



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

15th February 2026 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Parish Secretary

Sandra De Nardi

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Catherine Bareham

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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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Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you

Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

COMMENTARY This Sunday, our readings invite us to consider God's laws and true wisdom. Our attitude may depend on whether we respond to God's law of love, or see it only as a legal imposition. In the First Reading, Ben Sirach underlines how God has given us loving guidelines, but it is entirely up to us as to how we respond. God has also given us the gift of free will. The Psalmist praises God's law: we will experience happiness as we seek God and follow in his ways. St Paul (Second Reading) points out that true wisdom comes from God. Only the Spirit of God can reach the depths of all things. St Matthew, in the Gospel, describes the relationship between the Law of Moses and the more radical vision of Jesus. Jesus has not come to abolish the Law but to complete it. During this week, as we strive, with God's grace, to follow his law, may we be inspired by the example of so many who surround us.

GOSPEL Matthew 5: 17-37 (shorter form) Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

REFLECTION As I prepare to pray, I take the time to come into the Lord's presence. I slow my breath, conscious of breathing in God's goodness and love. I put aside other concerns and rest in his presence. When I am ready, I read the text a couple of times. I may like to place myself in the crowd, listening as Jesus teaches. What strikes me in his words or attitude?

Maybe I am sometimes like the scribes or Pharisees, practising my religion externally. How can I deepen my observance? Or how has Jesus's teaching changed my motivations? Jesus gives examples from the Law of Moses and takes each one to another level. In what way can I apply this to my life, to my experience?

Jesus's law is a Law of Love. He is not adding to my burden. I can turn to him and speak from my heart. Perhaps I express my need of his Spirit to help me follow his way. I end my prayer with gratitude for those he has sent me to give me support and example.

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

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

Enrolment form available
on our website

Register by Tuesday, 17 February 2026

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.

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

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 or Sunday 21 June 12noon

For queries about other dates in 2026

please email Sandra

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S Caritas

Project Compassion shares the stories from across our globe. Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education. The project also brought solar lights to the village. Before, nights were dark and unsafe. Families used kerosene lamps if they could afford the fuel. Now, Manaini's children can play safely, and elderly people can walk safely at night. We remember February 13th as the day Prime Minister Rudd made the apology for the Stolen Generations, locally our Hills Yarning group has created a learning guide for Marella Mission which is now Bernie Mullane Sports Centre. We are sorry.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE

MAUREEN BURFORD

Tuesday, 24th February 2026

11am

at St Madeleine's

*Our prayers and deepest condolences
with John and their family*

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 : 10000064

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,806.50

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 1,154.70 Loose \$ 1,156.95

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

Recently deceased: Maureen Burford

For the dearly departed: Michael Bourke, John Spencer, Paul Davies, Joseph Boudib, Grazio Mifsud, 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, Steven Lawrence Salmon, Tony Sebaratnam, Shane Agresta, Maureen Burford, 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

2026 ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT ON THE COST OF LIVING

The Australian Bishops have released the first of two Social Justice Statements for 2026, titled "The Cost of our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good". The new statement and accompanying resources can be found at socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Printed copies and prayer cards can be ordered directly from the ACBC at shop.catholic.au



LIFTED LAUNCH

26 FEBRUARY - HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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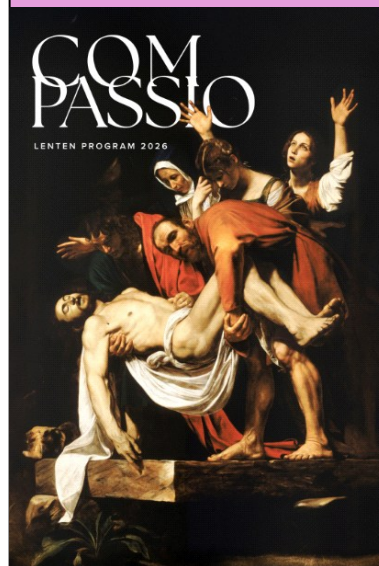
7PM - 9:30PM

REGISTER: PARRACATHOLIC.ORG/LIFTEDLAUNCH

PLEASE RETURN ALL PALMS FROM LAST YEAR'S PALM SUNDAY



These will be burnt for use on
ASH WEDNESDAY 18 February 2026.
Mass times 9.15am and 7pm



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.

During Lent we also have our regular prayer group meeting on Wednesdays after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S Our next Friend's group will be on **Friday, 20 February**

CRAFT MORNING Our Craft Morning will continue on **Monday, 23 February**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr Giovanni and Fr Clement are both celebrating their birthday this month!

We wish you both well
and thank you for your guidance, support
and dedication to our parish

SIMPLE ROSARY MAKING **WORKSHOPS**

LEARN HOW TO MAKE ROSARY BEADS
FOR THOSE IN NEED!



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, ST CLAIR
RSVP: ofw@parracatholic.org
\$5 per participant

**SATURDAY
7TH MARCH
2PM-3:30PM**

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

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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
14 & 15 Feb	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Tony Hooper Eileen Sherlock	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	Harry, Christian	Oliver, Lillyana, Jacob	Luciana, Georgia	Bronte, Joyah, Casey
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca		Chris	
	COUNTERS	Joanna O'Neil & Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sandra Bonello
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt
21 & 22 Feb		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Anne Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders Maria Baldi	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin, Fred, Xavier	Angelina, Anthony	Luciana, Georgia	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris	Joan		
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Joanna O'Neil		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chacal
FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino	