



# St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

17 August 2025 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

*I have come not to give peace; but discord*

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Rev Giovani Presiga

### Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

### 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

Principal: Mr Matthew Smith

## 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>

**COMMENTARY:** Our readings this Sunday strike a sombre note, but also provide words of encouragement for our journey in the footsteps of Jesus. Jeremiah, in the First Reading, has been telling the people to trust in God rather than in political leaders. As a consequence of the persecution he suffers, he prefigures Christ in his Passion. But Jeremiah does not face death: he is raised up from the well. The Psalm, as given to us, could be the prayer of both Jeremiah and of Christ himself. The psalmist praises the Lord for coming to his aid. The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, encourages us to draw strength from the witness of all who have preceded us. We must not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith. We see how he has come through the cross to eternal glory.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples of his anxiety as he faces the 'baptism' of his death. The peace he brings will not be easy. We may have to lose the support of those we love in being true to Christ's call.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we pray for and remember all those who are persecuted for their beliefs, as well as all those who suffer modern forms of slavery and trafficking. May God come to their aid through the concern and actions of their brothers and sisters.

**GOSPEL Luke 12: 49–53** At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on, in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**REFLECTION** As I prepare to spend time in prayer, I take the time to relax my body; to gently breathe in God's goodness and love. I let go of worries and concerns and allow myself to simply be in God's presence. I read the text slowly, a couple of times. I may like to imagine myself being with the disciples, listening to Jesus saying these words. How does he seem to me? How does he look? Anxious, unsure, confident . . . ? How do I understand the image of fire? Perhaps destructive, exposing evil . . . or as God's Spirit of love and redemption? How does this make me feel? I speak to the Lord from my heart. Then I hear Jesus speak of peace. What does peace imply for me? Is it an easy evasion? Or something difficult that I have to work for? What do I think Jesus might be referring to in my life? Perhaps I speak to him of divisions and separation in my own heart, and ask for his help. Or maybe the strife is in my family, my community, the wider world . . . Are there some forms of division that I have to endure if I am to remain true to Jesus? I speak to him of my pain. I draw my prayer to a close with a slow sign of the cross

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 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

### CONFIRMATION

Our last preparation date is Thursday 21 August.

Can anyone assist with a BBQ on Thursday 21 August at 7pm?

Practise Session: Sunday, 24 August  
Confirmation Wednesday 27 August and Thursday, 28 August

Please join us as we support **Ignite Food Store Emerton** (Jesuit Social Services in partnership with Holy Family Parish Emerton supporting Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation)

Items can be left near the piety store in the Church.

*Dear young people, like the first disciples, follow Jesus! Do not be afraid to draw near to him, to cross the threshold of his dwelling, to speak with him, face to face, as you talk with a friend (cf. Ex 33:11). Do not be afraid of the "new life" he is offering. He himself makes it possible for you to receive that life and practise it, with the help of his grace and the gift of his Spirit.*

~St John Paul II~

[stmadssacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)

## PRAYER AT ST MADS

### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom.  
Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813  
or [caryannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:caryannemoylan@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 [caryannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto:caryannemoylan@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

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, the Season of Creation. This year the theme is "Peace with Creation" and our diocese is holding a special Creation Mass on September 20th at 10am with Bishop Vincent at Parramatta Cathedral. Many events will be available across the Season of Creation, one that I have been part of is the Jesuit Star Contemplations found on the JISA website. A month of Marian devotions for October is also being offered by JISA. Thank you Saint Mary MacKillop for your legacy, to "never see a need without trying to do something about it".

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

**For the dearly departed:** Maria Concetta Vaccarella,

Giuseppe LaMacchia, Salvatore Dolores, Angelina

Pardo-Adan, Alegria Ricafrente, Louis Sammut, Ivan

Ceccato, Ivanka Valencic, Dominic Surace, Pauline Vella,

Heather Madden, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Giuseppina

Esposito, Giovanni Polifroni, Luke Manassa, Laurie Riley,

Dermot Murphy, Giuseppe Bettina Jorg & Rosa Trimboli,

Mario Tallon, Francesca & Giovani Calabro, Mary Cutajar,

Mary Cumbo

**Please pray for the sick:** Yvonne Bolland, 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, 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) = \$1,484.80

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$1,035.00 Loose \$1,308.75

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

# Our Community



**RAFFLE &  
AUCTION ITEMS  
NEEDED**

DROP THEM INTO THE  
CHURCH OFFICE  
FOR

**ST MADELEINE'S  
DINNER DANCE**

To donate, please email  
stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com  
or call  
0407942986



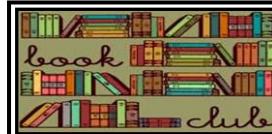
**ST MADELEINE'S  
DINNER DANCE**

19TH SEPTEMBER 6:00PM  
**DURAL CLUB**  
662A OLD NORTHERN RD  
DURAL  
DELICIOUS 3 COURSE DINNER  
\$120 PER TICKET

To donate or enquire about tickets,  
please contact Sally Coppini at  
[stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com](mailto:stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com)  
0407942986

**LIVE MUSIC  
BY  
GEORGE VUMBACA**

**SCAN TO ORDER TICKETS**



This book gathers together the best talks that Fr Thomas Merton gave to seminarians. It includes a spiritual, historical, and theological survey of Christian mysticism—from St. John's gospel to St John of the Cross. Sixteen centuries are covered over thirteen lectures.

Join us on zoom as we search for an understanding of Christian mysticism.

**When: 11 September, 7pm**  
More info : Careyanne 0438791813

**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.

**POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST  
FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE**  
*Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.*

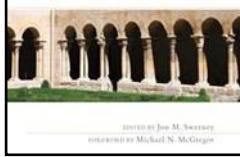
## MARIAN PIPER—UGANDA—MISSION

One of our parishioners, Marian Piper, is travelling to Uganda in September for a voluntary health mission.

A gold coin donation to provide food and educational materials would be appreciated to support the women and families in the Bwampa community.

Marian will be available following the 8am and 10am Masses **Sunday 24th August**.

Thank you for your generosity.



## FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST 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, 22nd August 2025 at 10am.**

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

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

September 2025—August 2026

Planned giving boxes are now available in the Church

## THE CHOSEN SEASON 5 THE LAST SUPPER

Continues **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**  
7pm in the St Madeleine Centre

All are welcome, hope to see you there!

To watch other episodes you can now stream

Season 1 – 5 on Amazon Prime or at  
<https://watch.thechosen.tv/>



## EMAIL—PLEASE IGNORE

any email you may receive requesting money or gift cards for Fr Giovanni.

These emails are not from Fr Giovanni.

**PLAYGROUP** Bunnings provides craft for our playgroup twice a term. If you would like to attend with your little one please RSVP [kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)

Next date: **Thursday, 21 August** at 9.30am

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

