



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

5th April 2026 | Sunday of the Resurrection 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 teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead*

Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9



*Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Easter  
with your families*

**COMMENTARY:** Our Easter celebrations form the heart of our Christian living. Our faith is deeply rooted and finds its real meaning in the resurrection of Jesus. St Paul says that, if Christ is not risen, then all our believing is in vain. It is sad, then, to find people who make Good Friday and the death of Jesus the climax of Holy Week. However, attitudes change over time and more and more people have come to love the Easter Vigil liturgy, especially when it is done well. Those Christians who depict the cross without the body of Christ on it are making a very important point. The cross was the high point of Jesus' gift of himself to the Father for our sake, but he is no longer there and it was his entry into glory with the Father which gives the cross its validity. Otherwise, it would have been a journey into nothingness. Because of the Resurrection, the disciples, who were at first paralysed with fear of being arrested as accomplices of Jesus, suddenly made a complete turnaround and began boldly to proclaim that Jesus, who died on the Cross, was alive and with them. And when, in fact, they were arrested, persecuted and imprisoned, it became a cause of rejoicing that they were now even more closely related to the life experience of their Lord, sharing in his sufferings that they might share in his glory.

**A CALL FOR CHANGE:** Easter, however, is not only concerned with recalling the resurrection of Jesus or its impact on the first disciples, but also with the meaning of this event for our own lives and for our faith. The celebration of Easter (and the days of Holy Week leading up to it) are a call for us to change—and perhaps change radically—as Jesus' own disciples changed. The sign that we are truly sharing in the risen life of Jesus is that our lives and our behaviour undergo a constant development. We not only believe, we not only proclaim, but we do what we believe and what we proclaim.

**THE SAME MISSION:** The celebration of Easter reminds us that we have the same mission as Peter and Mary Magdalen and the other disciples of Jesus. First, as the optional Second Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians indicates, Easter calls for a radical conversion, a radical purging on our part. In the celebration of the Pasch, the Jews used to throw out all the leavened bread they had and replace it with freshly baked unleavened bread. Because of the fermentation process that leavened bread undergoes, yeast was regarded as a corrupting agent. So Paul tells us that we, too, as we celebrate our Christian Passover, are to become:

...a new batch of dough, as you really are unleavened [in other words, free from all the corrupting influences in our life]. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

And, to go back to the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter emphasises the importance of Jesus' disciples not only experiencing the joy of their Risen Master and Lord, but also of sharing that experience and joy with as many people as possible. It is something we must do also. Not to share our Easter joy and what it means to us is to leave Easter only half celebrated. For the true Christian, in fact, every day is an Easter Day lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

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## 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

### FIRST EUCHARIST

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

Enrolment form will be available this month. Please check our website for details.

Registration due Tuesday 5 May 2026  
Parent Information Tues, 12 May  
Commitment Mass weekend  
17 & 18 May

Preparation sessions at 4.30pm and 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

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Let us recommit ourselves to the Gospel call to: Walk with those in need, both within our parish and beyond; Challenge injustice wherever it diminishes human dignity; Care for God's creation, ensuring a hopeful future for generations to come; Work together for peace, reconciliation, and understanding. Please visit Hills Yarning new website [www.hillsyarning.com](http://www.hillsyarning.com) Our youth have been asked to participate in the Good Friday Pilgrimage. The Camino Pilgrimage will be the focus of our next Women's Breakfast with Lisa Welsman from Arcadia Parish, Saturday morning April 18th We walk with the mothers of Israel and Palestine. As noted in the media, this week, hundreds of women from Israeli and Palestinian peace movements performed a barefoot walk through Rome, marking the launch of their joint initiative, "The Mothers' Call." Shalom.

## 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) = \$2,621.95.

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 1,485.00 Loose \$ 2,500.85

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](mailto:careyannemoylan@hotmail.com)

### PRAYER GROUP



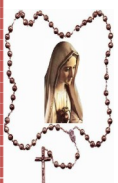
Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy



**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

**Recently deceased:** Charly Hasham

**For the dearly departed:** Ernesto and Maria-Rosa

Murdocca, Tom Palmer, Leo Murdocca, Dominic Surace, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Joe, Sam & Paul Farrugia, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham & Betty Scicluna, Carlo, Michael & Josephine Esposito, Frances Perri, Antonia Turcato, Joan Bradley, Dan Doyle, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Shedly & 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, Rita Franceschina, Margaret Caruana, Francisco Ruano, Ivanka Valencic, Charbel Mannah, Anton Hashim, Samira Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Frank Agresta

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



# Our Community

*Congratulations to Rebecca Peterkin, Patrick Zhou,  
Bill Ewer, Stephen Downie, Tahlia Milton,  
and Clair Queenan  
who will be received into the Catholic  
Church on the Easter Vigil*



## **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

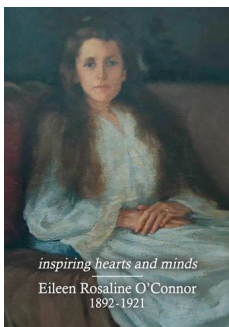
## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE—TUESDAY, 19TH MAY**

**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.



## **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

## **CAKE STALL Sunday 3 May 2026**

After the 8.00am & 10.00am Masses

Please contact the office if you are able  
to donate.

[Include list of ingredients]

[kenthurst@parracatholic.org](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)  
ph. 9654 2260



## **POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR APRIL: FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS**

*Let us pray for priests*

*going through moment of crisis in their vocation, that they may  
find the accompaniment they need and that  
communities may support them with understanding and prayer.*

## **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

## **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 18th April**

8am to 11am

Come join us as we hear Lisa Welsman reflect on her  
time walking the Camino  
- in Spain, France and Italy.

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

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**.

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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Custodians of this country on which we worship*



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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
<b>4 &amp; 5 April</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Joe Touma/Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Joanna O'Neil
	<b>READERS</b>	Kyngdon family	Tony Hooper Maria Baldi	Sally Coppini Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Fred, Xavier & William	Bronte	Max, Elsie & Roderick	Anthony & Angelina
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Merle		Rebecca & Chris	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Sandra Tabone & Joanna O'Neil		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	School Holidays
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Cosmo Murdocca		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman
<b>11 &amp; 12 April</b>		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Corrie Sebire	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	<b>MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR</b>	Bill Peterkin	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Sandra Bonello Margaret Mieczkowski	Sandra Tabone Karla Quinn	Lidia Ceccato Joanna O'Neil
	<b>JNR MINISTERS</b>	Harry & Roderick	Bronte & Lillyanna	Aaliyah & William	Hannah & Joyah
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Rebecca & Chris		Chris & Jacinta	
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Tony Hooper & Helen Harb		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	School Holidays
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Parish		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Catherine Diekman	