



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

16th August 2026 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Seminarian in Placement

John (Hiep) Nguyen

Finance Officer

Catherine Bareham

Parish Secretary & 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>

Woman, you have great faith

Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said, 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said, 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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 God's love, mercy and salvation are for everyone. Although the Israelites were known as God's chosen people, the story of their beginning, their time in exile, slavery and rejection is also a story of God's love for the whole of humanity. Each of our readings this Sunday approaches this truth from a different perspective. The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) exhorts us to act with justice and integrity. He foresees a time when anyone who loves and follows the way of the Lord will be part of the salvation covenant. The Psalm is a song of praise ringing with this truth, telling of a time when all nations will share in the loving light of God. Paul, writing to the early Gentile church in Rome, describes his conviction that their personal conversion and belief in God will help to fulfil God's promise to bring salvation to everyone, and not just to the chosen people. (Second Reading) Today's Gospel presents an uncharacteristically abrupt Jesus initially rejecting the pleas of a desperate Canaanite woman. And yet it is this woman's determined faith and sense of humour that challenges Jesus to step beyond the boundaries of his initial mission, thus revealing the truth that his salvation and healing is for all people – no exceptions. Let us pray that we will be able to recognise and have the courage to respond to faith expressed in surprising places. We ask too that we will each play our part in revealing God's love to the world..

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

*Please continue to pray
for our children and their families
as they prepare for their Confirmation*

For any queries please email
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST FOR EVANGELISATION IN THE CITY

*Let us pray that in large cities often
marked by anonymity and loneliness we
find new ways to proclaim the Gospel,
discovering creative paths
to build community*

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

Thank you Nuri for a fabulous talk last Saturday at the
Women's Breakfast.

One suggestion for welcoming at St Mad's is using **AUNTY BERYL'S COOKBOOK** which
encourages us to use the food that grows locally. **CATHOLIC EARTHCARE** is inviting us
to a Gathering this September 3 & 4 to celebrate the Season of Creation. Last Friday the
second **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** for 2026 was released by the Australian Bishops
ACBC **Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division**, which calls communities to embody
justice, compassion, and courage, especially when society is fractured by fear or
inequality. *"It reminds us that following Christ means actively healing divides, standing
with those pushed to the margins, and choosing love over hostility in every public and
personal action. May God, who loves us beyond imagining, fill us with love and guide our
feet into the way of peace."* Bishop Tim Harris

ST CARLO ACUTIS'S EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION: 9-23 AUGUST

Designed by St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported
Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our
Diocese. Next, it comes to **OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, ROUSE HILL, FROM 9-23 AUGUST**.
Students, teachers and parishioners are invited, entry is free and no bookings are
required. To see where the exhibition is heading next across the Diocese,
visit parracatholic.org/iec2028/

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

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Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,660.80

2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$2,245.65

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

Recently deceased: Maria Fuda, Gerald Kalthofen

For the dearly departed: Hector Soares, Kyle Bradwell, Dominic Surace, Francesco
& Domenica Barbaro, Ivan Ceccato, Giovanni Polifroni, Peter Balnaves, Giuseppina
Esposito, Karen Bartolo, Alfred Ciantar, Milagrin Castelino, Charly Hasham,
Ivanka Valencic, Anton Hashim, Samira Hasham, Jennifer Hasham, Frank Agresta

Please pray for the sick: Adam Agresta, 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**

**WE NOW HAVE OUR CROSS FROM THE OLD CHURCH
IN OUR FOYER!!**

*With thanks to Charlie Harb,
Steve Fry & Angelo Roia
for all their work and effort*



*Thanks also to
St Mad's Primary for allowing
us to remove the Cross*



We welcome all new

Junior Altar Servers

**at our 10am Mass this Sunday,
followed by morning tea**



**DEEPEN YOUR FAITH: DIDASKŌ FAITH FORMATION ON
THE EUCHARIST** Unit: *The Eucharist and Devotion*. Listen to

Friar Benjamin Johnson, a Capuchin, who will explore the eucharist and specific Catholic practices, discuss devotion on the personal disposition, and external forms.

Monday 17,24 and 31 August 2026;

7.15 for a 7.30 start to 8.45pm. Rosary at 6.55pm.

St Madeleine's Centre Kenthurst.

Bring note taking materials.

More info: Careyanne 0438791813



The Sophia Discussion Group Join the Sophia Discussion Group for a timely discussion on Pope Leo XIV's landmark new encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*. When: **First Saturday of the month** at 9am Where: St Madeleine Centre For more information or to RSVP, please contact Careyanne 0438791813

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre
Please note our next date is **Friday 21st August**

Our **CRAFT MORNING** continues on **Monday 24th August**

Please join us for our
combined St Madeleine's
Primary & Marian Catholic
College Mass on
Sunday, 30th August at 10am
followed by morning tea

St Mads Liturgy Kenthurst

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are available
for collection in the Church**



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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Repay our God love for love, heart for heart.

~St Madeleine Sophie Barat~



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15 & 16 August

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Maria & Steve Fry
Carol & Terry Scott

Zakia Touma
Teresa Capaldi

**MINISTERS OF
THE ALTAR**

Heidi Bou Harb

Steve Fry

Joe Touma

READERS

Colleen Dunlop

Tony Hooper
Catherine Dickman

Rosanna Ceroli
Adriana Kennedy

Joanna O'Neil
Tereza Barisic

JNR MINISTERS

MUSICIANS

Rebecca & Chris

Chris & Jacinta

COUNTERS

Sandra Tabone & Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Pauline Chaccal

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Kathy Fenech

22 & 23 August

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Zakia Touma
Sandra Tabone

**MINISTERS OF
THE ALTAR**

Dianne Millington

Piety Rocha

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Maria Fry

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Sally Coppini

Trish Maidens
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COUNTERS

Loretta Wilson & Paul Vella

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Sally Coppini

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