



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

Wednesday 9am - 2pm

1st February 2026 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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



<http://www.facebook.com/stmadeleines>

Happy are the poor in spirit

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12

COMMENTARY Today we begin the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the new Moses. He presents five long discourses by Jesus, the Sermon on Mount is the first of these five. It is a collection of sayings and teachings focusing on the personal qualities expected of a disciple of Jesus. It is given on a mountain, which are traditionally seen as holy places where God is especially present. Just as the Ten Commandments are the core of the Jewish way of life and a law to follow, so the Beatitudes are the core of the Christian way of life. Yet they are often not understood as such. In many ways, they are largely ignored as guides to Christian living, and many Christians still regard the Ten Commandments as their life guide. However, there are major differences between them. In a literal sense at least, the Commandments are fairly easy to keep. And what is very significant as far as the Gospel is concerned, they can be observed without love. They can be kept in a very selfish, self-centred way. In the society where Jesus grew up, a good person was understood as one who kept the Law perfectly. In fact, many of the Commandments can be kept by not doing anything at all, e.g. not stealing and not talking about other people. And this was where the conflict arose between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Strictly speaking, the Beatitudes are not commandments, not so much rules to be kept, as deep-down attitudes of the mind. And, in fact, their observance is only possible with a deep love of God and of other people. They can never be kept fully—they are goals that are always calling us further. They never leave any room for complacency. The Beatitudes must be understood in the context of the Kingdom, that complex of relationships that exists between God and those who have totally accepted him as the Lord and guide of their lives, and who share God's vision of what life is about. So it is not the rich, the successful and the powerful who are really happy and fortunate, but the meek and lowly. And that is why to enter the Kingdom requires metanoia, a radical change in the way we see life and its values. The Beatitudes have a quality and depth which goes far beyond the moral requirements of the Ten Commandments. They call for a very special relationship with God and with the people around us. They involve not merely a personal observance of ethical rules, but a deep concern to be involved in the building up of the world we live in, helping to make it a place of truth, love, compassion, justice, freedom and peace. This is what the 'Kingdom' is all about. It is a completely different ball game. Am I ready for it?

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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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

RECONCILIATION

For baptised Children in Year 3 or older — offered in preparation for First Eucharist.

Enrolment form now available on our website

All required documentation is to be handed in directly to the parish office. Please do not email documents. Documents can also be left in the locked wooden box outside the parish office.

Registration due Tuesday, 17 February 2026

Parent Information Tues, 24 February 2026
Commitment Mass weekend 28 February and 1 March 2026

Preparation sessions at 7pm
Thursdays 5, 12 and 19 March 2026

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Thurs 26 March 2026 at 7pm

FIRST EUCHARIST

Children have celebrated both Baptism and Reconciliation, in Year 3 or older.
Enrolment form will be available April 2026.
Registration due Tuesday 5 May 2026

For queries about other dates in 2026
please email Sandra
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

As we begin our 2026 year, lots of ideas are forming for our Social Justice group @ St Mads, as we continue to walk with Rabab as a newly arrived refugee. We welcome Patrick to our group and we are excited to explore some Laudato Si' initiatives maybe a Laudato Si' garden with our two schools, a project for 2026. 7th Feb is Bakhita Day. National Apology Day in Australia is observed on February 13 every year in Australia. It is a national day commemorating the first-ever national apology made by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in 2008 to initialize the Australian federal government's rehabilitation, justice, and reconciliation agenda for the Indigenous Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, and the tens of thousands of Aboriginal children who were forcibly removed from their families during Australia's assimilation era. We remember Aunty Rita who was stolen and made to live at Marilla Mission Kellyville which is now Bernie Mullane Sports Field, we remember.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Grazio & Mario Mifsud, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Joseph Boudilo, Louis Sammut, Lyndell Clarke, Antonio Votano, Consorcia Santos Abalos, Joan Okey, Anthony Grima, Fe T Wong, Frank Agresta, Brenda Riley, Karen Bartolo, Charbel Mennah, Rachael Carpani, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe, Sam & Paul Farrugia, Jess Burcham, Ky Frendo, Betty Scicluna, Charbel Masse, Joseph Buttigieg, Kalem Saras, Teresa Domenico Papandrea, Ana Mlinac, Domenico & Rita Franceschina, Lina Tabone, Michele Vaccarella, Dominic Surace, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Sheddy & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Charles Abraham

Please pray for the sick: Bernadette Regan, Christine Saarsen, Angelo & Michelle Perri, Ben Crocker, George Shelazi, Guido Baldi, Joan Quinn, Mary Dore, Kashi Thirus, 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, Anthony Attard, Frances Perri, Pat Brush, William Chapman, Rocco Scardino, Kia Benete, Nathan Luezzi, Greg Lambert, David Tierney, Henry Field

If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please use the Mass offering



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

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Account Number : 100000064

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1,628.75

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 1,530.00 Loose \$ 1,611.45

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

Our Community

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.

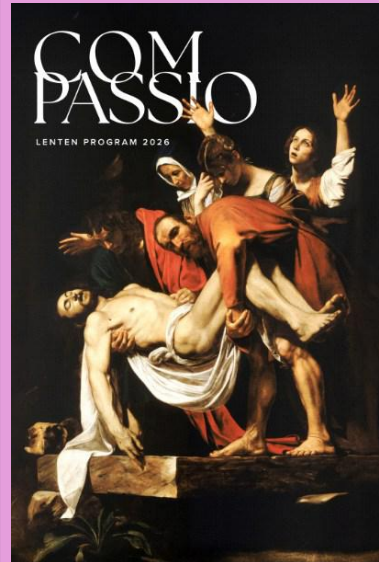
For more information, please contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500.

LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help.

Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL OFFICE The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta offers advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances.

Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.



Lenten Programme 2026

Join us as we pray together to help us be renewed and prepare for Easter.

Join us on Wednesday nights, one or all six, in the St Mads Function Centre.

Meet new people and renew friendships!

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 18 Feb. after

Mass at 7.45pm, then at 7pm on the following Wednesdays 25 Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 March, and 1 April.

Please contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 to reserve your place.

VOLUNTEERS: Please contact the parish office if you can help as a reader, musician, cleaner, welcomer or with morning tea, flowers, or the PowerPoint.

All volunteers please ensure we have current contact details.

Volunteer registration form found at the entrance to the Church or use the QR Code.

kenthurst@parracatholic.org

Ph. 9654 2260

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS needed on a Saturday once a month



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY


LET US PRAY THAT CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM INCURABLE DISEASES AND THEIR FAMILIES RECEIVE THE NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE AND SUPPORT, NEVER LOSING STRENGTH AND HOPE.

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S Our Friend's group resumes on Friday, 6 February


CRAFT MORNING Our Craft Morning resumes on Monday, 9 February

EMAIL—PLEASE IGNORE any email you may receive requesting money or gift cards for Fr Giovanni or Fr Clement. These emails are not from our priests.

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



DIocese of PARRAMATTA



CELEBRATING

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

—◇—
MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
—◇—

At the conclusion of Mass, a special blessing will be given for all carers and those who minister to the sick.

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 11AM 2026

St. Patrick's Catholic Church,
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Refreshments available following Mass. For catering purposes, RSVP to:
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Lenten Reflection books "The Journey Home" will be available this weekend

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.

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8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Rosa & Tony Carlino

Michelle Eamer
Adriana Kennedy

Joanna O'Neil

**MINISTERS OF
THE ALTAR**

John Puleo

Steve Fry

Joe Touma

Jan Shroder

READERS

Emerson Sebire
Colleen Dunlop

Maria Fry
Alicia Shaw

Sue Martin
Roslyn Earl

Gale Carpani

JNR MINISTERS

Kerstin, Georgia

Lillyanna, Bronte

MUSICIANS

Rebecca, Chris

COUNTERS

Helen Harb & Paul Vella

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

School Holidays

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Maria Fry

7 & 8 Feb

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Kyngdon family

Fran & Rocco Scardino

Zakia Touma
Sandra Tabone

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John Puleo

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Phillys Hannah

Tereza Barisic
Lidia Ceccato

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Eileen Sherlock
Margaret Mieczkowski

Rick Di Cristoforo
Karla Quinn

JNR MINISTERS

MUSICIANS

Rebecca, Chris

Joan

Merle

COUNTERS

Tony Hooper & Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Pauline Chacal

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Alice Garratt