



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

24th May 2026 | Pentecost Sunday - Solemnity - 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>

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-11 1, Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

COMMENTARY: On this great celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit, today's readings tell of the gifts of consolation and peace, and of the commissioning of the disciples.

The First Reading describes how the Holy Spirit arrives as tongues of fire, with the gift of communication. The Psalm implores the Lord to send his Spirit for the renewal of the whole earth. St Paul, writing to the church at Corinth (Second Reading), focuses on the unity of the Spirit through a diversity of gifts. Finally, St John (Gospel) recalls the appearance of the Risen Christ to the disciples in the Upper Room. Christ's gift of consoling peace empowers them for mission.

Let us pray, this week, that we, like them, might receive what the Lord wants to give us and so respond in like manner.

GOSPEL John 20: 19-23 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.'

REFLECTION Again, I give some time to become still. I don't rush this important step. Then I read the gospel twice. Christ spends the days between his Resurrection and Ascension consoling people. In the spirituality of St Ignatius, the work of the Risen Christ is that of the bringer of consolation.

Christ the consoler continues to be active here and now, so perhaps I could imagine Jesus standing close by, maybe with one of my fears or some area of my life in which I feel locked. He breathes on me and gives me his Spirit of consolation, who, in the words of Pope Francis, 'loosens even the most complex knots of human affairs with infinite creativity' (Laudato Si' #80).

Jesus says to me, 'peace'. We look at each other as I wonder at his gift of consoling peace. What will I do with this gift? How does this encounter with Christ encourage me? How will I collaborate in the ministry of Christ's consolation, choosing it for myself, and helping others to choose this pathway to hope, joy and deep peace? I end by pondering this line from St Ignatius and, perhaps, asking for the grace to begin practising it in my daily life . . .

'Let's consider the office of the consoler which Christ our Lord carries out, and compare it with the way friends console one another.' (Spiritual Exercises #224).

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 Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



FIRST EUCHARIST

Children have now placed their names on our prayer wall in the Church.

Please continue to pray for all children as they prepare for their first Eucharist.

Preparation sessions
4.30pm Tues 26th May and 2nd June
OR 4.30pm OR 7pm
Thurs 28th May and 4th June

Holy Communion Masses

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



CONFIRMATION

Enrolment form will be available July 2026

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

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

This week is **CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK** with the theme "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)
Next week is a special book launch at ACU '**HOPE UNFINISHED BUSINESS**' – A Collection of Reflections from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. A project of Catholic Mission with key themes Truth and Survival, Faith and Identity and Collective Action, truly sharing the theme of Hope to Action.

THANK YOU to those who regularly give to our food drive, the recipients at Emerton are truly thankful.

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) = \$2,195.60
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 830.00 Loose \$1,067.45

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$ 1,126

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Giuseppe Marino, Laura Marino, Bertilla ("Betty")

Ceccato, Carlo & Josephine Esposito, 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, Ivanka Valencic, Charbel Mannah, Anton

Hashim, Samira Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Frank Agresta,

deceased members Sacco & Sultana families, Saviour

Camilleri, Margaret Mary Payne



Please pray for the sick: Tania Vella, 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

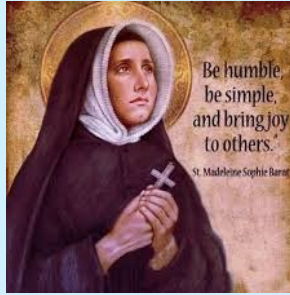
If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please use the Mass offering envelopes found at the entrance to the Church or email the office kenthurst@parracatholic.org

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

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.



BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Thank you for supporting our seminarians



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Planning Ahead with Peace of Mind
A gentle seminar
about being
prepared

Learn simple steps for easing the
burden on your loved ones.
We'll talk about choices, costs, and ways to
make everything clear and calm.
We'll also answer any questions you have.



Date:
Friday, 19th June 2026

Time:
10:30 am

Location:
St Madeleine Sophie
Barat Parish

Hosted by:
Hills Family Funerals

Light refreshments provided.
All are welcome.

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Friday, 29th May

CRAFT MORNING Mon, 1st June

Deepen Your Faith:
Didaskō Faith
Formation on the
Eucharist

Monday 1, 15 & 22 June
7.15pm for a 7.30 start to
8.45pm.

St Madeleine Centre
Rosary at 6.55pm

Bring note taking materials
Contact: Careyanne 0438791813

**Unit 3 " The Eucharist in the
early church":** To increase
our understanding of the
Eucharist, Dr Kevin Wagner
will discover how the early
church came to live and
understand the mystery of
the Eucharist during the first
centuries.

**PHOTOS FROM
OUR EILEEN O'CONNOR
PILGRIMAGE**



POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR MAY: THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE

FOOD *Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small
consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure
that everyone has access to quality food.*

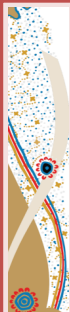
SAFEGUARDING TRAINING BY AUGUST 2026

Face to Face Training at St Madeleine's on
SATURDAY, 4TH JULY

details will be provided closer to the date
Sign up sheet in the Church

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

Safeguarding Champion Brendan Ford 0448 683 146



ST MADELEINE'S

Save the Date

DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

AT
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George Vumbaca

**St Benedict's
Country Fete**
Sunday 31 May 2026

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10am
to 3pm

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23 & 24 May

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Corrie Sebire

Brendan Ford
Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Zakia Touma
Sandra Tabone

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

Dianne Millington

Piety Rocha

Phillys Hannah

READERS

Colleen Dunlop
Anne Kyngdon

Alicia Shaw
Eileen Sherlock

Sandra Tabone
Sally Coppini

Trish Maidens
Patrick Tuttle

JNR MINISTERS

Samuel & Kerstin

Bronte

William, Angelina, Anthony

MUSICIANS

Rebecca & Chris

Merle

COUNTERS

Sandra Tabone & Loretta Wilson

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Lisa Moit

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Maria Fry

30 & 31 May

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Zakia Touma

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