



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

Wednesday 9am - 2pm

24 August 2025 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni 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



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From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God

Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30

COMMENTARY: This Sunday, the readings invite us to look beyond our own surroundings and reflect on the universality of Christ's Church. In the First Reading, Isaiah, seeking to encourage the people of Israel after their return from exile, assures them that 'the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues' to see the Lord's glory. The short Psalm calls on all peoples and nations to praise their ever-faithful Lord. For the writer of the letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading), being a son or daughter of God involves behaving as a child should, accepting a parent's discipline, so that they can later enjoy 'the peaceful fruit of righteousness'. The Gospel takes the ideas of the First Reading even further. Belonging to a particular faith community will not in itself guarantee our being able to enter the 'narrow door'. People from all nations will be accepted to share the banquet of the Lord.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that people from every nation might be treated with dignity and find a welcome as they seek peace and a place of safety, not least in our own country. We remember especially those trying to escape the evils of modern slavery.

GOSPEL Luke 13: 22-30 Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.

REFLECTION Before beginning my prayer, I spend time coming to inner quiet, leaving behind all that is crowding my mind. Perhaps today I can be outside in nature, or look at a picture of God's creation to help me. In time, I read these verses. What is my immediate, unreflected reaction? Maybe I feel threatened by the Lord refusing to open his door to me? Or am I anxious that I may not be able to 'enter through the narrow door'? I turn to the Lord. Trusting absolutely in his unconditional love for me, I ask him to help me understand what he is really saying. I listen intently. As in today's First Reading, we hear of people coming from all directions to share in the Kingdom of God. I may ask myself how welcoming I have been recently to 'strangers' from different backgrounds, cultures, or nationalities. Do I perhaps want to keep others 'last' while retaining my position as 'first'? I pause for a few moments, quietly resting in the presence of God within me, where no words are needed. The Lord knows me and understands me better than I do myself. I conclude my prayer with a silent, slow, but grateful sign of the cross.

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

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place
on
Wednesday 27 August
and
Thursday, 28 August



Please continue to pray for our children and their families

Please also 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.

*Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow
Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom
and light. Be open to the Lord so that He
may lighten all your ways.*

~St John Paul II~

For any queries about the sacramental
process please contact Sandra
Mob 0410 587 735
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Last week the 2026 Social Justice Statement was launched, Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill Health. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. Services are overwhelmed, and too many people are left without the help they desperately need. This year's Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Have you seen the statue of Jesus as a homeless man sleeping on a bench, it is so very powerful.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Recently deceased: Yvonne Bolland, Roy Cutrone

For the dearly departed: Maria Aiossa, Karen Bartolo,
Maria Concetta Vaccarella, Giuseppe LaMacchia,
Salvatore Dolores, Angelina Pardo-Adan, Alegria
Ricafronte, Louis Sammut, Ivan Ceccato, Ivanka Valencic,
Dominic Surace, Pauline Vella, Heather Madden,
Giuseppe Bettina Jorg & Rosa Trimboli, Mario Tallon,
Francesca & Giovani Calabro, Mary Cutajar, Mary Cumbo

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, 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

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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Church BSB : 067950
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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) = \$1,270.50
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$864.00 Loose \$2,115.35

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

Our Community

RAFFLE & AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

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19TH SEPTEMBER 6:00PM

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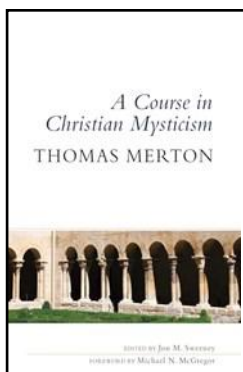
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This book gathers together the best talks that Fr Thomas Merton gave to seminarians. It includes a spiritual, historical, and theological survey of Christian mysticism—from St. John's gospel to St John of the Cross. Sixteen centuries are covered over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

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

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

CRAFT MORNING

Our first craft morning was such a success and so enjoyable we've decided to continue!

The next morning will be held on

MONDAY 25TH AUGUST
in the St Madeleine Centre
from 10am - 12.00noon

bring your own project or just come for a cuppa!

All welcome

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 this **Sunday 24th August**.

Thank you for your generosity.

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S **FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025** **AT 10AM**

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre for a casual morning tea.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5 THE LAST SUPPER

Continues **Tuesday 26th August**
7pm in the St Madeleine Centre

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
Next date: **Thursday, 2nd October** at 9.30am (during school holidays)

FUNERAL NOTICE

THE LATE SR JUDY MCLEOD RSM

Tuesday, 26 August at 11am
St Bernadette's Parish Castle Hill
May she rest in eternal peace

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL **6 & 7 SEPTEMBER**

supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve.

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who

nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care.

Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code.

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8AM SUNDAY

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5.30PM SUNDAY

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Brendan Ford
Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Zakia Touma
Sandra Tabone

**MINISTERS OF
THE ALTAR**

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Merle

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Alexandra Quail

FLOWERS

Nick Ceroli

ALTAR LINEN

Vicky Hooper

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Hannah, Bronte

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Rebecca, Chris

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