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20th September 2026 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

PARISH TEAM

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Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

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Principal: Mr Matthew Smith

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Mt 20:1-16

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So, they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So, the last will be first, and the first last."

COMMENTARY This week, the readings focus on God's generosity, even if it is sometimes difficult for us to accept that God's ways are not our ways. In the First Reading, Isaiah encourages the people of Israel to seek the Lord and turn to him, so that they can experience his forgiveness and compassion. The Psalm promises kindness and mercy to all who call on the Lord. St Paul (Second Reading) speaks of his dilemma. He wants to be with Christ, but also realises that he is needed on earth to continue to preach the Gospel around him. Of two good things, he chooses the better: that is, to remain alive for the sake of the new Christians.

The Gospel further illustrates that God's ways are not our ways, and that God's generosity is without bounds. Here, Jesus tells the parable of the vine workers: all will be paid the same amount, regardless of the number of hours they have spent in the field. This story helps us understand that in God's eyes, those who turned to God later in life are worth just as much as those who have followed him from the beginning.

In our prayer this week, we may like to meditate further on God's unconditional love and generosity for us all, and remind ourselves that his ways are not our ways.

Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK
<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/>

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>

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 Diekmann

Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini

Finance Committee Chair: Chris Coulton

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

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

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

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES (WDMR) Sunday 27 September is the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) the theme this year is "Even just one of these children"

Each year, Catholics around the world are asked to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution. The WDMR takes place annually on the last Sunday of September and is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. This year COP31 talks started in Fiji with the call to support those displaced by rising sea across the Pacific, are we being good neighbours to those forced to move?

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

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) = 1,132.00

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes \$1,132.00 Loose \$2,093.40

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.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Maria Fuda, Carlo & Michael Esposito, Hugo & Roy Cutrone, Maria Perri, Norman & Chahida Hajje, George, Chahide & Shaddy 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: Patricia Regan, Addi Brownbill, Robert Allaeta, 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 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

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre
Please note our next date is **Friday 2nd October**
Our **CRAFT MORNING** continues on **Monday 21st Sept**



Date First Tuesday of each month
Book: Fr James Martin's book, *Come Forth*
Join us on zoom.
For details call Careyanne 0438791813

First-class Relic & Exhibition of St Carlo Acutis

The First-Class Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis will be at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 28 to 30 September. Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit. All welcome. [Click here](#) for more information.



Thank you for caring for our spiritual fathers Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$3,861 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. .



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.

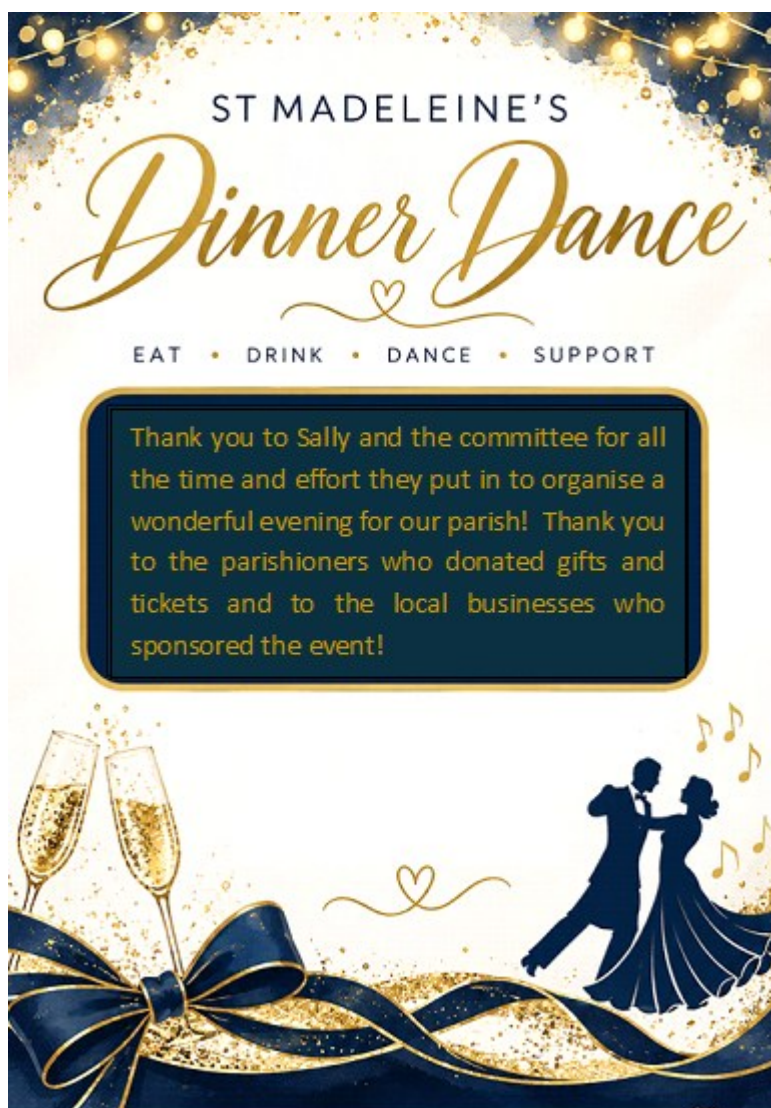
ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

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

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



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, visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website: <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

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





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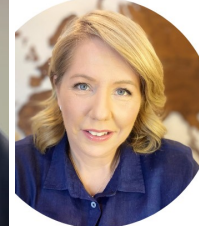
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19th & 20th September

26th & 27th Sept

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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THE ALTAR**

Bill Peterkin

Steve Fry

Joe Touma

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Colleen Dunlop
Pat Waters

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Catherine Diekman

Rosanna Ceroli
Adriana Kennedy

Joanna O'Neil
Lidia Ceccato

JNR MINISTERS

Madison

Joyah & Eden

Luca

MUSICIANS

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Chris & Jacinta

COUNTERS

Sandra Tabone & Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Alexandra Quail

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Alice Garratt

5:30PM VIGIL

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Merle

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School Holidays

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Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Alice Garratt