



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

23 February 2025 | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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

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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Be merciful as your Father is merciful



1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Cor 15:45-49, Lk 6:27-38

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 27-38 At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

COMMENTARY: The readings this week encourage us to be compassionate, towards ourselves, towards others, and in all that we do. In the First Reading, we see how David does not give way to revenge when he finds Saul asleep, vulnerable and under his power. David has a choice, and acts with loyalty and restraint. Saul has persecuted him, but David now spares his life because Saul is the Lord's anointed one. The Psalm is a song of praise, describing with gratitude God's own compassion and love towards all of his children. St Paul (Second Reading) teaches us that although we are earthly by nature, by modelling ourselves on Christ, the second Adam, we receive his life-giving spirit. All the readings prepare us for Jesus' challenging teaching in the Gospel. Jesus encourages us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hurt us, to lend without expecting a reward, to love without counting the cost. This is the way Jesus and his Father love us. As we ponder these texts as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we may wish to pray particularly for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness in our own lives, our communities, our country, and in all the situations of war, strife, injustice and suffering in our world.

REFLECTION I come to my place of prayer and take the time to settle, relax and become aware of being in God's presence. When it seems appropriate, I take up today's Gospel text and read it slowly. I may imagine myself sitting with the large crowd, hearing Jesus's words for the first time. Perhaps this demanding teaching is new to me, and I can hear mutterings around me. What do I find most startling? I consider my life, and what particularly challenges me - at home, at work, in my relationships with others? I ponder this and speak to the Lord. In what ways do I see his words offering freedom rather than being a burden? How can I respond? Maybe I find myself in what seems an impossible situation. I turn to the Father asking him to be merciful to me, and to give me the grace to be forgiving and compassionate. I end my prayer thanking the Father for all the goodness I have received, and praying that his love will permeate the world.

St Beuno's Outreach, Diocese of Wrexham

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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 on Saturday 1 March 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

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Getting ready for Lent starting March 5th we have World Day of Prayer at Dural Salvo's on Friday March 7th, Clean Up Australia day Sunday March 2nd and our Parish Breakfast Saturday March 15th, looking forward to hearing James Atanasius story. It was a privilege to be invited by the Faith in Action coordinator at St Madeleine's Primary School Emma Sidoti to the opening of the Yarning Circle newly commissioned at St Madeleine's. Uncle Shane a Darug elder performed the smoking ceremony a beautiful way to welcome all into the space. A place of yarning and reflecting.

We are invited to Marian College on March 17th as they are visited by Kinchela Boys Home who will be giving a truth telling session.

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: Karen Bartolo, Frank Bucceri, Sr Maria Eufemia Buhagiar, 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, Kalem Saras, Anthony Attard, Roy Cutrone, Frances Perri, Pat Brush, William Chapman, Rocco Scardino, Kia Bennete, 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

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:

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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) = \$1,784.15

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,190.00 Loose = \$1,353.30

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

Our Community

**Congratulations to
Carmel and Mike O'Connell
On their 60th
Wedding anniversary**




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*

There may be silences



**WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER 2025
COOK ISLANDS**

Date and Time: 7th March 2025 10am

Location: Dural Salvation Army
277 New Line Rd, Dural

Contact person: Talitha 02 9651 3456



**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.

This week we pray for Deacons and their families

The logo for Jubilee 2025 represents solidarity and fraternity among all of humanity.

It shows four stylized figures coming from the four corners of the earth, embracing each other. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross, symbolizing the pilgrimage of life and the challenges faced. The cross leans towards the four pilgrims, representing Jesus' sacrifice and the Eucharist.

Have you downloaded the official Jubilee App "Iubilaum25"? In the Catholic Church, Jubilee years are declared every 25 years by the Pope, inspired by the biblical concept of Jubilee as a time when debts were cancelled and slaves freed. Pope Francis has set out his vision for Jubilee 2025 where rich countries should cancel debts, not out of generosity but justice. Pilgrimage is part of the Jubilee Year and locally we are encouraged to visit The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville



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. The program costs \$8, and booklets can be purchased from the piety store.
Hope to see you there.

**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**


We invite you to our
OPEN EVENING
Enrolments for Year 7, 2026
close on Friday 14 March, 2025.
marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au
WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025 | 4PM OR 6PM



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

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.

PIETY SHOP

Lenten Booklet \$8

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	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Lydia Ceccato Colleen Dunlop	Eileen Sherlock Nigel Saunders	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick		Aaliyah & Grace	Sophia B & Luciana
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Gerard
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry
1 & 2 Mar		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Alicia Shaw Maria Fry	Mary Sammut Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred & Xavier, Maddison N		Max, William & Elsie	Benjamin
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
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