



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

20 April 2025 | Easter Sunday Year C

The teaching of the scripture is that he must rise from the dead

Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

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Rev Adam Carlow

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

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St Madeleine's Primary School

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Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

Marian Catholic College

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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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UNNERVING DISCOVERY The scene from the Fourth Gospel, John 20:1-9, set out for today's Gospel, joins the Synoptic tradition in associating Mary Magdalene with this totally unnerving discovery. Later, of course, she will meet the risen Lord (John 20:11-18). But now, following her discovery, she comes running to Simon Peter "and the other disciple" (the significant figure this gospel dubs "the Disciple whom Jesus loved"). Her running and her plaintive cry, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him", bespeak the anguish of continuing love and loss. The inference – Johannine irony at its best – is that some human agency (the gardener, the authorities, grave-robbers) have worked this final indignity on the Lord; even in death his body is to have no peace. So, we are left with this tremendous sense of emptiness and loss.

ANXIOUS LOVE At Mary's report, Peter and the 'other disciple' likewise set out on a 'race' of anxious love. By having the other disciple best Peter in the race and arrive first, the evangelist sets the scene for a very significant distinction concerning what is to be found in the tomb. Though he arrives first, the other disciple does not enter the tomb immediately. Instead, he bends down and sees linen cloths on the ground. Peter goes in and, once inside, sees something else besides. Inside the tomb one can see not only the linen cloths in which Jesus' body was wrapped but also the cloth (corresponding to what we would call a 'handkerchief') that covered his face. This is rolled up neatly and set in a place by itself. What Peter deduces from this we do not know. But when the 'disciple whom Jesus loved' eventually enters the tomb and sees the complete picture regarding the grave clothes, the neatly rolled-up face cloth functions for him as a 'sign': an indication that the absence of Jesus' body was not due to human agency – grave robbers do not bother to fold up neatly clothing they leave behind – but to a majestic, divine resumption of life.

CLAIM FULFILLED The One who had called himself 'the Resurrection and the Life' (11:25), has fulfilled his claim to have the power to lay down his life and likewise to take it up again (10:18). As the Gospel comments, the beloved disciple 'saw and he believed'. He did not see the risen Jesus – as later Mary Magdalene, Peter and the other apostles and eventually Thomas would – but he saw enough to remember now the scriptural prophecy that the Messiah would rise from the dead. In this way, before all the others, he came to faith in the resurrection. My sense is that the unnamed 'disciple whom Jesus loved' (traditionally identified with John the son of Zebedee) stands in there for all of us – believers of subsequent generations. It may be that he is left unnamed precisely so that we can identify with him and enter the story through him. Unlike Mary Magdalene, Peter and the insistent Thomas, we do not actually see (or feel or touch) the risen Lord and yet we believe. We can see emptiness and absence not as failure and loss but, in the light of Scripture, as mysterious evidence of the divine power to bring life out of death, to call back into being 'things that are not' – as St Paul says, identifying our faith with that of Abraham, (Rom 4:17).

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ www.australiancatholics.com.au

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angeliqne Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Loretta Wilson

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

FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolment documents due in the parish office 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 7pm. Practise Fri 13 June or 20 June 7pm. Holy Communion Masses 15 and 22 June 12noon.

CONFIRMATION

Enrolment form available in June. Completed documents due Tuesday, 22 July. Parent Information Evening Tuesday, 29 July. Commitment Mass 2 & 3 August. Preparation Sessions Thursdays 7, 14 & 21 August 7pm. 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Wed, 21 August 7pm. Confirmation Masses 27 & 28 August.

BAPTISM OF PRIMARY CHILDREN

For Children being baptised in Year 3 or above. For details and to register please email kenthurst@parracatholic.org (subject heading Your child's surname- Baptism Primary)

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Our Lady of the Rosary
 8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville

Relic of St Faustina
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Divine Mercy Novena
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 27 April 2025
 Beginning 1pm

Holy Mass 3pm
 Celebrant: Mons Cezar Echanó

Please join us for
Fr Adam's farewell Mass
 on
Sunday 27 April at 10am
 followed by Morning Tea

Parish Retreat

Date: Saturday, 10 May 2025
 Time 9am to 2.30pm

At Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre,
 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Sign up sheet at the back of the Church

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently deceased: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

For the dearly departed: Norman and Chahida Hajje, George, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Bertha Monteiro, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Agnes Camilleri, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Paul Cascun, Frank Agresta, Marlow Alumnios, Patricia Bowie, Doris Taranto, Gaetano Cassar, Brad Giersch, Eleanor Long, U. Carlo Esposito, Eugenio Loccisano, Maria Teresa & Pasquale Loccisano, Giuseppina & Pietro Luigi Fuda, Erminia Vumbaca, James Peter Quinn, Mary Cumbo, Maria & Rosario Agresta, Maria Teresa Marando, Antonio Gerometta, Rosa Paolucci



Please pray for the sick: Mark Caruana, Tony Sebaratnam, Sr Anna Conway, 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

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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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$2,623.85
 2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$898 Loose \$ 2,402.60

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A Big Thanks to ~

Everyone who donated palms and for the Catechists who prepared the palms

The facilitator of the Lenten Reflection and for organising the focus on the altar of the weekends: Careyanne Moylan

Maureen Jones and team for decorating the Altar on Holy Thursday

The volunteers who prepared the garden of Gethsemane for Holy Thursday

The musicians and choir members: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler, Alexandra Mifsud, Merle Fonseca, Rebecca Raad and all the singers and musicians

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

The readers, ministers of the altar, collectors, welcomers

Supplier of the plants for the garden of Gethsemane: Shane Hunter

Sponsor of the flowers: Cosmo Murdocca

Allan Drew Funerals for sponsoring our Paschal Candle

The Parish team and everyone else who helped us during the season of Lent and especially during Holy Week.

To everyone in the community for your active participation in the Lenten services in our parish.

God bless
Fr Giovanni

Easter Sunday 19 & 20 April 2025



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**

this Lent

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent. As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.



Mothers Day
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Drawn on 27th April

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MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE & CAKE STALL: Join us in celebrating Mother's Day while supporting a great cause! We'll be holding a raffle and cake stall to raise funds for the dedicated Catechists who bring faith and hope to students in our local public schools.

Your generous support will also help us prepare for a **special Jubilee Year of Hope initiative**, where we plan to **organise a parish visit to Mt Schoenstatt** - a time for prayer, reflection, and renewal.

Let's come together as a parish family to give back and grow in faith!

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, 2nd May 2025 at 10am.**

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

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>

PLAYGROUP Bunnings will be providing craft for our playgroup on

Thursday 19 June and **Thursday 3 July at 10.15am.** If you would like to attend with your little one please RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship

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.

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a home visit
by Fr Giovanni



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	WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	See Easter Roster	Catherine Diekman Nigel Saunders	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	David O'Neil Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	William Kerstin, Maddison N		Georgia & Breanna	Grace, Madison M
	MUSICIANS	Merle & Choir			
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS	Cosmo Murdocca		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman	
26 & 27 April		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Robert Gerometta Pat Waters	Maria Baldi Tony Hooper	James Harron Karla Quinn	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick		Aaliyah & Grace	Grace, Madison M
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Paul Vella		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS	Easter		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman	