



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

18 May 2025 | Fifth 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

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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 you a new commandment: love one another

Acts 14:21-27, Rev 21:1-5, Jn 13:31-35

COMMENTARY: The short sequence that makes up the Gospel for today (John 13:31-35) follows immediately on Jesus' prediction at the Last Supper that Judas will betray him. It may seem surprising that Jesus responds to Judas' departure on his treacherous errand with what amounts almost to a cry of exaltation: 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him'. The two matters are, however, closely – even causally – connected. Judas' act of betrayal will trigger the sequence of events that will culminate in Jesus' public execution upon a cross. In everyday understanding such an end to a human life would be the ultimate in shame and degradation. In the perspective of the Fourth Gospel, however, it represents the 'glorification' of Jesus – and the glorification of the Father whose will lies behind everything that happens to him.

MANIFEST GOD'S GLORY: To understand this we have to appreciate the way in which 'glory' (Greek *doxa*) functions in the Fourth Gospel and in the biblical tradition that lies behind it. According to that tradition no human being can see God and live (cf. John 1:18). But the created world and certain remarkable events display the presence, power, and character of the unseen God. In this sense they manifest God's 'glory'. The most striking example of God's glory in the Old Testament is the pillar of cloud (that became at night a pillar of fire) which accompanied the Israelites at the time of their exodus from Egypt and years of subsequent wandering in the wilderness of Sinai (Exod 13:21; 40:34). In the Fourth Gospel, as the Prologue (1:1-18) makes clear, the glory of God, revealed in this terrifying and remote way to the Israelites, has now been made manifest in the human flesh of Jesus: 'And the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, the fullness of a gift that is truth' (1:14).

DIVINE LOVE: As the drama of the Gospel proceeds, it becomes clear that the high point of this revelation of divine glory in the human flesh of Jesus will come about as he is 'lifted up' and dies upon the cross. This death – at one level a work of human violence and treachery in extreme degree – represents at a deeper level the free outpouring of divine love for the human race. Jesus' 'glorifies' God in death in that he reveals the very being of God to be love (1 John 4:7, 16), becomes 'transparent', as it were, to the divine love (John 3:16). The retrospective ('has been glorified') and prospective ('will glorify') statements of Jesus in the gospel encompass a total process whereby both in his human life up till this and now, climactically, in his imminent death, God will be revealed as love.

The 'new commandment' given to the disciples – that they are to love one another, 'just as I have loved you' – flows essentially from this. It is 'new' in the sense that it is called for by the new set of circumstances that is fast approaching. After Jesus' death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have the physical presence of Jesus to make the divine love palpable in their midst. Their own, equally palpable, love for one another must instead take on this role. If this high requirement is fulfilled, if they do indeed love one another after the pattern he has set, then this will signal to outsiders that they are truly his disciples.

As so often, then, in this Fourth Gospel, we have in the community's understanding of itself the full sweep, so to speak, of Incarnation: the love which the members experience from one another, is an extension of the love they have received from Jesus, which is itself an extension of the divine love, reaching out to share eternal life with the world.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

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

We welcome all our children and their families this weekend as they commit to the process for First Eucharist

Please collect one of their prayer cards during Mass

This is a wonderful show of support to these children by us as their parish family

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S Thankyou to our CRISP team, Sally Deb, Sue, Aimee and Meg and a very big thank you to the Marian students for crafting such a beautiful welcome banner. Rabab has arrived and is settling in. More widely we welcome Pope Leo, an Augustinian, our friends at St Clair an Augustinian parish are very excited. Rachel from the MET team in Parramatta has worked closely with Pope Leo. This week is Laudato Si' week with lots of ways to connect more closely with creation, go for a walk, find God in a leaf, explore the mysticism of Laudato Si' the 2015 encyclical of caring for our common home.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Dawn Phillips, Pauline

Vella, Margaret Caruana, Jimmy Camilleri, 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, 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:

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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.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,445.00

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$1,796.00 Loose \$2,484.00

Our Community

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

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

FRIDAY 30 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, 30th 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

PENTECOST SCRIPTURE REFLECTION WITH

DR DEBORAH SNODDY: 28 MAY What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when it comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Deborah Snoddy on Wednesday 28 May at 6:30- 8:30pm. RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

LAUDATO SI' WEEK (16 – 24 MAY):

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF INSPIRATION FROM

POPE FRANCIS DURING Caritas Australia resources for prayer and to raise awareness at tinyurl.com/LSW25-resources.



DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF HOPE
RETREATS
ADULTS OF ALL AGES WELCOME

Journey further into this year's Jubilee of Hope with the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) by attending a local retreat experience at any of the **THREE JUBILEE HOLY DOOR SITES IN THE DIOCESE!**

Each retreat runs from 9am - 5pm, followed by Saturday vigil mass at local parish.
Bookings close 2 weeks prior each retreat date.

24 MAY	16 AUG	15 NOV
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA	SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS	MT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE
APPLY ONLINE: 	APPLY ONLINE: 	APPLY ONLINE: 

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

***Congratulations to
Dominique Sayegh & Joseph Tannous
On their wedding this weekend***



BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS NEXT WEEKEND

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal

Thank you

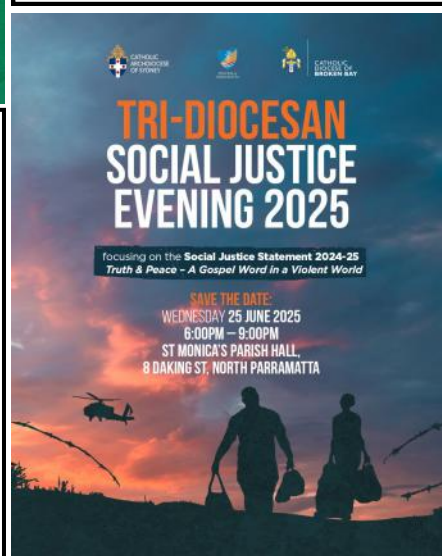
VOLUNTEERS



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

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

kenthurst@parracatholic.org
PH 9654 2260



**TRI-DIOCESAN
SOCIAL JUSTICE
EVENING 2025**

focusing on the Social Justice Statement 2024-25
Truth & Peace - A Gospel Word in a Violent World

SAVE THE DATE:
WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2025
6:00PM - 9:00PM
ST MONICA'S PARISH HALL
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St Madeleine Sophie's

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

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
24 & 25 May		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Pat Waters	Eileen Sherlock Nigel Saunders	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	William & Harry		Joyah & Aaliyah	Sophia B
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech