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1st March 2026 | 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

PARISH TEAM

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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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His face shone like the sun

Gen 12:1-4 2 Tim 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9

COMMENTARY Traditionally on this second Sunday of Lent, we read and pray with the Transfiguration of Jesus. Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell us that this event took place on a high mountain. It is an episode that gives us a glimpse of both Jesus' humanity and his divinity, where Jesus reassures his friends – and us – that there is no need to be afraid, even as we witness such extraordinary things. (Gospel) In the First Reading, the Lord speaks to Abram, telling him to leave behind everything he knows. The promise of great blessings will follow. The Psalm reflects on the faithfulness of God's word. He will be our help and shield if, like Abram, we place our hope in him. Both Abram's call and the disciples' witnessing of the Transfiguration do not occur as a reward, but by God's 'own purpose and grace' (Second Reading). Paul encourages Timothy to accept the hardships he encounters, relying on the power of God, and strengthened by the grace of the appearing of Jesus Christ.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we may like to focus our prayer this week on all those who are afraid, asking that they place their hope in the Lord and experience the comfort of his love.

GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1–9 At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

REFLECTION In my quiet place I become still, and enter slowly into prayer, acknowledging that God is present with me. Then I read over the text, a couple of times at least. If it helps, I might like to place myself in the scene – perhaps as one of the disciples, or simply as myself looking on in the background.

I try to imagine how it feels to be led by Jesus up the mountain. Perhaps I, too, can sense a yearning to stay there with Jesus? Still recognising that it is Jesus, I notice the change in his appearance, seeing him as both fully human and fully divine. I ponder. Perhaps I feel drawn to ask, 'Who is Jesus for me?'

As I hear the disciples being encouraged to listen to Jesus, I reflect on how I listen to him myself. When I am anxious or apprehensive, can I think of Jesus touching me and telling me 'Have no fear', so that I can confidently place my trust in him?

Before I end my prayer, I may like to talk to Jesus about any thoughts or feelings that have arisen during this time. I tell him how grateful I am for times spent alone in quiet with him.

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

RECONCILIATION

WE WELCOME all children and families as they commit to the process for Reconciliation this weekend.

Please take a prayer card as they are handed out by children.

Preparation sessions
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
Parent Information Tues, 12 May
Commitment Mass weekend
17 & 18 May
Preparation sessions at 7pm
Thursdays, 21 & 28 May, 4 June
Holy Communion Masses
Sunday, 14 June & Sunday 21 June 12noon

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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

The World Council of Churches (WCC) Ecumenical Water Network during Lent, is inviting global reflection on water justice. In 2026, the campaign highlights gender equality in water and sanitation access. So lovely to receive acknowledgement for our work as a CRISP parish, the certificate will be displayed in our Church foyer. Many thanks to Reem a parishioner who is helping Rabab seek accommodation for her next steps living in Australia. We have been talking with Lisa from Arcadia parish who is going to share her Camino journey at our next Women's Breakfast Saturday April 18th. The Parramatta Diocesan Mary MacKillop Award was launched this week, we look forward to sharing the recipients from our parish schools. During this Lenten season, let us cultivate a stubborn hope, like the trees in Psalm 1, planted near streams of water, yielding fruit in due season, and never withering.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Thurs 26 March 2026 at 7pm

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 : 10000064

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,576.80

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 872.00 Loose \$ 1,488.30

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

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

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

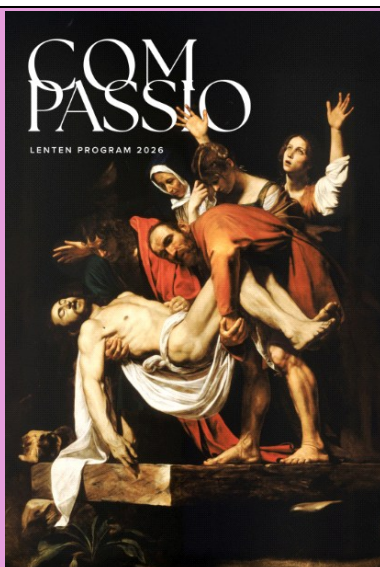
For the dearly departed: Benito Sabellano, Steven Lawrence Salmon, Maureen Burford, Joseph Buttigieg, Stanley Rodrigues, Ivanka Valencic, Michael Bourke, John Spencer, Paul Davies, Joseph Boudib, Charbel Mannah Mario Mifsud, Anton Hashim, Samira Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Grazio & Mario Mifsud, Grace Corpuz, 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



Please pray for the sick: George Shelazi, Tony Sebaratnam, Shane Agresta, Aura Krakowszky, Pat Brush

We are updating our list for the Prayers for the Sick
Please contact the office if you would like to add someone's name

Our Community



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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING From this year, parishes within a deanery will have the same safeguarding training renewal and refresher dates. In 2026 the date for our Hills Deanery to update and complete our training is **August 2026**.

WHEN SHOULD I COMPLETE MY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING?

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the *NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019* to be current and complete with Safeguarding Training.

Check with the Parish Office when you are due to update your Safeguarding Training.

~If you are new to ministry, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).

~If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)

~If you renewed your Cycle 2 two years ago, you must complete a Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>. Face-to-face training opportunities can be found at <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on the following days:

Saturday 7 March at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair-Erskine Park, from 2pm.
Tuesday 10 March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm.

Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

ST MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT PARISH – KENTHURST



LENTE JOURNEY

THE MOST IMPORTANT SEASON OF THE YEAR

Join your parish family on a LENTE JOURNEY to Easter.

This is an opportunity to turn your hearts towards God by listening, sharing and praying in a friendly environment. Presented using video, prayer, song, scripture and discussion.

SESSION 1 Tuesday 10th March, 2026
7.00pm – 8.00pm
SESSION 2 Tuesday 17th March, 2026
7.00pm – 8.00pm
SESSION 3 Tuesday 24th March, 2026
7.00pm – 8.00pm

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



MAY YOUR LENTE JOURNEY BE SPIRITUALLY REFRESHING AND DEEPLY MEANINGFUL!

LENT & EASTER FLYER with Easter Liturgy times
available in the Church

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6 MARCH

Galston Uniting Church

11 School Rd Galston

Time: 10.30 am Contact: Careyanne 043 879 8183

Sign up sheet in the Church



STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm every Friday during Lent

During Lent we also have our regular PRAYER GROUP MEETING on Wednesdays at 10am in the St Madeleine centre

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S Our next Friend's group will be on

Friday, 6 March

CRAFT MORNING Our next Craft Morning will continue on Monday, 9 March

The Season of Lent – Music

The Gloria will not be sung or said during mass

The Alleluia will not be sung – there will be alternative acclamations

All music will be sombre and reflective during masses There may be silences



PIETY SHOP

Lenten Reflection books "The Journey Home" available \$6

Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413 272 400 for any special requests

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28 Feb & 1 Mar	WELCOMERS	Kyngdon family	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders Margaret Mieczkowski	Sue Martin Karla Quinn	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred & Xavier	Jacob & Oliver	Max, Elsie & William	Joyah & Casey
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Helen Harb		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Moit
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino
7 & 8 Mar		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Pater Waters Justin Kyngdon	Tony Hooper Eileen Sherlock		Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Roderick, Amelia & Jacinta		Emily & Aaliyah	Angelina & Anthony
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Loretta Wilson & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper	