



St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 3pm

11th October 2026 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Invite everyone you can to the wedding

Is 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14 Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

COMMENTARY Today we're shown a foretaste of salvation and how God desires the inclusion of everyone. In the Gospel, the parable of the Wedding Banquet shows God's eagerness to offer salvation to all, yet how easily all kinds of reasons can get in the way of our response. The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) affirms that the enemies of humanity – death and despair – will be overcome. The Lord will provide an abundant banquet for all, of every nation. It is a scene echoed in the Psalm, which shows a shepherd overcoming death and preparing a banquet for his flock. St Paul intimately knows Christ, the Good Shepherd of the Psalm and, though writing from a Roman prison, he wants for nothing (Second Reading). His secret is that his consolation rests not with external circumstances but with Christ. Through Christ's strength and presence, Paul can live with much or little and endure any hardship or persecution. This week, let's pray that we feel ever more strongly the presence of Christ and, by doing all things through his strength, we might willingly share the troubles of others.

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

Welcome to our new Parish Secretary, Alexandra Mifsud, who starts this Tuesday 13th October, 2026.

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Seminarian in Placement

John (Hiep) Nguyen

Parish Secretary

Alexandra Mifsud

Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

Finance Officer

Catherine Bareham

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mr Robert Peers

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 in school terms

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>

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 Calleja, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Nursing Homes Ministry 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

*"without sacraments
there is no Christian life"*
~Pope Leo~

For queries please contact
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Sandra 0410 587 735

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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 Mads Rosary

Thursday after morning Mass
Rosary Via Zoom Contact Lydia
Ceccato 0400 372 561



Baptism Preparation First

Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine
centre. Contact the Parish office to book.

Social Justice @ St Mad's

Socktober is Catholic Mission's annual World Mission Month initiative that
uses soccer and the handmade "sockball" to help raise funds and
awareness for children in need, especially in Malawi in 2026.

Congratulations to our local reconciliation group Hills Yarning on receiving
a community grant from the office of Julian Lesser, funds will assist with
the creation of Hills Yarning banners within our Laudato Si' garden. This
October, the Marian month, Jesuit & Ignatian Spirituality Australia JISA
invites you into a simple and beautiful way of praying with Mary - one
word, one breath, one day at a time.

Register: book.venue.life – Breath of Joy, October 2026 This year, Breath
of Joy invites us to pray with Mary's Magnificat. Accompanied by beautiful
images of Mary, each daily prayer lingers with just one word, allowing it to
settle into your breath, your heart and your everyday life.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS



For the dearly departed: Emanuelle Degabriel, Anthony, Rose & Law
Apap, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Antonio Votano, Maria Fuda, Carlo &
Michael Esposito, Hugo & Roy Cutrone, Maria Perri, Norman & Chahida
Hajje, George, Chahide & Shedly 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, Frank
Agresta.

Please pray for the sick: John Dowsett, 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 Krakowszky, Pat
Brush.

*If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please use the Mass offering
envelopes found at the Church entrance or email the office kenthurst@parracatholic.org*

Planned Giving Program

Please advise new credit card details/expiry date.

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your
ongoing support, which is vital to keep our Parish going strong. Please return
envelopes at the weekend Masses or the parish office, or donate electronically to:

ACCOUNT NAME : Kenthurst Catholic Church

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Last Week's Collections:

1st collection (for Diocese): \$ 1,278.75.

2nd collection (for Parish): Envelopes \$827.00 Loose \$ 1,704.15 Total \$ 2,531.15

Avg weekly credit card/direct debit: \$1,126

Thank you for your generosity!

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. Amen



Parish volunteers needed to mow our lawn once per month or 6 weekly, depending on the roster.

All equipment is provided. Please contact the parish office.

Friends of St Madeleine's

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre Please note our next date is **Friday 16th October**.

Our **Craft Morning** continues on **Monday 19th October**.



BOOK CLUB

Date: First Tuesday of each month

Book: Fr James Martin's book, *Come Forth* Join us on zoom. For details call Careyanne 0438791813

Men's Retreat: A Day to Quiet the Noise, Reconnect with Faith and Find Strength for What's Next

- a new day retreat at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills, offering men space to step back from the pressures of daily life. Through honest reflection, small group conversation and practical prayer, reconnect your faith with your purpose. Facilitated by Nehme Khattar, Head of Mission at Catholic Healthcare.

Saturday 17 October, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm \$198 incl. GST. Morning tea and lunch provided. Learn more: www.mmsm.org.au/retreats/mens-retreat

ST MADELEINE'S
MELBOURNE CUP Luncheon
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
11AM TILL RACE TIME 3PM

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HELD AT ST MADELEINE'S CENTRE

Deepen Your Faith:

Didasko Faith Formation on the Eucharist

Join the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and the University of Notre Dame Australia for the **Didasko** series—structured, high-quality faith formation designed for everyday Catholics. The lectures are live on zoom and not recorded. **Session 7: The Eucharist and Morality** To increase our understanding of the Eucharist, Rev Dr Paschal Corby OFM Conv will look at the Eucharist as a mystery to be lived, how our sharing in this mystery “becomes a source of a life lived in imitation of and communion with Christ.” **Monday 12, 19, and 26 October 2026 at 7.15pm** for a 7.30 start to 8.45pm. **Rosary at 6.55pm. St Madeleine's Centre. Bring note taking materials.**

More info: Careyanne 0438 791 813



EUCCHARIST28 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.



This appeal will be held next weekend, the 17/18 October 2026.

God does not ask of us the perfection of tomorrow, nor even of tonight, but only of the present moment.



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/>



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READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Sandra B Eileen	Sandra T Karla Q	Lidia C Joanna
JNR MINISTERS			Mila	Angelina, Anthony & Luca
MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Rose & Joan	Merle	
COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Helen Harb		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	School Holidays
FLOWERS			ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman
17/18 th October	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zaka Touma Sandra Tabone	
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