



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

26th July 2026 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

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John (Hiep) Nguyen

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Catherine Bareham

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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>

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-46 (part)

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and covered up. Then in their joy, they go and sell all that they have and buy that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had

The EUCHARIST Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the
Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace
to receive you reverently, worship you truly,
and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us,
so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us,
we too may offer our lives to God and to others.
Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need,
especially the defenceless and homeless,
the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass,
so that we may truly become what we have received,
the Body of Christ.

Amen.

COMMENTARY The readings for this Sunday invite us to think about what we truly value. They show the importance of wisdom, encouraging us to trust God's plan, and to value the kingdom of heaven above all else. Solomon responds humbly when, in a dream, God asks him, 'what shall I give you?' Solomon seeks an 'understanding mind . . . to discern between good and evil in governing God's people'. Putting others' needs before his own pleases God, who gifts Solomon with wisdom. (First Reading). The Gospel also talks about choosing what is most important. Jesus tells two parables describing the value of the kingdom of heaven. We hear how coming across treasure brings someone great joy, while finding the one pearl of great price impels a merchant to buy and keep it. The Psalmist describes God's word as more important than the finest gold: it is true treasure, offering lasting wisdom, comfort and delight. St Paul (Second Reading) assures us that God already has a plan in place for all who love God. Even when life is difficult, God is guiding and shaping us to be like Jesus. This week, we pray to live each day with the wisdom to know what truly matters, and to let go of anything that holds us back. 'Lord, help us to share the joy of following you, wherever and however we can'.

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

CONFIRMATION

Parent Information evening
Tuesday, 28th July

Commitment Mass 1 & 2 August

Preparation Thurs 6th, 13th & 27th
August 4.30pm or 7pm

Confirmation will take place on
Wed, 9th Sept or Thurs 10th Sept

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is a wonderful adventure
~St John Paul II~*

For any queries please email
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weekend Mass.
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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

Did you know that **ST MARTIN DE PORRES** is the
official patron saint of social justice and race relations. Born in Lima, Peru, in 1569 to a
Spanish nobleman and a freed Black enslaved woman, he faced severe racial
discrimination. Despite laws forbidding people of African descent from joining religious
orders, he became a Dominican lay brother. He spent his life healing the sick, caring for
enslaved Africans, and founded an orphanage for abandoned infants. The Dominican
charism originates from **ST DOMINIC DE GUZMAN**, founder of the Order of Preachers
in the early 13th century. It is a living tradition that emphasises a dynamic search for
truth (veritas) through thoughtful contemplation and active engagement in the world.

*"May God the Father bless us. May God the Son heal us. May God the Holy Spirit
enlighten us, and give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with,
hands to do the work of God..."* Prayer from St Dominic.

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) = \$1,411.20

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$835 Loose \$1,823.90

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

**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 there is no risk to you.**

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Peter Balnaves, Giuseppina Esposito, Karen Bartolo,
Alfred Ciantar, Norman & Chahide Hajje, George, Sheddy & Chahida Hajje, Better & Mary
Merhi, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Cutajar, Brenda Riley, Mary Ellen Bradley,
Anthony & Rose & Lawrence Apap, Milagrin Castelino, Costantino Giudice, Peter Dunlop,
Joseph Buttigieg, Marilyn Turner, Cathy Milano, Laurence Pentecost, Emanuel
Degrabriele, Rita O'Reilly, Noel Flynn, Thomas Dockery, Joan Clark, Frank Dominello,
Giuseppe Marino, Laura Marino, Bertilla ("Betty") Ceccato, Charly Hasham, Ivanka
Valencic, Anton Hashim, Samira Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Frank Agresta

Please pray for the sick: Jasmine Samson-Page, Maria Fuda, 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**

ST MAD'S WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

8TH AUGUST 8.30AM ST MADELEINE CENTRE

Come and join us to explore the concept of "finding God in everyday life". We welcome Nuri Wardrop as she shares her faith experiences and journey from her childhood in Brazil and finding her way to Australia. Nuri will share her thoughts in finding God in everyday life, her discipleship in her family and community, and finding her way to her Catholic community.



Sign in at back of the church or call

Sue	Careyanne	Carmel
0432716577	0438791813	0417237013

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.

Unit 3: The Eucharist in Systemic Theology.

Listen to Chris Wolter who will explore the Eucharist and its role in God's plan for salvation, the means by which we experience Christ, and as a communication of Divine Love.

Monday 27th July; 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

TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets on the **weekend of 1-2 August**, along with some merchandise items. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets – with ten prizes. There will be pancakes for sale: 2 for \$5.

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre

Please note our next date is **Friday 7th August**

Our **CRAFT MORNING** continues on **Monday 27th July**

THE PARRAMATTA WAY OF SAFEGUARDING

Our Commitment to Safeguarding is guided by the words of Micah 6:8: *'This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.'*

For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website: <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

For any queries please contact the office 9654 2260

The Sophia Discussion Group



Are We Made in His Image... or in Code? Join the Sophia Discussion Group for a timely discussion on Pope Leo XIV's landmark new encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*. Together, we will explore the spiritual frontier of artificial intelligence, the sanctity of human work, and how to protect our families from digital isolation. Come share your thoughts on how we can safeguard human dignity and true community in a tech-driven world.

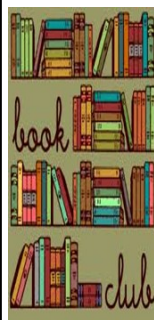
Call to Action: Read the Encyclical & Join the Discussion

When: First Saturday of the month **Beginning 1st August**, 9am

Where: St Madeleine Centre

Reading Materials: Pick up a free one-page discussion guide and paragraph reading list at the back of the church today.

All are welcome! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Careyanne 0438791813



We will slowly explore Fr James Martin's book, *Come Forth*. The miracle of the raising of Lazarus will be deeply examined and the spiritual lessons for us today will be explored.

Join us on zoom. First Tuesday of the month starting **1 September**.

For details call Careyanne 0438791813

St Madeleine's Dinner Dance

📍 DURAL CLUB | 📅 FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025

TICKETS: \$130 EACH

TICKETS CAN BE ORDERED VIA THE QR CODE



PAYMENT DETAILS

Kenthurst Catholic Church

🏦 BSB: 067 950

💰 Account No: 100000064

PLEASE INCLUDE SURNAME & DD IN THE PAYMENT REFERENCE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL

Sally Coppini

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**And what is God? Supreme happiness.
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~St Madeleine Sophie Barat ~



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5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Sandra Tabone
Zakia Touma

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THE ALTAR**

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Merle

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Paul Vella & Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sandra Bonello

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Vicky Hooper

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Kyngdon family

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Michelle Eamer
Adriana Kennedy

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Lisa Moit

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