



# St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

17th May 2026 | The Ascension of the Lord 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



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

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me*

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

**COMMENTARY:** Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascends to heaven. He ascends triumphant to sit at the Father's right hand. For the disciples, their time of formation with him is over. How is their relationship with him altered? The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the Ascension. Jesus promises to send his Holy Spirit to be with his disciples, to fill them with his power, so that they can witness to him 'to the ends of the earth.' The Psalm emphasises Jesus's triumph in his Ascension, and the whole Church sings in praise of the Lord who reigns over all. The Second Reading also stresses Christ's power. His Father has 'put all things under his feet.' That power is exercised for us, not only in the gifts of his grace, but also in the promise of eternal glories.

Matthew's Gospel account of the Ascension focuses on Jesus' authority and his sending forth of the disciples to witness, baptise and teach. He promises to be with them 'to the end of time.' This week, we pray that all those who are struggling may find peace, and know God's presence in their heart.

**GOSPEL Matthew 28: 16-20** At that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

**REFLECTION** How do I feel today as I settle to my prayer? I ask the Lord to be with me and to help me pray. Conscious of his love for me, I receive this Gospel knowing he is speaking to me.

I read the text with reverence and allow it to be real for me. Perhaps I can imagine myself present in the scene as one of the disciples climbing the mountain. How do I wait for Jesus? With eagerness, doubt, fear, apprehension, joy . . .? As Jesus appears, do I fall in adoration before him, or do I hesitate? Without judgment, I consider my response. What does it lead me to say to Jesus?

I consider my companions. How is the group altered as we gather around Jesus? Can I relate this to my life? Where or how do I especially meet him with others? Does this gospel change my attitude to them?

I listen deeply to his words. Perhaps I am saddened and unnerved that Jesus is leaving us? Or am I exhilarated by the commands he is giving us, to make disciples, baptise and teach? Have I experienced something of his promise to be with us until the end of time? I speak to the Lord from my heart at length. I finish my prayer with gratitude, asking the Lord to be always with his Church.

*Courtesy of 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 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

Commitment Mass  
this weekend

**We welcome all children and their families as they prepare for their first Eucharist. Please collect a prayer card from each child during Mass**

Preparation sessions  
4.30pm Tues 19th, 26th May, 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

## PIETY SHOP

We have an ever changing  
array of gifts and religious items.  
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We are open after every  
weekend Mass.  
Contact Sandra Tabone  
on 0413 272 400

## 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



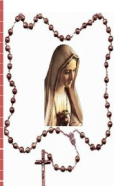
### ST MAD'S BOOK CLUB

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)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

**REFUGEE WEEK** is coming up as a celebration in our Church, Sunday 14 June – Saturday 20 June 2026, the theme this year is 1 Million Stories, as Australia has welcomed 1 million refugees since WWII. Refugee Week 2026 is a moment to reflect on that milestone and to celebrate the million stories behind it. **TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE DINNER** this year is being hosted by Sydney Diocese on Wednesday July 1 in Liverpool and will focus on Modern Slavery. Australian Catholic AntiSlavery Network (ACAN) entities participate in a modern slavery risk management program focused on risks to people in supply chains and operations.

**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) = \$ 1,801.15  
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$1,311.40 Loose \$1,458.35  
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$ 1,126

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

### Recently deceased:

Bertilla ("Betty") Ceccato

### For the dearly departed:

Mel Holder, Bernice King, Nina Giudice, Anthony Rose &

Lawrence Apap, Joseph Buttigieg, Andrea Mullins, Paul

Castelino, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Noel Watt, Karen

Bartolo, Mary Cumbo, Pauline Vella, Maria & Luigi Baldi,

Hugo & Roy Cutrone, Joseph Scardino, Charly Hasham,

Ben & Paula Diadonne, John Nati, Christy & Breda

Sherlock, Patrick Sherlock, Ivanka Valencic, Charbel

Mannah, Anton Hashim, Samira Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Frank Agresta

### Please pray for the sick:

Francesca Esposito, Margo Doyle, Francesca Notrianni, Angelo Perri, Marlene

Agresta, Mark Ciridon, 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](mailto:kenthurst@parracatholic.org)*



*We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and  
Custodians of this country on which we worship*

## 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.



Session 2: **“The Eucharist in Scripture”**. To increase our understanding of the Eucharist, Dr Mario Baghos will look at the Old Testament descriptions of the Passover before looking at what the New Testament sources have to say about the Eucharist.

**Monday 18 May; 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start to 8.45pm.**

**Rosary at 6.55pm.** St Madeleine’s Centre Kenthurst. Bring note taking materials. More info: Careyanne 0438791813

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 24th May  
Mass 10am Lunch 11am



Please bring a plate to share that reflects your cultural background

## We will be celebrating the FEAST OF ST MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT

on Sunday, 31st May

at our 10am Mass

Followed by morning tea.

Please bring a plate to share.



**CODE OF CONDUCT:** all volunteers are required to sign an Acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct—copies in the Church

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING BY AUGUST 2026

Face to Face Training at St Madeleine’s on

**SATURDAY, 4TH JULY**

**NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE**

details will be provided closer to the date

Safeguarding Training Modules can also be completed online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

## Congratulations to the newly baptised:

Caolan Lynch, Oscar Henry Stewart, Anthony Zaiter, Tommaso Zampieri-Fox, Joseph Zaiter, Charbel Taouk, Lainy Lou Carpenter, Kohen Emanuel Haora, Nico Grayson Lum, Kairo Lucas Capati, Elijah Sergio Schiavon, Samuel Anthony Scuglia



**FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE’S** Our next Friend’s group will be on **Friday, 29th May**

**CRAFT MORNING** Our next Craft morning will be on **Monday, 18th May**

## Bishop's GOOD WORKS APPEAL

HELP OUR SEMINARIANS ANSWER GOD'S CALL AND SUPPORT THE FUTURE PRIESTS OF OUR CHURCH.

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Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop’s Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God’s call. Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal). Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



We had 30 people attend our Rosary Making workshop



All rosaries are donated to those in need



With thanks to Lucy and Elizabeth from the Diocese



## St Benedict's Country Fete

Sunday 31 May 2026

2 FAGANS ROAD ARCADIA PH: 9653 2312

10am to 3pm

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**16 & 17 May**

**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**

Bill Peterkin

Steve Fry

Joe Touma

**READERS**

Colleen Dunlop  
Lidia Ceccato

Tony Hooper  
Catherine Diekman

Rosanna Ceroli  
Adriana Kennedy

Joanna O'Neil  
Tereza Barisic

**JNR MINISTERS**

Maddison & Samuel

Lillyanna

Georgia & Luciana

Hannah & Joyah

**MUSICIANS**

Rebecca & Chris

Chris & Jacinta

**COUNTERS**

Joanna O'Neil & Corrie Sebire

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Alexandra Quail

**FLOWERS**

Parish

**ALTAR LINEN**

Maria Fry

**23 & 24 May**

**5:30PM VIGIL**

**8AM SUNDAY**

**10AM SUNDAY**

**5.30PM SUNDAY**

**WELCOMERS**

Corrie Sebire

Brendan Ford  
Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Zakia Touma  
Sandra Tabone

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Dianne Millington

Piety Rocha

Phillys Hannah

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Colleen Dunlop  
Anne Kyngdon

Alicia Shaw  
Eileen Sherlock

Sandra Tabone  
Sally Coppini

Trish Maidens  
Patrick Tuttle

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Samuel & Kerstin

Bronte

William

Angelina & Anthony

**MUSICIANS**

Rebecca & Chris

Joan & Rose

Merle

**COUNTERS**

Sandra Tabone & Loretta Wilson

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Lisa Moit

**FLOWERS**

Parish

**ALTAR LINEN**

Maria Fry