



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

13th September 2026 | 24th 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

Parish Secretary

Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

Finance Officer

Catherine Bareham

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>

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35 At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So, the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So, his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

COMMENTARY This Sunday's readings .Last Sunday's Gospel, from the same chapter as today's, was about fraternal correction and about the possible necessity to expel a member from the Christian community. We are talking about someone who persists in behaving in a way which is totally at variance with the values of a community whose life vision is based on the gospel. So, today's Gospel is about forgiveness. Peter, who is beginning to learn his Master's ways, asks how many times he should forgive, as many as seven times? Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. In other words, one should forgive indefinitely. God forgives us without limit. If we are to be like him, and that is our calling in life, we must do the same. And it is not just a piece of advice. Our very salvation depends on it!

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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.

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 Diekman
Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini
Finance Committee Chair: Chris Coulton
Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the newly confirmed children and their families.



POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

PIETY SHOP

Christmas cards and 2027 Columban calendars are now in stock!

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 for any special requests

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP October 2nd - 5th The Season of Creation Camping Trip Oakdale 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. The 2026 Season of Creation theme is '**Immersion in Living Water**' which is inspired by Ezekiel Registration will be available until Sunday September 20

www.epiphanypilgrimage.org/ Thursday, 10 September 2026 is **R U OK? DAY** but we know that the people around us go through life's ups and downs every day. Love Bites, a school-based program that equips teenagers across Australia with the knowledge and skills to build healthy, respectful relationships.

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – HEARTS SET ABLAZE!

The **INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN SYDNEY IN 2028**

('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.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) = \$1,621.30
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$ 724.00 Loose \$1,764.40

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.

PRAYER AT ST MAD'S



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 MAD'S 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

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Maria Fuda, Carlo & Michael Esposito, Hugo & Roy Cutrone, Maria Perri, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Chahide & Sheddy Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Paul, Sam & Joe Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Ky Frendo, Betty Scicluna, Geoff Burcham, Gerson Dias, Engracia T Corpuz, Maria Fuda, Gerald Kalthofen, Hector Soames, 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, 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

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre
Please note our next date is **Friday 18th September**
Our **CRAFT MORNING** continues on **Monday 21st Sept**

ST MADELEINE'S 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.

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 Giovanni: 9654 2260



Date First Tuesday of each 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 on 0438791813

Bishop's
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APPEAL**
HONOUR A LIFETIME
OF FAITHFUL SERVICE
THIS FATHER'S DAY
DONATE AT
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



Thank you for your donations of \$3,446.00 last weekend. You may still donate at <https://parracatholic.org/donate/clergy-support-foundation>.

ANNUAL AFRICA MASS 2026: 27 SEPTEMBER

The African Catholic communities of the Diocese of Parramatta, in collaboration with the Diocesan Office for Migrant Chaplaincies and the Nigerian and Ghanaian Chaplaincies, warmly invite you to the African Mass 2026. Join us on **Sunday 27 September** from 1pm–5pm at Mary Queen of the Family Parish (St Patrick's Church), 51–59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, for a vibrant celebration of faith, culture and community. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided following Mass. All are welcome.

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on the following days: 23 September, 15 October, 5 November. Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

ST MADELEINE'S

Dinner Dance

EAT • DRINK • DANCE • SUPPORT

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

COMMENCING AT

6:30PM



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/>

Used stamps and unwanted spectacles/reading glasses, may be left in the piety shop.

Your example, even more than your words, will be an eloquent lesson to the world
~St Madeleine Sophie Barat~





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12th & 13th September		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Heidi Bou Harb	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Pat Waters Heidi Bou Harb	Nigel Saunders Rick Di Cristoforo	Rosanna Ceroli Roslyn Earl	Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Peter, Dominic, Christopher & Raymond		Mila, Aaliyah & Mason	Isaac & Bronte
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Rose & Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Helen Harb & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Moit
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Fry
19th & 20th September		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Teresa Capaldi	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Eileen Sherlock Catherine Dickman	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Madison		Joyah & Eden	Luca
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Rose & Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Moit
	FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Alice Garratt