



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

Wednesday 9am - 2pm

28th September 2025 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.

Amos 6:1, 4-7, 1 Tim 6:11-16, Lk 16:19-31

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Parish Secretary

Sandra De Nardi

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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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COMMENTARY: Today's readings remind us of the dangers of becoming complacent in the privileged lifestyles with which we are blessed. Just as the Lord shows compassion and love for all those who are in need, so must we, as people of faith, try to do the same. The prophet Amos (First Reading) speaks to those who relish their lives in the lap of luxury. In the final reckoning, he foretells how they will be first to be exiled. The Psalm is a hymn of praise to the Lord, whose compassion and love are showered upon those who are downtrodden or in need. Our faith demands that we must follow his example. The Second Reading urges Timothy, and us, to live our lives with righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness. Jesus reiterates the message of Amos in the Gospel, warning of the torment that will face those with wealth and privilege who ignore the plight of the poor. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we pray that we will be ever more attentive to the needs of those around us. We ask the Lord to help us see more clearly where we can use our gifts, and to respond with kindness and generosity.

GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31 At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead".'

REFLECTION As I settle, I try to set aside the busyness and distractions of today, perhaps by taking some long, slow breaths. I invite the Holy Spirit to guide me, as I turn to this familiar, if challenging, parable. I read the text a number of times, and notice where my attention is particularly drawn. Maybe I focus on Lazarus, and the misery of his life. I may turn, once again, to the words of the psalm to help me pray for those suffering in the world today. Might it be that, like the rich man, I sometimes fail to see the need around me? I ponder. Where do I see injustice and inequality? In what ways do I respond? What more might the Lord be inviting me to do? As I end my prayer, I take time to ponder the wealth of good things I have been given, and offer my thanks and praise to the Lord.

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

BAPTISM OF PRIMARY CHILDREN

For Children being baptised in Year 3 or above.

Baptism Preparation

Saturday 14 February 2026

Baptism date

Sunday 22 February 2026

For details and to register please email kenthurst@parracatholic.org (subject heading Your child's surname- Baptism Primary)

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

For queries about other dates in 2026 please email or call Sandra
Mob 0410 587 735
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us
~ Pope Francis (1936 -2025) ~

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Former FaithFeed speaker Ruth Nelson and Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation launched last Tuesday, their new book "Fences and Walls", which honours the lived experience of women leaders from the Baabayn team. Apologies it was St Madeleine's Primary School with Emma and the school Laudato Si' team that helped launch Socktober with Catholic Mission.

Celebrating the Season of Creation our St Mad's Primary School liturgy was very special, listening to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Loved Year One singing about reading Country. Mass at the Cathedral last Saturday concelebrated by four of our parish priests and Bishop Vincent was a beautiful eucharist acknowledging Creation as divine, calling on us all to collaborate with the Creator to love and care for God's abundant gifts of life.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Feliciana & Benito Sabellano, Teresa Nati, John Nati, Giuseppe and Laura Marino, Maria & Danielle La Macchia, Frank Agresta, Carlo & Giuseppina Esposito, Michael Esposito, Kevin Flynn, Aureen Dunne, Roy Cutrone, Vincenzo Luca, Therese Mitry, Norman and Chahida Hajje, George, Shetty & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Jimmy Camilleri, Margaret Caruana, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, June Raffin, Dominic Surace, Yvonne Bolland, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe, Sam & Paul Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Goeff Burcham, Mary Barbuto, Anthony Tummello, Engracia Corpuz, Maria Aiossa, Karen Bartolo, Pauline Vella



Please pray for the sick: Guido Baldi, Joan Quinn, Mary Dore, George Shelazi, Kashi Thirus, 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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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) = \$1,649.55

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$794.00

Loose \$1,692.05

Our Community

THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO HELPED CELEBRATE OUR DINNER DANCE LAST FRIDAY. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND ENJOYED BY ALL!



FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre

Please note our next date is
Friday 3rd October 2025
at 10am

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED \$51,280

HELP NEEDED:

GRANNY FLAT FOR RABAB

Our St Mad's CRISP team is looking for a small granny flat near Round Corner, Dural for Rabab, a Syrian refugee supported by our community. She currently lives in a parishioner's flat but needs to move closer to her job at Zaatar. Rabab is settling in well and learning English. If you can help, please email Sue: bundara@kcj.net.au

PIETY SHOP

Columban Calendar
now available \$11 (includes GST)

Christmas Cards (pack of 10)
\$9 (includes GST)



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 0413 272 400 for any special requests.

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).
All children welcome.

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Commences

WEDNESDAY

5 NOVEMBER at 7pm
in the St Madeleine Centre



RCIA is a process through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This consists of steps, periods, and rites that make up the model of Christian Initiation as restored in the second Vatican Council. Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic?

For queries, please get in touch with the parish office Ph 9654 2260
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10AM SUNDAY

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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Joan

Merle

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Sandra Tabone & Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

School Holidays

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Jan Parslow

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Kyngdon family

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School Holidays

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