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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am - 3pm
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29th March 2026 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Parish Secretary

Sandra De Nardi

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Catherine Bareham

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Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

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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 passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Entrance Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

COMMENTARY We begin our Holy Week Liturgies in a spirit of joyful jubilation, as we accompany Jesus our Servant King into Jerusalem (Entrance Gospel). The Hosannas and waving palms of an expectant people soon turn to jeers of violence and angry fists as we walk alongside Jesus through this most holy of weeks. Now is the time for us to pay loving attention to the Passion, suffering and death that Jesus willingly entered into for our sake (Gospel). Never once condemning, but always and forever loving us, Jesus forgives us and heals us. This is the nature of his Kingship. God became fully human, to transform sin and human weakness. (Second Reading) Isaiah's song of the suffering servant (First Reading) foretells the manner in which Jesus will turn with courage and love towards those who betray and abuse him. Jesus's final prayer on the cross forms the opening words of today's Psalm. Let us pray this text throughout this week as an offering of compassion and love for Christ, and for all who suffer with him.

GOSPEL Matthew 26: 14 – 27.66 (part) And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all fall away because of me this night.' At this, Peter said, 'Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, 'My soul is very sorrowful even to death. Remain here and watch with me.' And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed: 'My Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will but as you will.' And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter: 'So could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.' Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed: 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done!' And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Sleep and take your rest later on. See the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise let us be going; see my betrayer is at hand'.

REFLECTION Perhaps I settle into prayer before a crucifix, or an image of one of the Stations of the Cross, or some other scene from the Passion narrative. With great love, I repeatedly read this excerpt from the Passion of the Lord. What does the Spirit invite me to notice? I stay with this for as long as I need.

Using all of my senses and my imagination, I allow this scene to unfold as if I am there with Jesus. I hear Jesus express great sorrow and distress. He asks me to stay and pray with him. I ask for the grace to respond with deep compassion to his suffering. What do I want to say to Jesus, how will I support him in this time of anguish? In silence, I simply remain praying with Jesus

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

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

Congratulations to all children who made their first Confession this week!

Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us.
~ Pope Francis (1936 –2025) ~

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 Sundays, 14 June & Sunday 21 June and Saturday, 27th June

CONFIRMATION

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

Enrolment form will be available July 2026

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SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

As we prayer for peace this Palm Sunday we share a wonderful organisation CANA www.cana.org.au who have a farm in Grose Vale, North Richmond. As the home of our social enterprise, our community is more than just a farm. Cana Communities provides support to those among us who have struggled for acceptance — people experiencing addiction, mental illness, exiting prison, or escaping domestic violence, and who are homeless. To shop you can get fresh produce and pantry products. As Project Compassion ends, we celebrate Chiquito, a farmer and father in Timor Leste, who transformed his family's livelihood through sustainable agriculture training. With support from our partner Caritas Diocesana Maliana, he increased crop production, improved market access, and became a role model for other farmers in his community.

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.

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 St Madeleine's
CHURCH BSB : 067950
ACCOUNT NUMBER : 100000064

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,735.55
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 713.00 Loose \$ 1,595.80
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



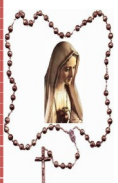
Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy



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: Charly Hasham

For the dearly departed: Carlo, Michael & Josephine Esposito, Frances Perri, Antonia Turcato, Joan Bradley, Dan Doyle, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Sheddy & Chahide Hajje, Betty & Mary Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Maria & Gerson Dias, 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, Ivanka Valencic, Charbel Mannah, Anton Hashim, Samira Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Frank Agresta

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



Our Community

FR CLEMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

We invite you all to the
10am Mass on
Sunday, 12th April

for Fr Clement's 50th anniversary of his
ordination followed by morning tea

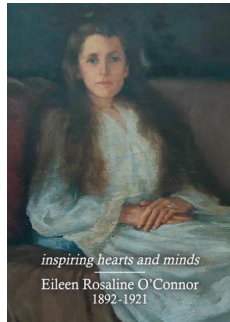
PARISH PILGRIMAGE—TUESDAY, 19TH MAY

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.



HOLY WEEK EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday - The Lord's Supper

2 April 2026 7pm

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Stations of the Cross - Good Friday

3 April 2026 10am

Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

3 April 2026 3pm

Easter Vigil Mass - Holy Saturday

4 April 2026 5.30pm

Easter Sunday

5 April 2026 8am, 10am and 5.30pm

Confession will be available
before and after each Easter liturgy



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ARCHBISHOP JIMENEZ

WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC:

AN IMMIGRANT BISHOP FOR AN IMMIGRANT CHURCH

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026
6.00PM

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
CLOISTER HALL,
1 MARIST PL, PARRAMATTA

PLACES ARE LIMITED!
REGISTER HERE:
parracatholic.org/jimenez



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.

After Easter we will email volunteers confirming requirements

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

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Our next Friend's group will be
on **Friday, 1st May**

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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
28 & 29 Mar	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Maureen & Rick Jones	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	Sandra Tabone
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Justin Kyngdon Margaret Mieczkowski	Alicia Shaw Nigel Saunders	Marian Students	Trish Maidens Mel Crema
	JNR MINISTERS	Kerstin, Harry	Lillyanna	Georgia, Luciana	Bronte, Hannah
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris		St Madeleine's Primary	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Joanna O'Neil		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Vicky Hooper
		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
4 & 5 April	WELCOMERS		Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Lidia Ceccato Anne Kyngdon	Tony Hooper Maria Baldi	Sally Coppini Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred & Xavier	Jacob	Max, Elsie & Roderick	Anthony, Angelina, William
	MUSICIANS	Merle		Rebecca & Chris	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Joanna O'Neil		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
	FLOWERS	Cosmo Murococa		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman