



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

11 May 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

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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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I give my sheep eternal life

Acts 13:14, 43-52, Rev 7:9, 14-17, Jn 10:27-30

On this 'Good Shepherd Sunday', the Gospel verses are taken from the 10th chapter of St John. Here Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, who brings life, love and protection to those within his flock. In the First Reading, Luke describes a turning point in Paul and Barnabas' ministry. Rather than discouraging them, their rejection by the Jews fills them with fresh confidence to preach the message to the Gentiles. They are filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as the Church then begins to expand throughout the whole region. The Psalm is full of joyful thanksgiving. It is a powerful reminder that we are made by God. We are the sheep of his flock and he will never ever abandon us. The Second Reading reflects God's diverse and inclusive plan for salvation. This heavenly scene depicts people from all corners of the earth, of every nation, tribe and language. We are united in faith and rejoice in God's unconditional, limitless love. In the Gospel the image of the Good Shepherd reassures us that we do not have to earn God's love; it is freely and unconditionally given to all of us. All we need to do is hear his voice and follow him. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we pray that we will be liberated, rejoicing in the knowledge that we already belong to God whose love for all people is abundant. How might I bring this message of unity and acceptance to different communities during this Easter period?

GOSPEL John 10: 27-30

At that time: Jesus said,

'My sheep hear my voice,

and I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life,

and they will never perish,

and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,

and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

I and the Father are one.'

REFLECTION: I come to a place of quiet, and take all the time I need to become aware of the Lord's loving gaze upon me. I gently set aside any concerns or list of tasks I might have to complete. They will all wait. I read the text slowly, and allow the words of Jesus to sink into my heart. It might help to insert my own name into the text so that I hear Jesus talking to me directly . . . '[My name], I give you eternal life, and you will never perish.' I ponder the different ways in which I hear the Lord's voice and follow him. I reflect on a God who knows everything about me, even the deepest and darkest parts that I keep hidden from others. How does it feel to know that God's love is unconditional, limitless . . . that God will never abandon me? Reassured of this truth, I bring to the Lord any issues that I find particularly challenging. I tell him of people or problems, past and present, that threaten my peace, or that lead me to behave in a way that makes me feel distant from him. I talk honestly and openly with the Lord for as long as I need to. I take time to listen to and absorb his gentle words of reassurance.

Before concluding my prayer, I thank the Lord for being with me today and for helping me look forward with renewed hope to my life as a member of the Christian community. When I am ready, I bring my prayer to a close, without rushing. I give renewed thanks for this opportunity to be reminded of the Lord's eternal love.

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

Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, a community of faith and service, strives to be a witness for Christ's love far and wide, reflecting the humility and wisdom of St Madeleine, the Patroness of the parish.

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: 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

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
stmds.sacraments@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Acknowledging the amazing legacy of
 Pope Francis in caring for our common home. The focus for Laudato Si' week
 May 16-24 this year is debt, and the impact debt has on earth and each other.
 Through the global campaign, *Turn Debt into Hope*, we can *Turn Debt into*
Hope and build a more just world. Reconciliation week follows with Sorry Day
 May 26th. As we remember the 2025 Social Justice statement the month of May
 is Domestic Violence month. For our parish Rabab our CRISP refugee who will be
 supported in her journey for a year by the parish, arrives this week. Our CRISP
 team will be welcoming her with a BBQ on Thursday evening.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently deceased: Dawn Phillips, Pauline Vella

For the dearly departed: Renata Pellizer, Paul Dockery,
 Nina Giudice, Mary Cumbo, Christy & Breda Sherlock,
 Lonza & Angelo Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe & Sam
 Farrugia, Geoff Burcham, Ky Frendo, Teresa Maguire,
 Immacolata Agostino, Joe Fuda, Maria Rosa & Salvatore
 Napoli, Joseph & Lynn Napoli, Sam & Barbara Napoli,
 Anne & Chris Geniale, Yolanda & Sam Papallo, George
 Papallo, Ariella Napoli, Caterina Marcellino, Suzanne
 Kingston-Hunt, Hugo John Cutrone, Bettina Varachili,
 Giuseppina Esposito, Michael Esposito, 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

Please pray for the sick: Sosefo Ali, Steven Lawrence Salmon, 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**



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) = \$1,015.95
 2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$820.00 Loose \$1,184.95

Our Community

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S **FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025 AT 10AM**

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.

Please note our next date is
Friday, 16th May 2025 at 10am.

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

STAYING SAFE ONLINE On Friday, 13th June a Commonwealth Bank representative will come to our friends group morning tea for a **Staying Safe Online** presentation which is designed to teach people how to identify and avoid scams and fraud, how to protect themselves online, and give them confidence to securely manage their finances online.

Attendees will learn how to:
Identify scams and suspicious links
Protect themselves from scams and fraud (online and telephone scams)
Create strong passwords and keep them secure
Safely access online banking
Stay digitally safe while travelling

FEAST OF **ST MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT** **SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2025**

10am Mass

Followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

We are celebrating 100 years of the canonisation of St Madeleine Sophie Barat
St Madeleine's Primary and Marian Catholic College will join us for the celebration

During Mass we will be performing an original composition written by our very own Merle Fonseca

Celebrant: Fr Vincent Savarimuthu
Concelebrants: Fr Chris Dixon, Fr Giovanni Presiga and Fr Clement Gnanapragasam

VOLUNTEERS

Please contact the office if you are able to assist with:



- flower arrangement on a Friday morning
- Powerpoint during Mass
- Cleaning on a Saturday morning
- Donating flowers on a one-off or regular basis

kenthurst@parracatholic.org PH 9654 2260

Laudato Si' Week (16 – 24 May):
Celebrating 10 years of inspiration from Pope Francis During Laudato Si' Week, 16 – 24 May, we are invited to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the inspiring ecological encyclical "Laudato Si" of our late Pope and recommit ourselves to caring for God's creation. All are invited to a launch event themed "Turn Debt into Hope" hosted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Caritas Australia. The launch will via a webinar on 16 May, 12pm-1pm to raise awareness of unjust international debts that are crushing many developing countries. Register at caritas.org.au/debt. More information can be found at: laudatosiweek.org

African Mass 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta: 18 May African Catholics who live in the dioceses of Parramatta, Broken Bay, and the Archdiocese of Sydney invite you to the African Mass 2025: Sunday 18 May, 12:30pm for 1:00pm start, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by a community gathering and refreshments. For RSVP or more information contact met@parracatholic.org

Low Cost Counselling Services Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

SAFEGUARDING: Safeguarding training is mandatory for all volunteers in a Church.

If you would like to complete this training online 'Sign up' by clicking on this link:
<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Saturday 22 May at St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook for Cycle 2 (Module 5). Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on 24 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 m. 0448 683 146

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

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.

RAFFLE: Thank you for your generosity in our recent raffle.

We raised **\$1,575** in support of our Catechists who bring faith and hope to students in our local public schools. Your generous support has also helped us prepare for a special Jubilee Year of Hope initiative, our parish visit to Mt Schoenstatt this weekend- a time for prayer, reflection, and renewal.

SAVE THE DATE: Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening 25 June 2025

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on Wednesday 25 June 2025, 6:30pm – 9:00pm, St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company

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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Daily Prayer

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Give me a heart that is
one with your own;
A humble heart that knows
and loves its nothingness;
A gentle heart that holds and
calms its own anxiety;
A loving heart that has compassion
for the suffering of others;
A pure heart that recoils even at the
appearance of evil; A detached heart that longs
for nothing other than
the goodness of heaven;
A heart detached from self-love and
embraced by the love of God,
its attention focused on God,
its goodness its only treasure in time
and in eternity

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	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY	
10 & 11 May	WELCOMERS		Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Robert Gerometta Pat Waters	Margaret M Maria Baldi	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Christian, Harry & Kerstin		Anneliese & Evangeline	Grace & Luciana
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Paul Vella		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Gerard
	FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper
17 & 18 May		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Robert Gerometta	Catherine Diekman Tony Hooper	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	Sophie C, Joyah & Maddison N		Georgia & Breanna	Benjamin & Madison M
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Corrie Sebire		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech	