, Nancy Held De Miranda, Maria Giuseppina Panetta, Adalgisa Verteramo

**Please pray for the sick:** Judith Preston, 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



## 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) = \$1,949.70

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,035.00 Loose = \$1,612.95

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

# Our Community



**PLEASE RETURN ALL PALMS  
FROM LAST YEAR'S  
PALM SUNDAY**

These will be burnt for use on  
Ash Wednesday on 5 March 2025  
Mass times 9.15am and 7pm

## LENT AND EASTER MASS TIMES FLYER

available in the Church

Pope Francis new encyclical "He Loved us" on the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 COOK ISLANDS

Date and Time: 7th March  
10am

Location: Dural Salvation Army 277 New Line Rd,  
Dural

Contact person: Talitha 02 9651 3456



## Lenten Programme:

The parish will be running a Lenten program to help us prepare well for Easter. The program includes a number of scriptural reflections, audio commentary, artwork and time for prayer and reflection.

Join us on **Wednesday nights** during Lent at 7pm, in the St Madeleine centre.

Our first meeting will be on  
**Wednesday 12th of March.**  
Hope to see you there.

## 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.

Next date: **Friday, 7th March 2025 at 10am.**

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



## Parish Lent Breakfast Saturday March 15th 8:30am Parish Centre

James is passionate about human rights and the right of people to have an equal opportunity in our society.



James Atanasius Mission Enhancement  
Team (MET) Parramatta Diocese



## The Season of Lent – Music

*The Gloria will not be sung or said during Mass*

*The Alleluia will not be sung – there will be alternative acclamations*

*All music will be sombre and reflective during Masses*



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## Project Compassion Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



### Please donate today

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes—available next week - or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us.



**2025 A Jubilee Year for  
our Church themed  
"Pilgrims of Hope",**

The Jubilee song, Pilgrims of Hope, written by Pierangelo Sequeri

The chorus is:

*Like a flame my hope is burning,  
may my song arise to you:  
Source of life that has no ending,  
on life's path I trust in you.*

Visit the Jubilee webpage to listen in English. The next week of celebrating is a Jubilee of the World of Volunteering March 8-9. This week is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering.

*St Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of  
volunteers, pray for us!*

## LIFTED SPORTS DAY



**ST MAD'S YOUTH** will be joining a sports day at Parramatta Marist, on **Saturday March 15**, organised by Catholic Youth Parramatta.

Join us for a fun day of soccer, volleyball, touch football and basketball, where we will play with other teams from parishes around our diocese. Lunch is provided. All young people are welcome to come along. Come and help us bring the trophy home and make some friends too. Sign up forms are at the back of the church.

## PLAYGROUP

Bunnings will be providing craft for our playgroup on

**Thursday 6 March**

**and Thursday 3 April**

If you would like to attend with your little one please RSVP to [kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)

**Catholic Schools Parramatta** has partnered with **Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation** to provide Truth Telling experiences for all staff and senior high school students. Thousands of Aboriginal children were forcibly taken from their parents causing untold trauma and family breakdown. Survivor uncles use Truth Telling to educate Australians about what happened to these boys.

Parishioners are invited to attend.

**Date: Sunday, 17 March Time: 4pm in the Hall, Marian Catholic College**

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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
<b>1 &amp; 2 Mar</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Heid Bou-Harb	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Jan Schroder	Alicia Shaw Maria Fry	Mary Sammut Roslyn Earl	Sandra Tabone Gael Carpani
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Maddison N		Max, William & Elsie	Benjamin
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca & Chris			
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Paul Vella & Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Sally Coppini
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Wedding		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Maria Fry
<b>8 &amp; 9 Mar</b>		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Margaret M	Sue Martin Karla Quinn	Lidia Ceccato Sandra Bonello
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Christian, Harry, Kerstin		Anneliese & Evangeline	Grace & Luciana
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Sandra Tabone & Corrie Sebire		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Pauline Chaccal
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lent		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman