



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

6 April 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone*

Is 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

### Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

### Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

Susie Lee

### Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

### 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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### GOSPEL: Luke 8: 1-11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

**REFLECTION** Christ's forgiveness, here, is utterly complete – it wipes out the woman's past shame and does something new in her, pointing her to the truth that she belongs to him.

I take a few deep breaths, ask for the help of the Holy Spirit, and then read, very prayerfully, this scripture. I pause often to ponder what is happening in the life of this woman. Then, when ready, I visualise myself in her place. I feel the heat of the day, the dust rising from the feet of the baying crowd, the shame of being the centre of attention. I see faces full of anger – when and where have I ever felt misjudged, accused, blamed, threatened . . . ?

I turn to Jesus, calmly writing in the sand. What is he writing? What do I want him to write? Is there something I want to tell him about my life? Are there any wildernesses of my own from which I want to be saved?

Now the crowd has gone, and I am left alone, face to face, with Jesus. How do I feel? What do I perceive in his expression and in the sound of his voice toward me? He is telling me that my shame is forgotten, my failings wiped out. How do I feel now? I spend some moments expressing something of my feelings for Jesus, before ending with a slow sign of the cross.

*Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK*

## PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

**Music Coordinators:** Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** Pauline Chacal

**Baptism Preparation:** Angeliqe 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

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

### RECONCILIATION

2nd Rite of Reconciliation Wed 9 April 2025

### FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolment forms are now available in the office or on our website - 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*

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

*Let us pray that the use of the new  
technologies will not replace human  
relationships, will respect the dignity of  
the person, and will help us face the  
crises of our times.*

## PRAYER AT ST MADS

### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom.  
Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813  
or [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

The National Council of Churches in Australia NCCA is 18 Christian Churches, gathered from across this wide brown land, who have embarked on a pilgrimage together. We each bring a widely varied history of place, experience, and theology, but we share a common faith and confession in the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour. We also share a common future as we are convinced that the future of Christians in Australia lies together, not in separation. God of our journey, we are all pilgrims of hope brought together by your love and your wish that we may all be one. We pray that in this Year of Jubilee when we are called to greater justice and care for our common home that we may Unite Against Poverty. May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed and the renewal of creation. May our compassionate minds and generous hearts help bring about a world where all can live in peace. May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer bring us closer to your loving heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

## FUNERAL NOTICE OF THE LATE SUZANNE KINGSTON-HUNT

*Date: Friday, 11 April 2025*

*Time: 10.30am*

*at St Madeleine's*

***Our prayers and deepest condolences to  
Stuart & their family***

Parishioners attending the funeral please bring a plate to share for morning tea

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

**Recently deceased:** Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

**For the dearly departed:** 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

**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](mailto: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) = \$1,691.95

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$803.00 Loose = \$1,878.35

# Our Community

## 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL AT 7PM

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED

### LENT AND EASTER MASS TIMES FLYER

available in the Church

### DRAFT HOLY WEEK ROSTER IN THE CHURCH

**PALM MAKING** will start at 9.30am and continue until we have enough palms made.....usually the latest is about 4pm.

No need to RSVP, just come and join us!

If everyone could please bring a plate to share.

**Date: Wednesday, 9 April  
in the St Madeleine Centre**

### 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

### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

**OPPORTUNITIES: 3 MAY** The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Saturday 3 May at Holy Family Church, Emerton 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](mailto: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, 2nd May 2025 at 10am.**

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

## Fifth Sunday of Lent 5 & 6 April 2025

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground.

Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

Music Workshop Copying/Music for the Solemnities 8 May  
Musicians from the Diocese of Parramatta and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. The workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Bring any music related questions along on Thursday 8 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown at 7pm. Please RSVP by 2 May via [parracatholic.org/events/OFW](http://parracatholic.org/events/OFW). For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.



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**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

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### 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

### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

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



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



### 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 EFT-POS 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.

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



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**5 & 6 April**

**12 & 13 April**

**5:30PM VIGIL**

**8AM SUNDAY**

**10AM SUNDAY**

**5.30PM SUNDAY**

**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

Tony Hooper  
Eileen Sherlock

Rick Di Cristoforo  
Roslyn Earl

Gael Carpani

**JNR MINISTERS**

Harry, Christian  
& Sophie C

Max, Elsie & William

**MUSICIANS**

Rebecca & Chris

**COUNTERS**

Loretta Wilson & Tony Hooper

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Pauline Chaccal

**FLOWERS**

Lent

**ALTAR LINEN**

Rosa Carlino

**5:30PM VIGIL**

**8AM SUNDAY**

**10AM SUNDAY**

**5.30PM SUNDAY**

**WELCOMERS**

Corrie Sebire

Fran & Rocco Scardino

Zakia Touma  
Teresa Capaldi

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THE ALTAR**

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Piety Rocha

Phillys Hannah

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Benjamin

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Merle

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

School Holidays

**FLOWERS**

Lent

**ALTAR LINEN**

Marian Piper