St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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29 June 2025 | **Sts Peter and Paul, apostles** **Year C**

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
Rev Giovani Presiga
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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

http://www.facebook.com/stmadeleines

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven

Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18, Mt 16:13-19

COMMENTARY: This week we celebrate the feast of the two 'chief apostles' – Saints Peter and Paul. Both were faithful rocks on whom Jesus built his Church, unshakeable in their belief that Jesus was the Christ, and ever-faithful to the universal mission he gave them. They can greatly encourage us as we, too, try to be Church today, following Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. The Church prays continuously for Peter throughout his ordeal as he lies enchained in Herod's prison. But then an angel comes to release him and Peter realises that the Lord really has saved him. (First Reading) The Psalmist has also been released from his distress, and invites us to glorify God with him. We, too, can trust that the Lord will answer when we seek refuge in him, and will free us from our terrors. Paul, like Peter, is also in prison, and knows that the end of his life is near. But he rejoices that he has kept faith: God has always been with him in his struggles and will bring him safely home. (Second Reading) As Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Son of the Living God, Jesus establishes him as the rock on which he will build his Church, and entrusts him with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. (Gospel) This week, as we give thanks for the lives of St Peter and St Paul, we remember their successors: Pope Francis, who inaugurated our Jubilee Year of Hope, and Pope Leo, who now follows him. Together we pray and work for peace in our world.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13–19 At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'. He said to them 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. And Jesus answered him 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

REFLECTION As I prepare to spend time in prayer, I make a conscious effort to relax my body and my mind so as to be alert and receptive to God's word. I breathe slowly, perhaps asking for a special grace for today.

When ready, I take up the text and take time to read it slowly. Perhaps I can imagine myself with Jesus and the disciples walking quietly, away from Galilee and the crowds. I listen to the disciples as they answer Jesus's question. What do I think of their replies? And then Jesus asks me personally 'Who do you say I am?' The disciples fade away and I am left with Jesus. How do I feel? Maybe I stay with him and tell him what he means to me.

I speak to him and then remain with him as I listen to his voice, or rest quietly in his presence. How do Peter's words help me? I may wish to consider Jesus' reply and then pray for his Church, for Peter's successors, and for all leaders at this difficult time . . . I end my prayer in gratitude for all those in the service of leadership. Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK
https://www.australiancatholics.com.au

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 Chaccal
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

Sacraments / Prayer

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION

Enrolment form now available
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, 20 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

Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure
~St John Paul II~

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Hills Yarning needs help, if anyone can spend an hour helping at our stall at the NAIDOC event at Bella Vista Farm on July 10th, please email sue@kcj.net.au The Tri Diocesan Social Justice dinner was a great gathering across three dioceses, Anne Lanyon from Faith and Ecology Network shared an update on the 10 Ways Faith Communities Care for Biodiversity www.tenwaysbiodiversity.org Rabab from our CRISP Refugee support program is enjoying being with teachers and students at Marian College thank you Meg Thomas and appreciate the help Emma from St Madeleine's primary school is helping with English readers. Rabab often shares she loves Australia and loves our support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **NAIDOC Week Event Whalan Reserve** On **10 July 2025**, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We're seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025 for more details

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Francesco & Domenica Barbara, Saverino Floriano, Mary Cumbo, Maria Thi Nguyen, Joseph, Maria & Aldo Tallon, Giovanni dalla Nogare, Ivanka Valencic, Maria Rosanna Caguitquit, Rita O'Reilly, Noel Flynn, Thomas Dockery, Agnes Camilleri, Mary Lozito, Bill Skok, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Angelo Cammarata, Maria Conncetta Cammarata, Mary Cumbo, Frank Agresta

Please pray for the sick: Mary Dore, George Shelazi, Kashi Thirius, Joseph Buttigieg, 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 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
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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.
Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:
1st Collection (for Diocese) = $2,127.35
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes $990 Loose $1,741.95

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit $1,864.38

Our Community

Liturgical Ministry Course begins September 2025 Please see Fr Giovani if you would like to attend The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

Caritas Australia Appeals for Support for Amputees in Gaza The UN described Gaza as being "home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history". As of April, the UN reported that 4,500 people have been made amputees due to the current conflict. In response, Caritas Jerusalem is working to support those affected by the loss of limbs, as part of a program supported by Caritas Australia's Gaza Emergency Appeal. We urgently need your support. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

CYP LIFTED Retreat (18-35s): 27-29 June
All young people from the Diocese of Parramatta are warmly invited to join us for this transformative experience. This 3-day retreat will be held at the Collaroy Centre, 22 Homestead Ave, Collaroy. Cost applies. Learn more and express your interest: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-june/

CYP LIFTED Retreat (year 10-12s): 8 July
Catholic Youth Parramatta hosts an annual LIFTED Retreat, a spiritually enriching weekend designed to connect, support and nourish the young people of the Diocese of Parramatta. This retreat is open to Year 10–12 students (ages 16–17), and will be held on 8 July (10am-3pm) at Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Register: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-8-july/

Catholic Outlook Feedback Survey! Do you engage with Catholic Outlook through our magazine, website or social media? We invite you to tell us what you enjoy, what you'd like more of and how we can continue to engage and inspire all people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Complete the anonymous survey by Friday 25 July by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9J5Y5Z or by scanning the QR code.

2025 Peter's Pence Collection: THIS WEEKEND
The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held **this Sunday**. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and fraternity. among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

Friends of St Madeleine's
Friday 11 July 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, 11th July 2025 at 10am**.

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

Thank you to all who helped celebrate our Corpus Christi celebration and procession

A big thank you also to Cosmo Murdocca for providing our beautiful floral arrangement

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org

PIETY SHOP

Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? Come and have a look in the piety shop.
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 July at 10.15am.** If you would like to attend with your little one please RSVP kenthurst@parracatholic.org

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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
28 & 29 June	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Maureen & Rick Jones	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Eileen Sherlock Catherine Diekman	Rosanna Ceroli James Harron	Trish Maidens David O'Neil
	JNR MINISTERS	Xavier, Kerstin		Bronte, Lillyana	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris	Joan		
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Corrie Sebire		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt
		5:30PM VIGIL	**8AM SUNDAY**	**10AM SUNDAY**	**5.30PM SUNDAY**
5 & 6 July	WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Maria Baldi Eileen Sherlock	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Maddison N, Fred & Xavier	Jacob, Oliver	Max, Elsie & William	Anthony, Angelina
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris			
	COUNTERS	Joanna O'Neil & Loretta Wilson		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
	FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt