



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

Wednesday 9am - 2pm

12th October 2025 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Parish Secretary

Sandra De Nardi

Finance Officer

Catherine Bareham

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Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

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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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It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner

2 Kg 5:14-17, 2 Tim 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19

COMMENTARY: The readings this week focus on healing, gratitude, and giving thanks to the Lord for his goodness to all of us. Following the instructions of the prophet Elisha, Namaan, a Syrian general, is cured of his leprosy (First Reading). In gratitude, Namaan takes home with him some of the soil of Israel as a tangible reminder that he will from now on worship the one true God. The Psalm is a hymn to the universal kingship of God. The Lord has made known his salvation not only to Israel, but to all nations. The Second Reading encourages us to remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Although the person writing to Timothy is in prison and in chains, he is sure that the Lord's good news cannot be bound. Even if we are faithless, God will remain faithful. Returning to the theme of healing, the Gospel passage tells of the ten lepers who are cleansed of their leprosy. Only one of them, a Samaritan, goes back to Jesus to thank him. God's healing reaches beyond the people of Israel.

As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we remember this week all those in need of healing, whether they openly acknowledge Christ or not. We also pray for all who are ostracised and marginalised by society.

GOSPEL Luke 17: 11-19 On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

REFLECTION Before reading this passage, I take time to become still in the way that suits me best. Perhaps I hold a cross or an object that means a lot to me. When I feel ready, I slowly read the text, several times. This is a familiar story and I can easily imagine the scene. Perhaps I look on from the margins or become one of the characters; or I may move from one person to another. I take time to watch in detail . . . the lepers, their sores, their clothes, their voice, their accent. I see Jesus, the way he looks at them, what he says to them. I remain there awhile, quite still. How do I feel? Perhaps sad at the way lepers are treated . . .? comforted by the reaction of Jesus . . .? annoyed at the lepers' lack of gratitude . . .? encouraged by the thanks of the Samaritan . . .? Eventually, I return to my own surroundings in the present moment. I ponder. Who are the people around me who feel marginalised, ostracised today? How far can I say that 'the creed and the colour and the name don't matter' to me, when people need a friendly hand? I may be able to recall an instance in my own life when I received healing and support after being shunned by others. Who did I turn to? Whether or not I expressed my gratitude like the Samaritan on that occasion, I speak with the Lord about it in my own words, trusting that he always understands.

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

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

This year, Mental Health Australia's theme for October 10th World Mental Health Day is Connect with your community. Connecting with our communities – the people and places where we feel safe, seen and heard – can help us feel cared for and supported, which is good for our mental health. World Homeless Day is observed internationally on the 10th of October. Very fortunately Baabayn has given us a copy of their recently launched book, Fence's and Walls but it can be downloaded as a pdf. It is full of beautiful artwork from community and reflection questions using Miriam Rose's Dadirri – to deeply listen.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: John Nati, Roberta Alumios, Feliciano & 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, 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:

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.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,448.25

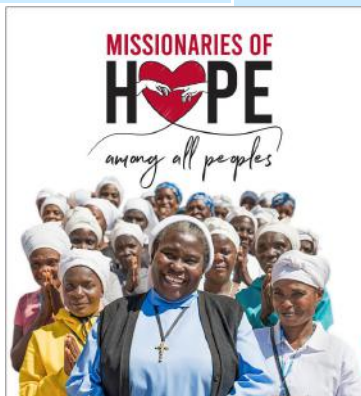
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$827

Loose \$1,230.80

Our Community

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



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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
kenthurst@parracatholic.org**

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre

Please note our next date is
Friday 17th October 2025
at 10am

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

JUBILEE OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY 11-12 OCTOBER

*Mother, help our faith!
Open our ears to hear God's word and
to recognise his voice and call.
Awaken in us a desire to follow
in his footsteps, to go forth from our
own land to receive his promise.*

SAFEGUARDING

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:

Saturday 18 October for Initial training
(Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys

Saturday 25 October for Initial training
(Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook

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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CARE EMERTON!

Catholic Care is looking for volunteers to help at their Walk-In Centre in Emerton on Tuesdays to Thursdays.

Volunteers would assist welcoming people into the drop-in centre, greeting clients for counselling appointments, assisting the local Aunties' yarnning and art gatherings, reception of the OzHarvest food delivery and overall assistance with Catholic Care projects and programs.

For more information, please contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500

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CRAFT MORNING

The next morning will be held on

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER
in the St Madeleine Centre
from 10am - 12.00noon
bring your own project
or just come for a cuppa!
All welcome

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS needed for a Saturday morning once a month

Please also let us know if you would be willing to **DONATE FLOWERS**

Thanks
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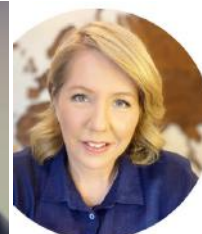
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11 & 12 Oct		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Emerson Sebire Pat Waters	Margaret Mieczkowski Catherine Dickman	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Lidia Ceccato Joanna O'Neil
	JNR MINISTERS	Samuel, Harry, Christian		Emily, Aaliyah	Bronte, Hannah
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Helen Harb & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Nicky Mazza		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry
18 & 19 Oct		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Kyngdon Family	Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Alicia Shaw Nigel Saunders	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	David O'Neil Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	Maddison N	Oliver, Lillyana	Luciana, Georgia	Casey, Bronte
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Nicky Mazza		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt