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

3rd May 2026 | 5th Sunday of Easter 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

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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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I am the way, the truth, and the life

Acts 6:17 1 Pet 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

COMMENTARY: As we continue to live through this joyful Eastertide, the readings this week show us the new Christians attempting to organise their community. After prayer and discernment, they solve the dispute between the Hebrews and the Hellenists and appoint seven leaders. (First Reading).

The Psalm celebrates in song the word of the Lord, who is merciful and loves justice and right.

The Second Reading seeks to reassure us. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Christ is the cornerstone of the building, and all Christians its living stones. The Gospel comes from the Last Supper discourse, where Jesus prepares his friends for his departure. Thomas and Philip find it hard to follow his words, but they will never be alone, for Jesus will be alongside them. He is the way, the truth and the life. This week, we pray for all who are unable to accept Jesus as the cornerstone of their life. As we go about our own lives in the coming days, we might use the response to the psalm: 'May your merciful love be upon me, as I hope in you, O Lord'.

GOSPEL John 14: 1-12 Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will they do, because I am going to the Father.'

REFLECTION Whether I choose to pray this text using my imagination, or simply listen to John as he tells me how Jesus was preparing his disciples, I pause. I try to achieve some inner calm, especially if I've come to pray with 'a troubled heart'.

When I'm ready, I may be drawn to reflect on the 'many rooms' in the Father's house. What are they like? Who will I find there? How does that make me feel? Encouraged . . . hopeful . . . fearful . . . full of dread? Or something else?

I then perhaps focus on Thomas and Philip. They have questions for Jesus. What about me? If I have questions to ask, now would be a good time to do so. I listen to the Lord's answer. I conclude my prayer thanking the Lord who is my way, my truth and my life.

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 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 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 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

CONFIRMATION

Enrolment form will be available July 2026

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually from 17 to 24 May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis's landmark encyclical on caring for our common home. Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality Australia is offering an online weekly retreat starting **Wednesday May 7th** at 7pm. An Ignatian Journey from Contemplation to Action <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/an-ignatian-journey-from-contemplation-to-action/> It was good to share our Hills Yarning story of reconciliation with First Nation peoples in the Hills Shire with Voice from the Heart Alliance. This is a great hub for reconciliation groups across NSW. [Home - Voice from the Heart Alliance](#). The Voice from the Heart Alliance is a grass roots coalition of organisations and individuals supporting the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart. If you would like to hear more email info@voicefromtheheartalliance.com

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) = \$1,360.10
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Loose \$ 1,325.95 Envelopes \$ 743.00
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



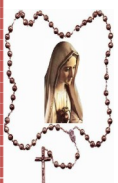
Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy



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: Noel Watt

For the dearly departed: 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, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Joe, Paul & Sam Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Ky Frendo, Geoff Burcham, Betty Scicluna, Milagrin Castellino, 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

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 4, 11, 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

CAKE STALL & RAFFLE

**this Sunday 3rd May
After the 8.00am & 10.00am Masses**



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, 11th July: details will be provided closer to the date

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

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility. It ensures that children, young people, and vulnerable adults are safe, respected, and protected in our parish community.

All volunteers and ministry members are required to complete safeguarding training.

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford Mobile 0448 683 146

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE’S Our next Friend’s group will be on Friday, 15th May

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

Rosary Making Workshop
ST MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT PARISH, KENTHURST
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
LEARN HOW TO MAKE ROSARIES TO BE DONATED TO THOSE IN NEED
**WEDNESDAY
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A statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the Virgin Mary with the Child Jesus, standing on a pedestal.

The registration link is also available on the Diocese of Parramatta website [Rosary Workshop for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima \(13 May\) | Diocese of Parramatta](#)

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.



Our Faith Formation evening on *The Importance of Scripture* With thanks to Fr Bernard McGrath OSB

Thank you to Rocco & Sam Polistina and Joe Polito who will be supplying our Church flowers each week
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2 & 3 May	WELCOMERS	Kyngdon family	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma Joanna O'Neil	
	READERS	Justin Kyngdon Colleen Dunlop	Maria Fry Nigel Saunders	Sue Martin Roslyn Earl Jan Shroder Gael Carpani	
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred, Xavier & Chrisian	Jacob	Max, Elsie & William	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Helen Harb & Paul Vella		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sandra Bonello
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow
9 & 10 May	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY	
	WELCOMERS	Kyngdon family	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Justin Kyngdon Anne Kyngdon	Sandra Bonello Margaret Mieczkowski	Sally Coppini Karla Quinn Tereza Barisic Lidia Ceccato	
	JNR MINISTERS	Roderick, Fred & Xavier		Angelina & Anthony	
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan/Rose	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Tony Hooper & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
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