



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

12th April 2026 | 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday 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

Sacramental Coordinator

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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After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them

Acts 2:42-47 1 Pet 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

COMMENTARY God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

Full of the joy of the Resurrection, the Sunday readings also stress the love and mercy the risen Lord has for all of his people. In the First Reading we see the joy and enthusiasm of the young Church. The faithful are united in their belief, in their prayers and in the 'breaking of bread', as also in their care and attention to one another. The Easter Psalm is in tune with the theme of Divine Mercy. It is a song of thanksgiving to God whose 'mercy endures forever'. It also recalls the suffering of our Saviour who was raised up on Easter Sunday. The Second Reading is similarly a type of hymn. It celebrates the new life that comes from the risen Jesus. We are born again to a living hope. Even in the trials and anxieties of the times we are living through, faith will always be enough. In the Gospel, Jesus invests the disciples with the Holy Spirit. Thomas, who was absent from Jesus's first appearance to them, is challenged to believe. Thomas now professes his faith with the wonderful words, 'My Lord and my God!'

This week, as we continue to rejoice in the Lord's resurrection, may we also reach out to others with compassion and understanding.

GOSPEL John 20: 19-31 (part) On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive, the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you'. Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe'. Thomas answered him. 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

REFLECTION As I come to prayer, I may wish to light a candle, symbol of the risen Lord. I breathe gently, asking the Lord to fill me with his Spirit and his light as I pray. In my imagination, I enter the room where the disciples are. When Jesus appears, can I receive his peace? What does it feel like? I sit quietly and wait patiently. Perhaps I can identify with Thomas, and share something of his doubt and confusion. In what way is this? As I contemplate the risen Jesus and see the wounds in his hands and feet, what feelings arise within me? Joy, gratitude for his saving love, sorrow for all he endured for me . . . ?

I speak to the Lord from my heart, and end my prayer with that of Thomas, 'My Lord and my God'.

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

FIRST EUCHARIST

Children have celebrated both Baptism and Reconciliation, in Year 3 or older.

Enrolment form available on our website

Registration **due Tuesday 5th May 2026**
Documents to be handed in to the parish office. Please do not email.

Parent Information Tues, 12th May at 4.30pm or 7pm

Commitment Mass weekend 16th & 17th May

Preparation sessions: We are offering three sessions each week:

4.30pm on Tues 19th, 26th, 2nd June OR 4.30pm OR 7pm Thursdays, 21st & 28th May, 4th June

Holy Communion Masses

Sundays, 14th June 12noon
Sunday 21st June 12noon
Saturday, 27th June 11am

CONFIRMATION Enrolment form will be available July 2026

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Pope Leo XIV has called on world leaders to lay down their weapons and choose "encounter" over domination. "Let those who have weapons lay them down!", the Pope urged on Easter Sunday message. Our Laudato Si' Garden planning is coming along, with Marian College FIAT students asked to imagine what could be incorporated using the seven Laudato Si' goals of 1. Response to the Cry of the Earth, 2. Response to the Cry of the Poor, 3. Ecological Economics, 4. Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, 5. Ecological Education, 6. Ecological Spirituality, 7. Community Resilience and Empowerment.

All are invited to be part of our Social Justice group project at St Mad's.

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!

OUR EASTER COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$3,468.85

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 830.00 Loose \$ 5,988.25

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



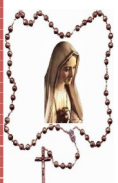
Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy



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: Joseph Scardino, Charly Hasham

For the dearly departed: Milagrin Castellino, 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



~ Congratulations Fr Clement on your 50th year of ordination ~

FR CLEMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

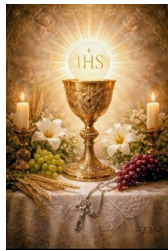
We invite you all to the
10am Mass
this Sunday, 12th April
for Fr Clement's 50th anniversary of his
ordination followed by morning tea.
Please bring a plate to share
*Thank you Fr Clement for your many years
of service to the Church*

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH:

DIDASKŌ FAITH FORMATION ON THE EUCHARIST

Join the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and the University of Notre Dame Australia for the **Didaskō** series—structured, high-quality faith formation designed for everyday Catholics. The lectures are live on zoom and not recorded.

Beginning 20 April, "Introduction to the Eucharist."
7.15pm for a 7.30pm start to 8.45pm
In the St Madeleine Centre
More info: Careyanne 0438 791 813



FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR AND READERS

with Fr Bernard McGrath OSB

The Importance of Sacred Scripture

Date Wednesday 29th April at 7pm

All parishioners welcome. Sign up sheet in the Church.

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.

We will email volunteers
confirming requirements

CAKE STALL Sunday 3rd May 2026

After the 8.00am & 10.00am Masses

Please contact the office if you are able to donate.

[Include list of ingredients]
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Thank you

Thank you to all our parishioners in helping us have a wonderful celebration of Easter.
We also wish to thank:

- ~The Catechists who prepared the palms
- ~Those who helped us with the Lenten programmes in sessions and classes: Marilyn Hancock, Mary Ann Dowsett and Careyanne Moylan
- ~Careyanne Moylan for organising the focus on the altar
- ~Maureen Jones and team for decorating the Altar on Holy Thursday
- ~The volunteers who prepared the Garden of Gethsemane for Holy Thursday
- ~The musicians and choir members
- ~RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry
- ~The readers, ministers of the altar, collectors and welcomers
- ~Supplier of the Plants for the Garden of Gethsemane: Shane Hunter and Floriale Florist
- ~Sponsor of the flowers: Cosmo Murdocca
- ~Allan Drew Funerals for sponsoring our Paschal Candle
- ~The parish team and everyone else who helped us during the Season of Lent and especially Holy Week

To everyone in the community for your active participation in the
Lenten services in our parish,
God Bless you all
Fr Giovanni and Fr Clement

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 18th April

8am to 11am

Come join us as we hear Lisa Welsman reflect on her time walking the Camino—seven different routes through Spain, France and Italy—and she hopes to do many more!

Lisa is a well-loved mother of two, grandmother of five and parishioner of St Benedict's Arcadia.

Sign up sheet in the Church

*Congratulations to
Veronica Ali
and
Josese Sadrata
On their wedding*



FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

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

CRAFT MORNING

Our next Craft morning will be on **Monday, 4th May**

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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
11 & 12 April	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Sandra Bonello Margaret Mieczkowski	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Lidia Ceccato Joanna O'Neil
	JNR MINISTERS	Harry, Roderick	Bronte, Lillyanna	Aaliyah, William	Hannah, Joyah
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan & Rose	Chris & Jacinta	
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Helen Harb		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman
18 & 19 April		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Kyngdon family	Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Joanna O'Neil
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Nigel Saunders Tony Hooper	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	David O'Neil Tereza Barisic
	JNR MINISTERS	Maddison		Luciana, Georgia	Joyah, Bronte
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Paul Vella		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech	