



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Rev Adam Carlow

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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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Your brother here was dead and has come to life

Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

GOSPEL: The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."'

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COMMENTARY: The father loses a son. (That is why, of all the suggestions made for a title, I think the best remains: "The Lost Son".) The young man's behaviour is very callous. Culturally understood, he is in effect saying to the father: "You're as good as dead to me. Give now what I'm due to inherit when you at last are". The parable vividly describes the gradual dehumanisation of the young man. Reduced to wanting to eat the pigs' food – what could be worse for a Jew! – "he comes to his senses" (literally, "comes to himself" – a painful moment of self-knowledge). But this is hardly a moment of true conversion. He is calculating: "I can't go back as a son. But at least if I can get back as a servant, I'll be clothed and well fed". The father, the parable hints, has been watching day and night for his son's return. Seeing him afar off, he is overcome with compassion (the Greek is much stronger than the JB translation "moved with pity" suggests). He runs out to meet the boy, embraces and kisses him tenderly. In the culture of the time, for a middle-aged man of means to run in public, to display extravagant signs of affection to a son who has caused the family disgrace is foolish behaviour in the utmost degree – as the older brother will soon so "reasonably" point out. But this is not the end. The father does not allow the young man to finish his prepared speech about coming back as a servant. Bring out the best robe, the ring (sign of authority in the household), sandals (servants went barefoot) – all symbols of full reinstatement as son. And then the great communal celebration. Why? Because the one who was dead has come back to life; the lost one has been found. This refrain – sounded here and again at the end – imposes a trajectory of "lostness" and "foundedness" over the more conventionally religious one of sin and forgiveness.

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: 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

Please continue to pray for all our children and their families.

RECONCILIATION

Last Preparation Session
Thursday 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

Project Compassion story for this week: Irene is a young single mother living in Kongolo, a rural area in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Through Caritas programs Irene has been enabled to take on a mentoring role, training other young women to sew. Our support helps offers pathways out of poverty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and beyond. Most loving Creator God, who has given us a world full of delights and wonders; As we prepare with the grace of self-sacrifice and self discipline for the great festival of Easter remind us how to treasure these gifts and to use them with care; So that all may equally share in the earth's bounty and all creation may be restored to your image through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Congratulations to the following couples who are getting married this weekend



*Joel Hinchliffe & Emily Dickin
and
Alexa Lalli & Daniel Philip Miles*

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



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently deceased: Doris Taranto

For the dearly departed: 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: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt, 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

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) = \$1,752.20

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$1,016.30 Loose = \$1,811.75

Our Community

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL AT 7PM

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

LENT AND EASTER MASS TIMES FLYER

available in the Church

DRAFT HOLY WEEK ROSTER 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.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: 3 APRIL

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Thursday 3 April at St Aidan's Parish Centre, Rooty Hill for Cycle 2 (Modules 4-5). More training opportunities will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@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, 4th April 2025 at 10am.**

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent 29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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.



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



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 Monday, 31 March kenthurst@parracatholic.org

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

THIS WEEKEND

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan



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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
29 & 30 March	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Maureen & Rick Jones	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Eileen Sherlock Nigel Saunders	Karla Quinn James Harron	Youth Group
	JNR MINISTERS	Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick		Georgia & Joyah	Benjamin
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino
		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
5 & 6 April	WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Alicia Shaw Eileen Sherlock	Roslyn Earl	Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Harry, Christian & Sophie C		Max, Elsie & William	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Loretta Wilson		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper