



St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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

25th October 2026 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself

Ex 22:20-26 1 Thess 1:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

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

A/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>

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40 At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law, and the Prophets.'

COMMENTARY Our readings this Sunday remind us of God's love and compassion. We are asked to live this out each day in our relations with him and with others.

The First Reading is from the book of Exodus. God tells Moses to teach the Israelites the kind of care they are to show each other as children of God. The Psalm is a song of praise and thanksgiving to God, who is the only source of our strength. We can express our love for him in our dealings with others. St Paul, in the Second Reading, praises the Christians in Thessalonica for the way they have responded, in joy, to the Spirit, becoming imitators of Christ.

In the Gospel Jesus answers the question, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' The answer is, of course, to love God – with our whole being. Love of our neighbour is inextricable from this.

This week let us, with joy, strive to imitate Christ's love for us in the smallest details of our motives and actions with regard to others.

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

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

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

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

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program 2027

Baptism for Primary Children in Year 3 or above

Register by Tuesday, 9th February 2027

Baptism preparation Saturday, 20th February 2027

Baptism date Sunday 28th February

Reconciliation Term One 2027

Application form will be available from our website in early 2027.

Registration due Tuesday 9th February

Parent Information evening Tuesday, 16th February

Preparation Sessions Thursdays, 25th February,

4th & 11th March

2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Celebration of Sacrament)

Thursday 18th March

First Eucharist Term 2 2027

Registration due Tuesday, 4th May

Confirmation Term 3 2027

Registration due Tuesday, 27th July

For queries please contact
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

Social Justice @ St Mad's

The Catholic Church's ecological teaching has taken a significant step forward with a new document that argues environmental destruction cannot be understood merely as a scientific, political or economic problem. It is also a matter of sin. In a text published on September 2, the International Theological Commission calls for what it describes as an authentic ecological conversion and proposes a more precise expression for the moral reality involved: a "sin against creation and against the Creator."

PIETY SHOP

NEW PRODUCTS NOW AVAILABLE

We are delighted to introduce **For Little Hearts by Creative Kits 4 Kids**, a beautiful faith-inspired collection designed to help children grow closer to Jesus and Mary through prayer, creativity and learning.

Discover our range of Catholic colouring and activity packs, including **The Rosary for Little Hearts**, **The Divine Mercy Chaplet for Little Hearts** and **The Story of Christmas for Little Hearts**, along with our faith-inspired gifts and puzzles.

Contact Sandra Tabone 0413 272 400

NOVEMBER MASSES

If you would like photos of your dearly departed displayed on our **Remembrance Wall** throughout the month of November please provide to the parish office.

During the month of November, we will offer our prayers and Masses for the eternal repose of the souls of our dearly departed.

Names can be written in the **Book of Life** at the entrance to the Church.

Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available in the foyer of the Church

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



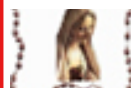
St Mad's Book Club

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 PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Harold & Olive Burns, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Anna Bachmann, Karen Bartolo, Vincenza Luca, 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

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:

ACCOUNT NAME : Kenthurst Catholic Church

BSB: 067-950

ACCOUNT: 100000064

Last Week's Collections:

1st collection (for Diocese): \$ 1,568.50

2nd collection (for Parish): Envelopes \$919.00 Loose \$ 1,696.65 Total \$ 2,490.65

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer Group

Please join us every Wednesday at 10am as we look at the coming Sunday Readings. Everyone is Welcome! in the St Madeleine Centre. For more information call Pauline Camilleri 0407 417 039

St Mad's Dinner Dance -

Photos are now available, 100% of all money donated going towards the Nepalese Floods

QR Code for photos at the back of church or contact Ray Attard, photographer 0425 233 630

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/>

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 2nd November**.



BOOK CLUB

Date: First Tuesday of each month

Book: Fr James Martin's book, *Come Forth* Join us on zoom. For details call Careyanne 0438 791 813

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

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH | HAT PARADE | SWEEPS | 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 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**

We must suffer in order to go to God. We forget this truth far too often. ~St Madeleine Sophie Barat~



Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like 'Yamikani' will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you choose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers. *Name changed for privacy

1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

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

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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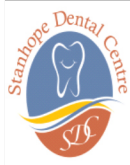
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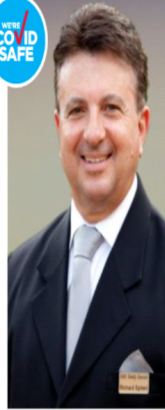
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8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Carmel & Mike O'Connell

Sandra Tabone
Zakia Touma

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Phillys Hannah

Joanna O'Neill

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Isaac, Bronte

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Merle

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Paul Vella & Parish Team

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Alexandra Quail

FLOWERS

Parish

ALTAR LINEN

Rosa Carlino

31/1 November

5:30PM VIGIL

8AM SUNDAY

10AM SUNDAY

5.30PM SUNDAY

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Michelle Eamer
Adriana Kennedy

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