



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

9 February 2025 | 5th 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

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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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They left everything and followed him



Is 6:1-8, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 5:1-11

GOSPEL: At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch'. And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying: 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord'. For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish. And Jesus said, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' And when they had brought their boats to land they left everything and followed him.

COMMENTARY: However unworthy we may feel or believe ourselves to be, God sees beyond this, and is inviting each of us without exception to live a fulfilled life in the flow of his bountiful love. In the Temple, Isaiah experiences a vision of the wonder of God and is overcome with self-doubt and self-criticism. Despite this, he is given a blessing and told his sins are forgiven. His response is immediate: 'Here I am! Send me!' (First Reading) In a similar way, when Simon Peter first meets Jesus (Gospel), he is overcome with a sense of worthlessness and sinfulness in the presence of the unsought bounty of God. Jesus' response is to gently but firmly tell Simon (and us): 'Do not be afraid, just follow'. And Simon Peter does. St Paul, writing to the Corinthians (Second Reading), is all too aware of his shortcomings to proclaim the Gospel, given his past life as a persecutor of Christians. But with God's grace, he gladly accepts that he is called to follow Christ and preach the Good News. We can easily imagine that Paul and the Apostles prayed this week's Psalm with joyful thanks, as they experienced the unconditional love of God. Let us join them in praying it with gratitude too. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray for the grace to see beyond the limitations that we set upon ourselves. We ask to glimpse the beauty and potential that God sees within us and calls us to share with the world. Let us encourage and support each other to answer God's call to bring hope-filled justice and peace, wherever it is needed.

REFLECTION: Having taken my time to become still before the Lord, I ask him to guide me in my prayer. Then I prayerfully read through the Gospel several times. On each reading, I notice those points within the text that I feel more drawn to. What catches my attention? What is the Lord asking me to see and hear? I wait . . . I listen . . . I wonder . . . I may use my imagination to enter more deeply into the scene. Perhaps I take the role of a bystander, or one of the fishers in the boats, or maybe even Simon. Can I relate to the initial sense of frustration and disappointment of toiling all day with no result? Have there been times in my life when I have felt physically or emotionally spent . . . or worthless before the Lord, even? At such times, have I been able to place my total trust in the Lord? What happened then? How do I feel about the response of Simon Peter and the others who left their livelihood behind to follow Jesus? What do I need to let go of in order to follow Jesus? I close my prayer by praying with Jesus, 'Our Father . . .'
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PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chaccal

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

RECONCILIATION:
Enrolment forms now available

All documents to be handed in at the parish office by **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**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life

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

16th February at 12:30pm St Patrick's Cathedral a mass to honour St Bakhita the patron for Sudan and South Sudan and patron for the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. Caritas Australia is joining Turn Debt into Hope campaign. Pope Francis said of the Jubilee that "ecological debt and external debt are two sides of the same coin that mortgages the future". raisinghope.earth House of Welcome is looking for volunteers and our CRISP group is looking for a spare small front loader washing machine as we prepare for Rabab joining our community.

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

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently deceased: Frank Bucceri

For the dearly departed: Ramon Preller, John Spencer, Michael Bourke, Domenica Franceschina, Frank Agresta, 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

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



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) = \$1,625.00
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,118.00 Loose = \$1,129.80

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

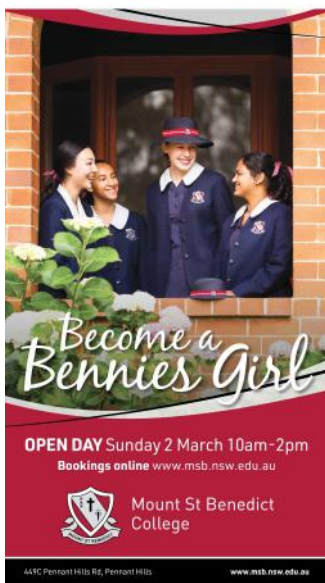
COOK ISLANDS

Date and Time: 7th March 2025 - 10am



Location:
**Dural Salvation Army -
277 New Line Rd, Dural**

Contact person: Talitha 02 9651 3456



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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JUBILEE UPDATE

Have you downloaded the official Jubilee App "Iubilaeum25"? 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



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



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, 14th 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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8 & 9 Feb	WELCOMERS		Rosa & Tony Carlino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Robert Gerometta Pat Waters	Maria Baldi Margaret M	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Gael Carpani Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Georgia & Emerson	Grace	Luciana & Joyah	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Loretta Wilson & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow
15 & 16 Feb		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou-Harb	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Robert Gerometta	Catherine Diekman Tony Hooper	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neill Tereza Barisic
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	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow	