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8th March 2026 | 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

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The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life

Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

COMMENTARY From this Sunday onwards, our Lenten Gospels come from John and focus on very personal encounters with Jesus. Today, Jesus risks scandal by approaching a Samaritan woman at a well. Seeing her deepest need for healing, he invites her to draw from the well of living water. He is the Messiah she has been waiting for, and her response is a model of Christian discipleship. She believes, and with joy-filled faith, invites others from her community to encounter Jesus (Gospel). The First Reading stands in stark contrast to this image of faith and surrender. Moses has led God's chosen people out of slavery from Egypt. Years of exile in the desert causes them to grumble and doubt. They are tired and thirsty. God hears their cry and provides a spring of water. The Psalm reflects on this painful part of Israel's history and encourages us to be joyful and faithful; always listening to the voice of God and not hardening our hearts towards him. The Second Reading is a beautiful letter of love, reminding us that God's love is forever poured into our hearts. Graced with so much love for us, we must never lose hope, no matter what trials we might face. Filled with this love and sustained by living water, we, too, are called to go out beyond our comfortable boundaries to pour out God's love on others. This week, let us pray for the grace to respond generously to this love, and like the Samaritan woman, invite others to believe and be transformed by the healing love of God.

GOSPEL John 4: 5-42 (abbreviated) Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, so Jesus, wearied from his journey, was sitting beside the well. A woman from Samaria came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' Jesus replied: 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you: "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water'. The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob?' Jesus said to her 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life'. The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'

REFLECTION Here, we only have space to pray with a part of today's long Gospel. If you have chance later, you may wish to devote more time to pray with and draw from the wisdom of the whole passage. I read the text several times, slowly, prayerfully. I then invite the Holy Spirit to fill my being with the love of God, and refresh my mind to hear what Jesus is offering me in prayer today. Perhaps I take time to explore imaginatively this intimate meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. What do I see, hear and feel? Maybe I then imagine Jesus approaching me as I go about my day. What thirst, what longing, does Jesus see deep within me? What do I hear him ask me? '[My name], Give me . . . (what)?' I listen . . . I respond . . . What part of my life longs to be renewed by the living water of Christ? After making my own sincere response to Jesus's invitation, I end my prayer with a prayerful 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 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



<http://www.facebook.com/stmadeleines>

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

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

Preparation sessions
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 & Sunday 21 June

12noon

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us ~ Pope Francis (1936-2025) ~

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

This week we farewelled Donnie Vasco from the MET team. In the diocese, Donnie was the coordinator of the Soul Food podcasts. A great way to connect with those on the margins. A retreat coming up from The Way of the Heart is a very creative walking pilgrimage including through the Art Gallery of NSW, held on Sunday, 22 March at 2.15pm. Email Anne Gray at pwpnaustralia.org.au. Our Faith in Action coordinators were part of the launch of the student Mary MacKillop award for service, that will be awarded each year. For Hands, Hearts, and Voices for Creation. ACBC released Social Justice Trends this week with an overview of the recently released Social Justice statement The Cost of our Living Economic And Social Justice For The Common Good.

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**

Church BSB : **067950**

Account Number : **10000064**

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,897.05

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$1,201 Loose \$1,877.85

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

For the dearly departed: 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

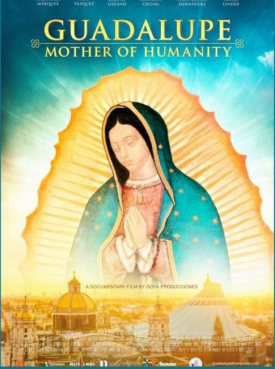


Please pray for the sick: Bernadette Regan, George Shelazi, Tony Sebaratnam, Shane Agresta, Aura Krakowszky, Pat Brush

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

Our Community

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING!



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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.

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>.

ST MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT PARISH - KENTHURST



LENTEN JOURNEY

THE MOST IMPORTANT SEASON OF THE YEAR

Join your parish family on a LENTEN JOURNEY to Easter.

This is an opportunity to turn your hearts towards God by listening, sharing and praying in a friendly environment. Presented using video, prayer, song, scripture and discussion.

- SESSION 1** Tuesday 10th March, 2026
7.00pm - 8.00pm
- SESSION 2** Tuesday 17th March, 2026
7.00pm - 8.00pm
- SESSION 3** Tuesday 24th March, 2026
7.00pm - 8.00pm

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



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

PROJECT COMPASSION boxes are in the Church

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"
available \$6

Contact Sandra Tabone on
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for any special requests

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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
7 & 8 Mar	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Pat Waters Justin Kyngdon	Tony Hooper Eileen Sherlock		Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Roderick, Amelia & Jacinta		Emily & Aaliyah	Angelina & Anthony
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris	Joan/Rose	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Loretta Wilson & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper
14 & 15 Mar		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	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Catherine Diekman Maria Baldi	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Maddison N, Christian, Hary	Oliver, Lillyana	Georgia, Luciana	Bronte, Hannah
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca, Chris			
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper	