



St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 4pm

18th October 2026 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's

Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thess 1:1-5 Mt 22:15-21

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

Assistant Priest

Rev Clement Gnanapragasam OSB

Seminarian in Placement

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Parish Secretary

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Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

Finance Officer

Catherine Bareham

St Madeleine's Primary School

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A/Principal: Mr Robert Peers

Marian Catholic College

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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>

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21 At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

COMMENTARY Our readings today leave us in no doubt that, as the Creator of all, there is only one God, who rules over everything on earth.

In the First Reading we hear Isaiah's prophecy concerning the pagan king, Cyrus, who, with God's help, will conquer nations, return the Jewish people to their homeland, and restore the greatness of Jerusalem. Through his actions, people around the whole world will know that God is Lord of all nations. The Psalm invites us to sing of the power and glory of God. As in the First Reading, we are exhorted to tell others that the Lord is king, praising him above all else. St Paul (Second Reading) writes to the developing Christian community in Thessalonica. He reminds them – and us – that we are chosen and loved by God. We know God not just through words, but also by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel we see Jesus neatly avoiding the trap set for him by those who seek to discredit him. Pointing out Caesar's image on a coin, he tells them: 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

In the week ahead, we pray for all those who are in positions of leadership around the world. We ask that God will steer and guide them to seek justice and fairness for all people.

Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>

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

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

Sacraments / Prayer

Sacramental program

"The Sacraments are the manifestation of the Father's tenderness and love towards each of us." ~late Pope Leo~(1935-2025)

For queries please contact
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

OUTLOOK ART COMPETITION

We're inviting you to design the front cover of the **Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2026 edition!** People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. For more information visit parracatholic.org/artcomp
Theme – The true meaning of Christmas: Special Year of St Francis
Closes - Fri 6 Nov 2026

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
Chaolet 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. Contact the Parish office to book.

PARISH NEWS

Social Justice @ St Mad's

Great news from Bishop Tim Harris who has signed the Faiths for a Fossil Free Future Multi-Faith Letter on behalf of the Commission for Social Justice. This is a wonderful sign of our church leaders stepping up to listen to the cry of earth as she groans with climate disruptions. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Open their hearts to the conversion needed to love Sister, Mother Earth more fully, to be integral with, not disconnected from Earth. We are all standing on holy ground.

PIETY SHOP

Now in stock: Christmas cards \$9, 2027 Columban calendars \$11

We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items.
Special orders are welcome too, contact Sandra Tabone on 0413 272 400.

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

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Karen Bartolo, Emanuelle Degabriel, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence 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 Natrianni, 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:

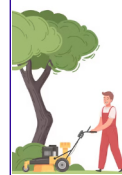
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Last Week's Collections:

1st collection (for Diocese): \$ 1,727.70
2nd collection (for Parish): Envelopes \$919.00 Loose \$ 1,312.15 Total \$ 2,231.15
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.

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/](https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/)

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.



Friends of St Madeleine's

Please join us every second Friday in
the St Madeleine Centre Please note
our next date is **Friday 30th 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

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

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH **HAT PARADE** **SWEETS** **RAFFLE** **GOOD COMPANY**

HELD AT ST MADELEINE'S CENTRE

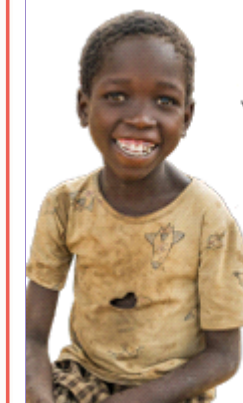
Deepen Your Faith: Didasko Faith Formation on the Eucharist

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 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. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813**

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



100 years of World Mission Day



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

The Sophia Discussion Group

Join the Sophia Discussion Group for a timely discussion on Pope Leo XIV's landmark new encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas on **Saturday 31 October** at 9am Where: St Madeleine Centre For more information or to RSVP, please contact Careyanne on 0438791813

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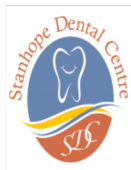
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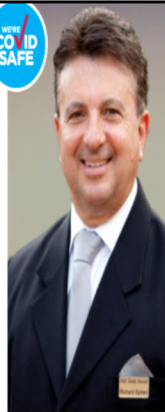
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17/18th October	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
WELCOMERS		Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Joanna O'Neill
READERS	Heidi Bou-Harb Pat Waters	Nigel Saunders Maria Fry	Mary Sammut Adriana Kennedy	Tereza Barisic
JNR MINISTERS	Madison, Joyah & Eden			Bronte, Jacob
MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Loretta Wilson		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	will commence next week
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino
24/25th October	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
WELCOMERS		Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Sandra Tabone Zakia Touma	
MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	Joanna O'Neill
READERS	Pat Waters Heidi Bou-Harb	Rick Di Cristoforo Catherine Diekman	Rosanna Ceroli Karla Quinn	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
JNR MINISTERS	Roderick		Georgia, Rachel & Matthew	Isaac, Bronte
MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan & Rose	Merle	
COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino