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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

22nd March 2026 | 5th Sunday of Lent Year A

PARISH TEAM

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Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

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Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

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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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I am the resurrection and the life

Ezek 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

COMMENTARY As we approach Holy Week, our readings focus on the theme of being restored to life. The Scripture is full of hope, inviting us to trust in God's promise of Resurrection and eternal life. The Israelites, living in exile in Babylon, lack hope and direction (First Reading). But the Lord speaks through the prophet Ezekiel, telling how he will raise them up. He will put his Spirit within them, giving them new life, and restore them to their homeland. This prophesy is fulfilled in the Gospel. Here, God's love and power over death are made known as Lazarus is raised by Jesus, the One who brings life where there is death. Jesus reveals himself as 'the Resurrection and the life', calling us to believe and trust in him. His deep compassion and love are highlighted as he weeps with Mary and Martha. The Psalm encourages us to cry out to the Lord with longing and honesty. In expressing deep sorrow for our sins, we can trust in the Lord's 'mercy and plentiful redemption'. St Paul (Second Reading) reminds us that living by Christ's Spirit – the Spirit of truth, love, compassion and justice – gives us hope, and brings true life and peace. In my prayer today, I might reflect deeply on who Jesus really is, and what it is that he brings. What might living by his Spirit look like for me this week?

GOSPEL John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (part) The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' So, when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.' Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

REFLECTION I become quiet and aware of the Lord's presence before reading this passage. Perhaps I picture the scene in my mind's eye. What am I noticing? Perhaps Martha, declaring her faith in Jesus as the Son of God, but disappointed, even angry, that he hadn't come sooner? • Jesus weeping with his friends; his conversation with his Father? • Or Jesus calling Lazarus to come out, and telling people to unbind him? Where am I called to respond with this same deep compassion of Jesus? What might I wish to ask Jesus to help me unbind? Where do I need him to free me, so that I can experience more fully the life he wants me to lead? How can I help others be open to the love of God? Giving thanks for the invitation to life with Jesus, I end with an 'Our Father'.

Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK

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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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

This week we celebrated Harmony Week and we are all encouraged to wear orange. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is also important to focus on the urgency of combatting racism wherever and whenever it arises. Sunday March 22 is World Water Day, held every year since 1993, is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of fresh water.

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.1 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis.

NOTE: DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Some people have received a warning when they have tried to donate to the parish. As long as you put the correct account details in (see below) there is no risk to you.

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:

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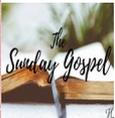
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,479.60
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$920.00 Loose \$ 1,705.80
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: Antonia Turcato

For the dearly departed: Erminia and Giuseppe

Vumbaca, 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, 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



Our Community

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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE—TUESDAY, 19TH MAY

EILEEN O'CONNOR CENTRE

We are organising a parish pilgrimage to the Eileen O'Connor Centre in Coogee

We are leaving from the Church at 9am and arriving back at about 3.30pm.

Lunch will be at the Coogee Legion Club.

If you would like to attend please write your name on the attendance sheet in the Church .

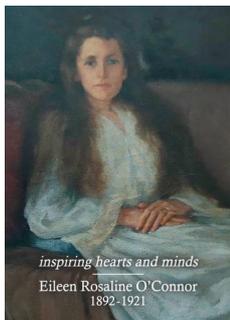


Photo from our Shrine of the Holy Innocents Retreat last Saturday

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).

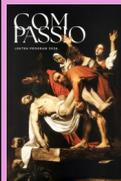
~If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)

~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.

Please return to the Church during Holy Week

LENTEN JOURNEY Tuesday 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, 1st May**

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

PIETY SHOP

We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items. Special orders are welcome too.

We are open after every weekend Mass.

Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413 272 400

Congratulations to the newly baptised:



Theodore James Quaglia

Matilda Rosemary Honey

Luca Pavia

Zachary Macintosh Battikha

Miley Takchi

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21 & 22 Mar	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop	Alicia Shaw Nigel Saunders	Karla Quinn James Harron	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Samuel, Kerstin, Maddison	Angelina, Anthony	William	Joyah
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris	Joan/Rose	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Joanna O'Neil & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Moit
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper
		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
28 & 29 Mar	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Maureen & Rick Jones	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Justin Kyngdon Colleen Dunlop	Alicia Shaw Nigel Saunders	Karla Quinn James Harron	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin	Lillyana, Oliver	Georgia, Luciana, Casey	Bronte, Hannah
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca		School	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Joanna O'Neil		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper