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8th February 2026 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

You are the light of the world

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

PARISH TEAM

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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



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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

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Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones

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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

PRAYER AT ST MADS

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom.
Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813
or caryannemoylan@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
caryannemoylan@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

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

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' 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.

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

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

Lenten Programme 2026

Join us as we pray together to help us be renewed and prepare for Easter.

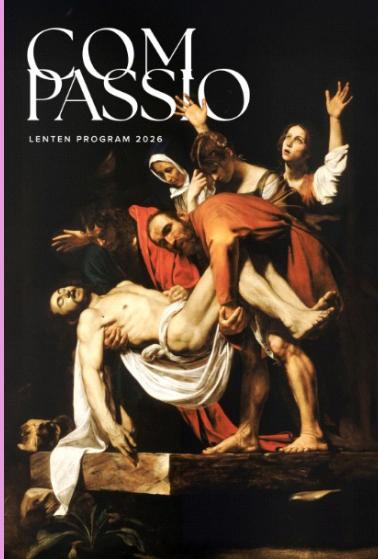
Join us on Wednesday nights, one or all six, in the St Mads Function Centre.

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.



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CELEBRATING

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

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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,
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

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

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.

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

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	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
7 & 8 Feb	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