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25th January 2026 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled

Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

COMMENTARY The readings for this third week of Ordinary Time deliver a promise of hope, joy and light to those living in darkness. The prophet Isaiah reflects on how the Lord brought hope and unity to places of profound and enduring conflict. The joy his love brings is abundant and contagious. (First Reading) The themes of light and salvation underpin the Psalm. We are reassured that if we remain firmly fixed on the Lord, we have nothing to fear. Paul (Second Reading) echoes this message to the community in Corinth. He urges them to address the divisive hierarchies and cliques that have emerged and to be reunited in the knowledge that God invites every person to be united in his love. In the Gospel, Matthew recounts the very beginning of Jesus's ministry and the appointment of his first disciples. We witness the simplicity of his methods: he meets us where we are at; sees and values us for who we really are; and invites us to abandon old habits and ways that weigh us down so that we can truly follow him. As this new year begins, we ask for God's grace and guidance to celebrate and reconcile our differences so that we may share in his abundant love.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23 When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan. Galilee of the Gentiles – the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

REFLECTION As I gently enter my prayer, I place myself in the scene of this gospel, observing Jesus in the early stages of his ministry. I notice his vulnerability, distress and withdrawal as he comes to terms with the arrest of his cousin, John, and prepares for the next chapter of his life. I ponder times when I might have 'dwelt in darkness', unsure of where to go or what to do. I talk openly to the Lord about any specific areas in which I may need some clarity or direction. I take time to listen to his response. Imagining Jesus walking alongside the Sea of Galilee, I notice how he comes upon his new disciples, meeting them in their everyday quiet places, doing everyday things. I observe their conversation. It may help to place myself in this scene. Where is Jesus meeting me in my life today? I take time to discern how he is inviting me to follow him. I end my prayer in thanksgiving, reminded that I am called, just as I am, to love God through service to others.

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 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>

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chaccal

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 forms will be available
on our website from 27th January.

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
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

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: Joseph Bou Dib, 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, Shedly & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Charles Abraham



Please pray for the sick: Michael De Rohan, Bernadette Regan, Christine Saarinsen, 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 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 advise any change in your details.

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 : 067 950

Account Number : 10000064

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = 1,713.00

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes 1,125 Loose 1,903

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' yarning 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.

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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.

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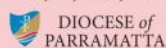


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MONDAY
9TH FEBRUARY
7PM-8:30PM

RSVP: ofw@parracatholic.org

\$5 per participant



Volunteer your time to make rosary beads for the sick in hospitals!



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.

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VOLUNTEER CLEANERS needed on a Saturday once a month

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be *nourishment* for our lives and a *source of hope* in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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



"LET US BE CLOSE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE GOING THROUGH ILLNESS AND ALSO THEIR FAMILIES."
POPE FRANCIS

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,
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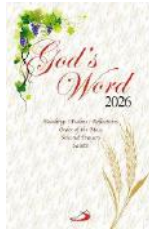
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24 & 25 Jan	WELCOMERS		Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Catherine Dickman	James Harron Karla Quinn	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Samuel, Kerstin		Luciana	Hannah, Bronte
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Loretta Wilson & Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry
31 Jan & 1 Feb		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Emerson Sebire Colleen Dunlop	Maria Fry Alicia Shaw	Sue Martin Roslyn Earl	Jan Shroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin, Georgia	Lillyana, Bronte		
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris			
	COUNTERS	Helen Harb & Paul Vella		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
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