



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

15th March 2026 | 4th Sunday of Lent 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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*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored*

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41

**COMMENTARY** Before we enter the darker days of Holy Week, we celebrate Laetare ('Rejoice!') Sunday. Today we are reminded of the joy of the presence of Jesus, the light of our world, and of the love of God shining through our lives. Both the First Reading and the Psalm speak of the shepherd caring for the flock. Despite David's youth and outward appearance, the Lord sees the strength of his heart, which will enable him to lead God's people. The Psalm speaks of the certainty that I can rely on the Lord as my shepherd, keeping me safe from harm whatever happens in my life. In the Second Reading, St Paul reminds the Ephesians (and us) that God's light in us shines out for others when we live in goodness and right living and truth. In the Gospel, the blind man's sight is restored and he comes into the light. Not only is he physically able to see for the first time, but he also recognises Jesus as the Son of Man. In contrast, those around him remain in the darkness of un-belief, trapped by their unwillingness to see Jesus as he really is. This week, we pray for those who have yet to allow the light of Christ into their lives. We pray that we will carry Christ's light to others as we walk beside them, sharing their hardships and sorrows.

**GOSPEL John 9: 1-41 (part)** At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So, he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

**REFLECTION** Settling in my place of prayer, I read the text a couple of times and then replay the scene in my imagination. Witnessing what happens, I notice the reactions of the man as his sight is restored, and of those who question and criticise, remaining in the darkness of their disbelief. What do I see? What is my response? I watch the man's second encounter with Jesus. What is it like for him as he now sees Jesus and believes? And how does it feel for me to come face to face with Jesus? What have I to say about my belief in him? As Jesus looks at me, is there something I want to ask of him? - or something he wants to say to me? Perhaps I speak to him about areas of my life that remain in the darkness? I stay here with Jesus as long as I need. I end by asking that he draws me ever closer into the light of his love.

*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 Diekmann

**Parish Council Chair:** Sally Coppini

**Finance Committee Chair:** Carl Mathias

**Safeguarding Champion:** Brendan Ford

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### RECONCILIATION

Please pray for our children and their families as they prepare to make their first Confession

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation**  
**Thurs 26 March 2026**

### 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

### CONFIRMATION

*Children have celebrated both Baptism and First Eucharist, in Year 5 or older.*

Enrolment form will be available July 2026

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Marist 180 is a local initiative of the Marist Brothers who are helping youth in crisis. [www.marist180.org.au](http://www.marist180.org.au) Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are more than 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa, where about 70% of the world's cocoa is produced. Look for certifications: Rainforest Alliance & Fairtrade logos mean chocolate is made with social, ethical and environmental care.

Thank you ACRATH Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans, we can all choose our chocolate purchases carefully this Easter.

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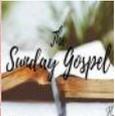
### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1, 813.15  
2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$2,720.55

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](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)

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

**For the dearly departed:** Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Giuseppina Murdocca, Pietro, Vincenzo & Giorgio Fuda, Eugenio Loccisano, Maria Teresa & Pasquale Loccisano, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Anne-Maria Ligato, Karen Bartolo, Ray Pearce, Dominic Surace, Rita Franceschina, Margaret Caruana, Francisco Ruano, 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, Frank Agresta

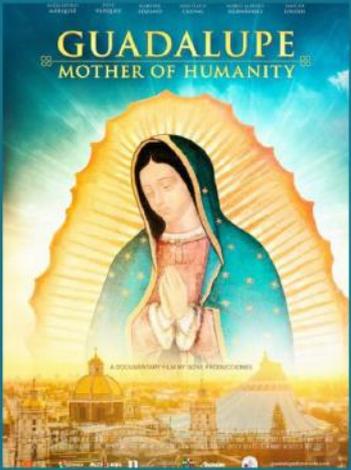


**Please pray for the sick:** Fabian Cutrone, Fiorina Papallo, Melissa & Brian Adamitz, Bernadette Regan, George Shelazi, Tony Sebaratnam, Shane Agresta, Aura Krakowszky, Pat Brush

*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)*

# Our Community

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**PALM MAKING** will start at 9.30am and continue until we have enough palms made.....usually the latest is about 4pm.

No need to RSVP, just come and join us!

If everyone could please bring a plate to share.

**FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH**  
in the St Madeleine Centre

**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>.

## Lenten Programme

2026

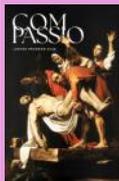
Join us as we pray together to help us be renewed and prepare for Easter.

Join us on Wednesday nights,  
one or all six,  
in the St Madeleine 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.



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

**PROJECT COMPASSION** boxes are in the Church

**LENTEN JOURNEY** Tuesdays, 17th and 24th March at 7pm in the St Madeleine Centre

**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

**DRAFT EASTER ROSTER** in the Church - please include your name if you are available

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

**CRAFT MORNING** Our next Craft Morning will continue on **Monday, 23 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"  
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Contact Sandra Tabone on  
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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
<b>14 &amp; 15 Mar</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Catherine Diekman Maria Baldi	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Maddison N, Christian	Oliver, Lillyana	Georgia, Luciana	Bronte, Hannah
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca, Chris			
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Corrie Sebire & Parish Team		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Alexandra Quail
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lent		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Marian Piper
<b>21 &amp; 22 Mar</b>		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	Joanna O'Neil
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop	Alicia Shaw Nigel Saunders	Karla Quinn James Harron	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Samuel, Kerstin, Maddison	Angelina, Anthony	William	Joyah
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca, Chris	Joan/Rose	Merle	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Joanna O'Neil & Paul Vella		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Lisa Moit
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lent		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Vicky Hooper	