



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

Wednesday 9am - 2pm

8th February 2026 | 5th 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



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*You are the light of the world*

Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5: 13-16

**COMMENTARY** Today's readings encourage us to be bold in our actions. When we share and welcome those in need, and protect that which builds loving community, we bring God's light into dark places, lifting the gloom of isolation (First Reading). The Psalmist says that those who imitate God's light will be remembered and honoured forever. For St Paul, knowledge of Christ crucified was everything – it was the light for his way, and revealed how the power of the Spirit was at work in the world (Second Reading). The Gospel reminds us that, in service of the Kingdom, our good works cannot and should not be hidden. By our acts of loving service, we live as salt; by our faithful trust in God's love, we live as light. And all so that God might be glorified.

Let's pray that our coming week might be full of good works, and that through them, God's glory might be revealed.

**GOSPEL Matthew 5: 13–16** At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

**REFLECTION** I take some time to enter that disposition of quiet that will help me hear this Gospel text more fully. Then I read it slowly, prayerfully, more than once.

We may have forgotten how precious light and salt were in Jesus' day. Our world is so illuminated that we never have to worry about nightfall, and food is so well processed that we don't even think about salt. Yet we need only to turn on the news to know that many are groping and stumbling their way through the dark. We sometimes struggle to taste and savour what is good for us.

Perhaps this Gospel is encouraging me, firstly, to look to Christ, who was both light and salt for those around him. What would it be like to reveal to him the dark corners of my life and any areas that have lost their taste?

Now, I might ponder the qualities of the one who walks in the light; the fruits of one who brings rich flavour to life. Who is a person of light and salt for me today?

Finally, I might ask, how might I bring colour and taste to my family, my work, my community? In what ways can I heal, nurture growth and preserve what is good? When ready to end, I make a 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

**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  
**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 21 June

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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

As we prepare for Lent by praying, fasting and doing good works, Caritas Australia is calling on individuals, schools, parishes and community groups across the country to sign up for The Long Walk for Water challenge ahead of Lent and walk in solidarity with the 703 million people worldwide who still live without safe drinking water. We need to 'give it up for Lent' and commit to giving something up for forty days. This could be coffee, sugary snacks or Netflix - whatever feels challenging to you. The Project Compassion box is a reminder for our commitments. This past week we celebrated World Wetland Day, let us remember water so we may be that life for others. Anne-Maree O'Beirne Our Hearts on Mission Lenten Program.

## 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.**

## **PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS**

**For the dearly departed:** 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**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**Church BSB : 067950**

**Account Number : 100000064**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,879.25

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 1,050.00

Loose \$1,589.50

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.

## CATECHIST MASS

A Mass will be held for Catechists on

**Tuesday, 10 February**

**10.30am**

**At St Madeleines**

**followed by Morning Tea**

**All Catechists are invited to attend  
Anyone interested in becoming a Catechist  
is also welcome to attend**



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 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 11AM 2026**

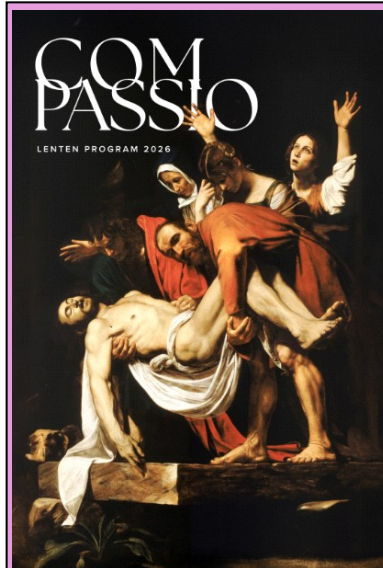
St. Patrick's Catholic Church,  
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Refreshments available following Mass. For catering purposes, RSVP to:  
ofw@parracatholic.org | 0460 037 795

## 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.

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

**CRAFT MORNING** Our Craft Morning resumes  
on **Monday, 9 February**

## BLACKTOWN PARISH PRESENTS 'THE WITNESS'

The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" – telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. We encourage anyone interested in being part of The Witness experience to register.. For vocal auditions, contact our Music Director, Marianne Fernandes, at [music@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:music@bethewitness.com.au).

To learn more, visit [Be The Witness – The Musical](https://bethewitness.com.au) or  
email [info@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:info@bethewitness.com.au).

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**7 & 8 Feb**

**5:30PM VIGIL**

**8AM SUNDAY**

**10AM SUNDAY**

**5.30PM SUNDAY**

**WELCOMERS**

Kyngdon Family

Fran & Rocco Scardino

Zakia Touma  
Sandra Tabone

**MINISTERS OF  
THE ALTAR**

John Puleo

Piety Rocha

Phillys Hannah

**READERS**

Justin Kyngdon  
Anne Kyngdon

Catherine Diekman  
Margaret Mieczkowski

Rick Di Cristoforo  
Karla Quinn

Tereza Barisic  
Lidia Ceccato

**JNR MINISTERS**

Fred & Xavier

Emily, Aaliyah

Casey, Hannah

**MUSICIANS**

Rebecca, Chris

Joan

Merle

**COUNTERS**

Tony Hooper & Parish Team

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Sally Coppini

**FLOWERS**

Sam & Rocco Polistina

**ALTAR LINEN**

Alice Garratt

**14 & 15 Feb**

**5:30PM VIGIL**

**8AM SUNDAY**

**10AM SUNDAY**

**5.30PM SUNDAY**

**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,  
Maddison N

Oliver, Lillyana, Jacob

Luciana, Georgia

Bronte, Joyah

**MUSICIANS**

Rebecca, Chris

**COUNTERS**

Joanna O'Neil & Sandra Tabone

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Sandra Bonello

**FLOWERS**

Parish

**ALTAR LINEN**

Alice Garratt