



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

30th August 2026 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Seminarist 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>

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us

Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Matt 16:21-27

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 16:21-27 At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever would save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a person if they gain the whole world and forfeit their soul? Or what shall someone give in return for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what they have done.'

COMMENTARY Today's readings remind us that while we may find ourselves caught between the values of God's kingdom and those of the world around us, we will always have the love of God to protect and uphold us. Jeremiah laments that answering God's call has led to him being mocked and derided (First Reading). Yet despite this, he can still sense a burning desire to speak God's words. The Psalmist, wandering in the desert, thirsts for God's presence, just as he thirsts for water. Recognising the Lord's loving mercy, he is able to raise his hands in praise and thanksgiving. St Paul (Second Reading) reminds the Romans that the life we take on through baptism becomes the inspiration for how we live. Paul encourages them to resist the temptation to conform to the demands of the world as they seek to respond to God. In the Gospel, we see Peter's struggle to embrace fully the reality of Jesus's Way. Soon after being named 'the rock' on which the Church will be built, Peter is still holding on to the values of the world, and struggling to accept what Jesus tells him about the suffering that lies ahead. This week we pray for those taking up their cross in the service of Christ and his Church around the world. We ask the Lord to keep them safe 'in the shadow of his wings'.

Courtesy of Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK found at <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-22-yr-a-2026>

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*

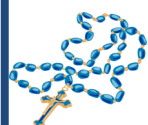
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POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST FOR EVANGELISATION IN THE CITY

*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
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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

KENTHURST ROTARY

Kathy and Peter Bray recently
initiated a food truck project, which will play a crucial role in supporting the growing
homeless and disadvantaged population of the Hills. Tuesdays from 5.30pm to 7:00pm

SALVATION ARMY

Cnr Old Northern Road & New Line Road, Dural. FREE hot food & drinks for
everyone. No-one should go hungry! Together we can make a difference.

The **SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP** is an opportunity to take a break from the busyness
of life, to enjoy a simple few days away, to delight in the gift of creation and give glory to our
Creator. It is a time to relax with friends, family and other members of the faith
community. **Friday 2 – Monday 5 October 2026** at the Wooglemai (Guntawang) Catholic
Bush Retreat & Environmental Education Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale. Registration
will be available until Sunday 20 September or until the camping trip reaches capacity.

BE THE WITNESS' MUSICAL: 10-13 SEPTEMBER

Arrives at Riverside Theatres Parramatta, 10-13 September. Presented by
Mary Queen of the Family Parish, with a full cast and chorus now in place
and rehearsals beginning this weekend, excitement is building. Gather your
parish and book now at bethewitness.com.au

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) = \$1,411.00
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 794.00 Loose \$ 1,677.35

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*

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 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



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

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 7th Sept**

Bishop's
**FATHER'S DAY
APPEAL**
**HONOUR A LIFETIME
OF FAITHFUL SERVICE
THIS FATHER'S DAY**

DONATE AT
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



PARISH SECRETARY (PART-TIME)

We are seeking a dedicated and compassionate Parish Secretary (part-time) to provide administrative and pastoral support to the Parish Priest, parish team and wider community. The role is central to the smooth day-to-day operation of the parish office, supporting sacramental celebrations, parish activities, communications and parishioner enquiries.

Applications close 31 August 2026.

Please submit your resume and cover letter outlining your suitability for the role to parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org

Or call the office to discuss any enquiries with Fr Giovani : 9654 2260

**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
0407 942 986 | stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com

Congratulations to the recently baptised:



Naomi Jean Muller Isaiah Henry Adkins
Ariel Rose Micallef Frankie Borg Ariana Coluccio
Luka Ugarkovic Florence Foia
Caterina Tassone Luca Samuel Ceroli
Emily Field Jackson Earl Eadie Grace Ann Sargent

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

PLANNED GIVING
ENVELOPES are available
for collection in the
Church

**Let us hand over all our cares
to Jesus, praying that
he will act for us.
Then everything
will take care of itself.**
~St Madeleine Sophie Barat~





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5 & 6 September

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8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Maureen & Rick Jones

Sandra Tabone
Zakia Touma

**MINISTERS OF
THE ALTAR**

Bill Peterkin

Steve Fry

Phillys Hannah

Joanna O'Neil

READERS

Justin Kyngdon
Colleen Dunlop

Nigel Saunders
Rick Di Cristoforo

Students

Trish Maidens
Patrick Tuttle

JNR MINISTERS

Xavier

MUSICIANS

Rebecca & Chris

Chris & Jacinta

COUNTERS

Loretta Wilson & Paul Vella

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sally Coppini

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Jan Parslow

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Kyngdon family

Rosa & Tony Carlino

Michelle Eamer
Adriana Kennedy

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Lisa Moit

FLOWERS

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