



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

16 March 2025 | Second Sunday of Lent Year C

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

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Sandra De Nardi

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St Madeleine's Primary School

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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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As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 9:28-36

GOSPEL: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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COMMENTARY: Today's readings are full of hope, encouraging us to reflect on faith and transformation, and to trust in God's promises. As Lent continues, we try to spend extra time in prayer, giving ourselves more opportunity to recognise the presence and action of God in our lives. In Luke's Gospel of the Transfiguration, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray. In the presence of Moses and Elijah, they see a glimpse of Jesus's true identity: his divinity is revealed. A voice from the cloud confirms Jesus as God's Son, and commands us: 'Listen to him!' Faithful Abram also hears God's voice, promising him offspring and land to him and his descendants. (First Reading) St Paul (Second Reading) tells the Philippians to model themselves on those who already live as Christians. He encourages us to hold fast to Christ rather than focusing on worldly distractions ('earthly things'). Those who are faithful will have their true home in heaven, where Jesus will transform our bodies to be like his. The Psalm is full of trust and hope. We are encouraged to seek God's face and strength always: he is the light in our darkness, and our salvation. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that, like Peter, James and John, we may have a deeper trust and faith in Jesus, as we focus on listening to him. We remember especially this week those who are victims of natural disasters and the climate crisis.

REFLECTION I gently become still and invite the Holy Spirit to guide me. I try to let go of anything that unsettles me, making space in my heart for prayer. Perhaps now I picture this familiar Gospel scene . . . Jesus at prayer, and the transformation within him taking place. What do I notice about the disciples? Wonder . . . amazement . . . confusion? What thoughts and emotions are stirring in me? Peter wants to stay on the mountain as long as he can, prolonging this moment of experiencing Jesus in his glory. Perhaps I remember a time when I went through a very significant event, or a time of consolation. I recall how I felt, and savour the details.

How might Jesus feel as he hears himself called 'my Son, my Chosen One', recalling the Father's words spoken at his baptism: 'You are my beloved Son'? How might this beloved, chosen Son respond as he contemplates his mission now?

God chose me too: we are all his beloved children. What do I want to say to God or to Jesus right now? I speak freely from my heart, and I listen, remembering that 'it is good to be here'. Giving thanks, I end this time slowly, praying with Jesus, 'Our Father . . .' Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK

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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

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Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We welcome all children and their families to our Commitment Masses this weekend

Please take a prayer card from each child

RECONCILIATION

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 Tuesday, 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

The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us
~Pope Francis

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

This year Harmony Week will be held from 17 to 23 March, which includes the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) on Friday 21 March. Harmony Week is the annual celebration of Australia's cultural diversity, a time to celebrate that Australia is one of the most successful multicultural societies in the world. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. At the same time, it is also important to focus on the urgency of combatting racism wherever and whenever it arises. We are getting closer to welcoming Rabab which is so exciting. This week the St Mads CRISP team have sent videos to share where Rabab will be living. Lots of communication back and forth. Aiming for Rabab coming to Australia in the second week of April.
Project Compassion is about giving, but also about being inspired, learning and growing in our faith. Unite Against Poverty This Lent.

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

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PH 9654 2260

Congratulations
to Nicole Mouyat & Joshua Harb
on their wedding this weekend



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently deceased: Eleanor Long

For the dearly departed: Erminia Vumbaca, James Peter

Quinn, Mary Cumbo, Maria & Rosario Agresta, Maria Teresa Marando, Antonio Gerometta, Rosa Paolucci, David Piper, Rita Franceschina, Giuseppina & Pietro Luigi Fuda, Benito Sabellano, 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 Agresta

Please pray for the sick: Shane Agresta, Maureen Burford, Magda Marconato, Aura Krakowszky, 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, Henry Field

If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please use the Mass offering envelopes found at the entrance to the Church or email the office kenthurst@parracatholic.org



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences

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) = \$1,570.75
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$971.50 Loose = \$1,097.80

Our Community

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>

Lenten Programme:



The parish is 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.

Second Sunday of Lent 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today: You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us.



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



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

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

OFFICE OF TENEBRAE: 14 APRIL

All are welcome to attend the annual Office of Tenebrae at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 14 April at 7:30pm. The Office of Tenebrae is a Holy Week reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets and will feature the Cathedral Choir. As the Diocese and the global Church prepares for Holy Week, the Tenebrae service is a reminder of the eternal light and hope brought into the world through Christ's Resurrection.

PIETY SHOP 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.

PLAYGROUP Bunnings will be providing

craft for our playgroup on **Thursday**

3 April If you would like to attend with your little one please RSVP Friday, 28 March kenthurst@parracatholic.org



MUSIC PRACTICE FOR EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

ALL WELCOME! SINGERS AND MUSICIANS (non-pianists)

A practice for the music for Easter Saturday Vigil mass will be held in church on:

TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025, 7PM

RSVP: Selina CALLEIA 0416 265233

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.



SATURDAY 29 MARCH | 6:30 - 8:00 PM
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Thursday September 18 th		Tuesday October 21 st

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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, 21st March 2025 at 10am.**

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

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: Monday, 17 March Time: 4pm in the Hall,

Marian Catholic College RSVP ashaw2@parra.catholic.edu.au

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15 & 16 Mar	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Heidi Bou-Harb Robert Gerometta	Catherine Diekman Tony Hooper	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Christian, Harry, Maddison M		Georgia & Breanna	Benjamin & Madison M
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Loretta Wilson & Paul Vella		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Gerard
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman
22 & 23 Mar	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY	
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sally & Pierre Coppini	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Emerson Sebire Colleen Dunlop	Maria Baldi Nigel Saunders	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	William & Harry		Joyah & Aaliyah	Sophia B & Grace
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino	