



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

16th November 2025 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

*Your endurance will win you your life*

Mal 3:19-20 2 Thess 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

### Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

### Parish Secretary

Sandra De Nardi

### Finance Officer

Catherine Bareham

### 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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**COMMENTARY:** As we come closer to the end of the liturgical year, the Church encourages us to look at our world, at the passage of time, and to ponder how we respond in trust to God's faithfulness. In the First Reading, the prophet Malachi speaks of the end of time, the great day of the Lord. There will be punishment for the arrogant and evil-doers, but those who respect the Lord will experience healing like the warming rays of the sun. The Psalm celebrates the coming of the Lord to judge, not in fear but with joy and praise. St Paul (Second Reading), giving himself as a model, advises on how to live as we wait for the coming of the Lord. We are to work quietly and conscientiously in and for the community. We should not give up and become idle or lazy. Jesus, in the Gospel, predicts the destruction of the Temple and other catastrophic events, as well as persecution and betrayal. He tells his disciples not to be afraid: this is not the end of the world, and he also promises to care for them. Their endurance will win them their lives. As Pilgrims of Hope, today's readings lead us to ponder what hope means for us as we consider the tragedies in our world. God will not abandon us.

**GOSPEL Luke 21: 5-19** At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

**REFLECTION** I take the time to still my body and mind. Aware that I am in God's loving presence, I offer him this time of prayer. What grace do I wish to ask for? I read the text carefully a couple of times. How do I feel when I read of these catastrophic events? Maybe upset or fearful . . . Or trusting and hoping in Jesus' reassurances . . .? I speak honestly to my Lord. Perhaps I ask for greater trust and hope. Or maybe for the strength to face betrayal, however small ...? Or courage to be a faithful witness . . .? I sit quietly in his presence and end with an Our Father: 'May thy kingdom come . . .'

*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

Our Sacramental process for 2026 starts early in Term 1. Please see dates below.

### BAPTISM OF PRIMARY CHILDREN

For Children being baptised in Year 3 or above.

Baptism Preparation Saturday 14 February  
Baptism date Sunday 22 February

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

### RECONCILIATION

For Catholic Children being baptised in Year 3 or above—offered in preparation for First Eucharist. Enrolment form will be available early 2026.

Registration due Tuesday, 17 February  
Parent Information Tues, 24 February  
Commitment Mass weekend 28 February and 1 March  
Preparation sessions at 7pm  
Thursdays 5, 12 and 19 March  
2nd Rite of Reconciliation Thurs 26 March at 7pm

### FIRST EUCHARIST

Registration due Tuesday 5 May  
Enrolment form will be available in April 2026.

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

For queries about other dates in 2026 please email Sandra  
[stmads.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmads.sacraments@gmail.com)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

November 19th is World Toilet Day with the theme "Together, we must ensure toilets are Accessible to all, Resilient to floods, droughts and other climate shocks." COP30 is starting this week in Brazil, with a faith call to cancel the debts of poor countries. Strengthen the Loss and Damage Fund (FRLD) by allocating sufficient resources to tackle the severe effects of climate change. 3. Set clear targets for a fair energy transition that aims to reduce CO2 emissions. 4. Set clear goals to develop a global food system.

Remember the Hamper Mass is Sunday December 7th with our hampers assisting Baabayn and Holy Family Emerton parish families.

If you would like photos of your dearly departed displayed on our **REMEMBRANCE WALL** throughout the month of November please provide to the parish office.

During the month of November, we will offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our dearly departed.

Names can be written in the **BOOK OF LIFE** at the entrance to the Church.

Envelopes for Mass intentions will be available during November in the foyer of the Church.

## POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION

*Let us pray for all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter. That they might find consolation in their community, and receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.*

*Almighty and eternal God,*

*from whose love in Christ,*

*we cannot be parted,*

*either by death or life:*

*hear our prayers and thanksgivings*

*for all whom we remember this day;*

*fulfil in them the purpose of your love;*

*and bring us all, with them,*

*to your eternal joy;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

## PRAYER AT ST MADS

### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom.  
Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or [careyannemoylan@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)

## RETIRED PARISHIONERS' & FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S 12NOON HEALING MASS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

**Friday, 12 December 2025**

RSVP by Friday, 5 December

email. [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**

**FOR ALL CREDIT CARD DONATIONS: The CBA have tightened the security of credit card donations. We will be in touch with you soon if we need an updated expiry date for your card.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,784.35

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 1,115

Loose \$ 1,629.45

# Our Community

## INVITATION: ALL VOLUNTEERS

It would be wonderful for everyone to come together to celebrate our God-given talents and skills for the growth of His Kingdom

**Friday, 5 December 2025**

**At 6.30pm**

**In the St Madeleine Centre**

**RSVP Maureen Jones 0419 512 252**



## YEAR OF JUBILEE: INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE

**TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2025**

**The Great Synagogue—St Mary's Cathedral—  
The Gallipoli Mosque, Auburn**

~pilgrimage that celebrates 3 faiths—1 God~

The bus will leave St Matthew's Windsor at 8am and return by 4pm

Register by 3 November. Registration form found at the entrance to the Church

**Congratulations to the newly baptised:**



*Jesse and Amber Tharme*

*Oliver Jacob John Toth*

*Gabriella Marie Attard*

*Allegra James & Boston Wolfe Heath*

*World Day of the Poor 2025*

*Today is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel."*

*Pope Leo has also issued an Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi te ("I Have Loved You"), which explores in greater depth our relationship with those who are poor. It encourages us to reflect on how we think about those who live in poverty and how we take action to address their plight.*

## FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre

Please note our next date is

**Friday 28 November 2025**

**at 10am**

## FAMILY JUBILEE MASS

**SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER—10AM MASS**

We will be having a Family Jubilee mass on Sunday 14 December.

If you would like to renew your wedding vows during this Mass please contact the parish office by Friday, 12 December.

## BISHOPS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty – wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone.



Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you.

## PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

**SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER**

Time: 8.30am to 12.30pm

In the St Madeleine Centre

With Fr Clement

sign up sheet at the back of the Church

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**CELEBRATION**

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**WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 11AM-3PM**  
**AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, 1 MARIST PLACE, PARRAMATTA**  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE A FREE MEAL, FREE SERVICES, ENTERTAINMENT & COMMUNITY!

## PIETY SHOP



**Advent booklets**

\$10 (includes GST)

**Columban Calendar**

\$11 (includes GST)

**Magellan Christmas Cards (pack of 10)**

\$9 (includes GST)

**2026**



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.

## CRAFT MORNING

The next morning will be held on

**MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

**in the St Madeleine Centre**

**from 10am - 12.00noon**

bring your own project

or just come for a cuppa!

## PARISH WORKING BEE:

**Saturday, 13 December**

Sign up sheet in the Church

## VOLUNTEER CLEANERS needed for

Saturday morning once a month

[kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)

**PLAYGROUP:** Next date for our **BUNNINGS CRAFT:** Thursday 27 November

RSVP [kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)

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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
<b>15 &amp; 16 Nov</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Catherine Diekman Tony Hooper	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Tereza Barisic
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Maddison N, Christian	Oliver	Georgia, Luciana	Angelina, Anthony
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca, Chris		Schools Jubilee Mass	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Joanna O'Neil & Sandra Tabone		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Sally Coppini
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Parish		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Rosa Carlino
<b>22 &amp; 23 Nov</b>		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop	Maria Baldi Nigel Saunders	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	David O'Neil Patrick Tuttle
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