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22nd February 2026 | 1st Sunday of Lent Year A

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

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St Madeleine's Primary School

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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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Jesus fasted for forty days and nights

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

COMMENTARY As we begin the season of Lent, the readings highlight our freedom to make choices. God gives us the freedom, out of love, to make the wrong choices – as did Adam and Eve (First Reading) when they succumbed to the enticing voice of the serpent. The Psalm is the prayer of one who realises that they have made wrong choices, but then seeks forgiveness, a pure heart and a steadfast spirit, promising in return to praise the Lord joyfully. For Paul (and in the words of St John Henry Newman), 'when all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight, and to the rescue came' – in the person of Jesus. Jesus restores our friendship with God and our life with him. (Second Reading) Jesus himself, even though he was sorely tempted, made the right choices by refusing the devil's repeated offers; preferring instead to serve and worship God at all times. (Gospel)

Lent is a good time to become more aware of the choices that we make in our own daily lives. We can do this by spending a little more time each day with the Lord, as we accompany him on his journey towards Jerusalem and his Passion, and then to the resurrection at Easter.

GOSPEL Matthew 4: 1–11 At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

REFLECTION I settle down to pray in the manner that I know works best for me so as to feel God's presence within me. Perhaps I have a favourite object in my hand, or I focus my gaze on a cross or a candle. When I have achieved some measure of inner quiet, I read this familiar text. Maybe I recall my praying these temptations in previous years. What happened then? Or perhaps events in my life have given me a different understanding now, and another element of the story strikes me. I read again slowly, and ponder. In themselves, none of these temptations is sinful, but do they reflect the best course of action? What motivation lies behind them? Perhaps one temptation particularly resonates with me. Why is that? What are my own temptations? How far do I find it difficult to resist offers of personal comfort, greater power, or honours? I listen to Jesus's replies, and then turn to him, asking for any help I need. When the right time comes, I give thanks to Jesus for being with me in my prayer, and conclude with a heartfelt, slow sign of the cross.

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

Securing Champion: Brendan Ford

Congratulations to all our children being baptised this weekend:



Evelyn Ellis-Baker, Indie Blom, Iyla Lily Blom, Chelsea Cavaleri, Trey Cavaleri, Audrey Emery, Cohen Henshaw, Lara Henshaw, Mia Lewis, William Lewis

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

RECONCILIATION

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

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SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Lent begins with the theme Stubborn Hope and Earthcare has created a Lenten calendar to focus on giving up some small things reducing our ecological footprint. "Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars: clear and precious and lovely they are formed in heaven." Let Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation, be your guiding star this Lent. We at St Mad's Laudato Si' team will be exploring what a Laudato Si' garden could be within the school grounds very close to Annangrove rd., your ideas are welcome. Hills Yarning workshop 'Sky Knows When' learning from Terry Evans a proud Kamilaroi artist who lives on Dharug Country March 28th at Balcombe Heights 1-3pm.

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:

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Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,672.40
 2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 950 Loose \$ 2,045.75

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



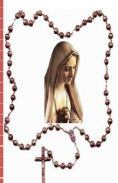
ST MAD'S BOOK CLUB

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: Steven Lawrence Salmon, Maureen Burford

For the dearly departed: 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

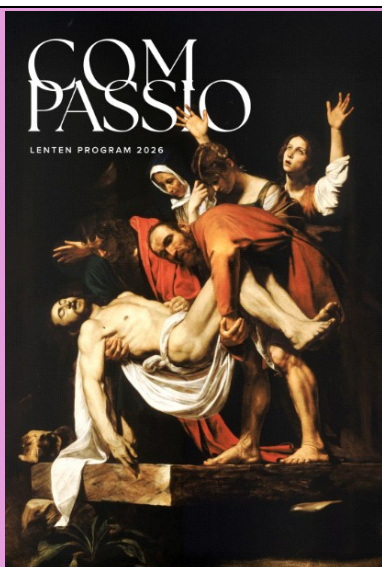
Please pray for the sick: George Shelazi, Tony Sebaratnam, Shane Agresta, Aura Krakowszky, Pat Brush

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.



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

ST MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT PARISH – KENTHURST



LENTEN JOURNEY

THE MOST IMPORTANT SEASON OF THE YEAR

Join your parish family on a LENTEN 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



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



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, 6 March

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

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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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
21 & 22 Feb	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, Antony	Luciana, Georgia	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris	Joan		
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Joanna O'Neil		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino
28 Feb & 1 Mar		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	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
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