



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

9th August 2026 | 19th 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>

Command me to come to you over the water

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night, he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.' And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said 'Come.' So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God'.

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 In the readings this week, we witness the full range of the earth's natural order: the mountains, the wind, the sea, an earthquake and fire. Through all the upheaval and suffering that life may bring, we are reminded of God's ever-loving presence.

In the First Reading, a solitary Elijah is invited to go to the mountain to pray. God reveals himself to Elijah not in the dramatic events he witnesses, but in a gentle, low whisper. The Psalm reminds us that God will always provide for us, if only we open our hearts and ears to him. Guided by God's values of mercy, peace, justice, righteousness and faith we will stay on the right path.

St Paul (Second Reading) reaches out to his fellow Jews with a great yearning that they should see and accept the abundant gifts offered by Christ their Lord.

The Gospel retells another dramatic encounter with the earth's elements: this time the disciples are caught aboard their boat in a storm. Consumed by fear, it takes some time for them to recognise Jesus and accept his saving help.

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

Preparation Sessions

Thurs 13th & 27th

August 4.30pm or 7pm

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

For any queries please email
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com
or call Sandra 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
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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

Sharing the social justice ministry work in St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, where faith in action is clear, as they support the **DIOCESAN MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HOMELESS-NESS**, through homemade soup ministry.

September 1st is the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION** and the beginning of the **Season of Creation**. Bathurst Diocese is launching their **DIOCESAN TREE PROTECTION PLAN**, a bold plan to protect and grow the canopy across Church owned land in the diocese. Trees become the symbol of our connection with the divine, as a way of reconciliation with all of creation.

We remember to live in wonder and awe of Creation and be inspired
to practice gratitude every day. Creator God, hear our prayer.

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/

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 \$835.00 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

Recently deceased: Maria Fuda, Gerald Kalthofen

For the dearly departed: 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: 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 Krakowsky, 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*

TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

NEXT WEEKEND we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



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.

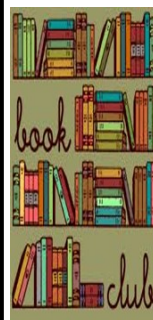
Call to Action: Read the Encyclical & Join the Discussion

When: **First Saturday of the month** at 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

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 10th August**

CODE OF CONDUCT: all volunteers are required to sign an Acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct—copies in the Church.

NOTE If you are volunteering in a **CHILD-RELATED ROLE** the form to complete is the "Working with Children Check Notification Form".

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

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



Shouldn't we gratefully accept both good and bad as coming from the hand of God, for both are inclined to our advantage if we know how to profit from them

~St Madeleine Sophie Barat ~



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10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Kyngdon Family

Fran & Rocco Scardino

Zakia Touma
Sandra Tabone

**MINISTERS OF
THE ALTAR**

John Puleo

Piety Rocha

Phillys Hannah

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Anne Kyngdon

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Merle

COUNTERS

Sandra Tabone & Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Pauline Chacal

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Kathy Fenech

15 & 16 August

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

WELCOMERS

Maria & Steve Fry
Carol & Terry Scott

Zakia Touma
Teresa Capaldi

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