



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

23rd August 2026 | 21st 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>

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven

Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

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.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20 At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

COMMENTARY The prophet Isaiah (today's First Reading) reminds us that God's will is always accomplished. And as we are reminded in the words of the Entrance Antiphon, 'Save the servant who trusts in you', it is God's will that the lowly servant, trusting in God, is to be given the place of honour and authority.

The Psalm might be the voice of that same lowly servant, praising God's wisdom and knowledge for its depth and richness (Second Reading). Though God is beyond all, the servant's call is always answered. God looks to the lowly with faithful and merciful love.

This inscrutable wisdom of God becomes apparent in the Gospel. Jesus chooses Peter, who, despite his human failings, is nevertheless to be a rock and custodian of the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Let us pray, this week, that we might trust the unfathomable wisdom of God. We ask that this wisdom, though from on high, might even look to each one of us, with our own fragilities – and that we ourselves might be God's choice to spread the joy of the kingdom here and now.

Courtesy of Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK found at <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/>

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*

Is anyone available to help us with a BBQ
after our final session:

Thursday, 27th August 7pm?
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com
Sandra Mobile 0410 587 735



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.
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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

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

WINDOW ON THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

presenting **JUDAISM & ISLAM** on **Thursday 27th August** at the Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown from 6pm. An initiative of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations. Given the surge in antisemitism and Islamophobia, the misinformation and disinformation, the divisions and polarisation in society, accelerated by social media and furthered by the attention raised by the Royal Commission, it is more important than ever to get accurate information about other religions. Was a blessing to attend the launch of Anne Benjamin's new book, last Friday evening. The book **LEADERSHIP AFTER THE SYNOD**, two experienced educators and leaders reflect on the promise – and the unfinished work – of a Church called to walk together in mission, dialogue, and discernment. Motivated by concern for future generations, and inspired by the global synodal journey, this is both a challenge and an invitation: to imagine, to lead, and to help shape a Church that more faithfully reflects the compassion and mission of Jesus.

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

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 100000064

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,543.90

2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$2,427.95

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: Gerson Dias, Engracia T Corpuz, Maria Fuda, Gerald Kalthofen, 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**

**FUNERAL OF THE
LATE MICHAEL BRUTON**

**Wednesday 26th August
11am at St Madeleine's**

*Our prayers and condolences with
the Bruton family*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND**

There will be a special collection at all Masses this Weekend to support those affected by the recent earthquake in Colombia.

Thank you for your generosity

**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.

Mondays 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*. **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 4th September**

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**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL On the weekend of **5-6 September**, the annual Bishop' Father's Day appeal will take place. This year's focus will be on Fr John O'Neill, recently retired Parish Priest of St John Vianney's, Doonside. This appeal supports all the retired priests of the Diocese, and your donations are very much appreciated. Full information will be provided next week, but if you wish to get in early, please visit <https://>



Date 1st September First Tuesday of the month

Book: Fr James Martin's book, *Come Forth*

Join us on zoom.

For details call Careyanne 0438791813

You are invited to attend a

Married Couples' RETREAT
"Reflect, Renew & Reconnect"

Saturday 5th September 2026
Bishop Bede Heather Centre,
1 Marion Street, Blacktown
8:30am to 4:30pm

\$45 per couple
Bookings essential
Places strictly limited
Register at:
parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/

Sessions
Expressions of Love
Living your Vocation of Marriage
7 Principles of making Marriage Work
Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit
Couple Prayer + Commitment Ceremony
+ Mass with Bishop Vincent

Included
Lunch + refreshments

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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22 & 23 August

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Zakia Touma
Sandra Tabone

**MINISTERS OF
THE ALTAR**

Bill Peterkin

Piety Rocha

Phillys Hannah

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Anne Kyngdon

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Sandra Tabone
Sally Coppini

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Patrick Tuttle

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Loretta Wilson & Paul Vella

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sally Coppini

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Jan Parslow

29 & 30 August

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Sandra Tabone
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Lisa Moit

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Parish

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Jan Parslow