

St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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John (Hiep) Nguyen

Parish Secretary
Alexandra Mifsud

Sacramental Coordinator
Sandra De Nardi

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Catherine Bareham

St Madeleine's Primary School
Phone: 9654 6751
A/Principal: Mr Robert Peers

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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

15th November 2026 | 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord

Prov 31:10-3, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thess 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14–21 (abbreviated)

Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also the one who had the two talents made two talents more. But the one who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."

COMMENTARY

In the First Reading, the writer extols the virtues of the perfect wife. Although using language which reflects the practice and culture of biblical times, the passage speaks powerfully of the value and dignity of manual work, the importance of charity, and respect for all, whatever their role in life. The Psalm speaks again of the dignity of work, of being self-sufficient, providing for one's family, and living in awe of the Lord. St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that if we live our lives in the light of Christ, we have no need to fear the coming of the reign of God. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the talents to show the importance of making best use of what we have been given for the benefit of others.

This week, we pray for those who struggle to realise where their own talents lie, and those who lack the opportunity to be recognised, valued and celebrated. We also continue to pray for peace across the world.

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

Parish Working Bee

Saturday 5 December 2026

Please contact the office to sign up

BAPTISM PREPARATION:
The next Baptism preparation session will be on Saturday, 5th December at 4:30-5:30pm at St Madeleine's Centre.
To book, please call the parish office on 9654 2260. Thank you.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

The RCIA Programme's first session will start on Wednesday 18th November 2026 from 6pm—8pm at St Madeleine's Centre. You are welcome to join the sessions!

Contact Steve Fry on 0411 470 416 for more information.

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 Chaccal
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
Sandra 0410 587 735
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

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 Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Contact **Pauline Camilleri 0407 417 039**

St Mad's Book Club

To register contact Careyanne
careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

RCIA

For enquires contact the Parish Office

St Mads Rosary

Thursday after morning Mass
Monday Rosary Via Zoom
Ph: 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

Catholic Mission has over the past year auspiced a new organisation called Formation. org.au, next year this will be the focus of the Mission One Heart Many Voices conference in May, starting at Mary Mackllop Place, North Sydney. It will start with a day of Healing Land Healing People and then delving into the theme: Courage to Love, inviting us to live and lead God's Mission fiercely and courageously. November 19 is World Toilet Day.to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. Worldwide, 3.4 billion people live without "safely managed sanitation". Consider using Who Gives a Crap who donates 50% of its profits to clean water and sanitation projects worldwide.

On World Toilet Day, may cleanliness be the foundation of our lives, sanitation be our editation, and every home, village, and nation be a place of health, safety, and harmony.

PIETY SHOP

NEW PRODUCTS NOW AVAILABLE

Presence - Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection booklet now available for $6.

Christmas Cards & 2027 Calendars 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.



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

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Joe Spina, Paul Castelino, Mariana Galea, Louis Sammut, Lyndell Clarke, Robert Allotta, Louis Sammut, Mara, Sergio and Magda Schiavon, The Rodrigues Family, Joseph Buttigieg, Simon Touma, 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 & Sheddy Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi

Please pray for the sick: Blake Barbuto, Peter Moussa, Aura Krakowszky, John Dowsett, Patricia Regan, Addi Brownbill, 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

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

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

~St Madeleine Sophie Barat~



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): $1,603.75
2nd collection (for Parish): Envelopes $924 Loose $2,623.10 Total 3,547.10

Madeleine's Family Group's

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2026

Thank you for participating in our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. This year we are assisting Baabayn Inc Emerton and Holy Family Parish Emerton.
There are no "rules" about what or how much of one item to put in your hamper/ box / bag, but the following guidelines may be useful:

- See the list of items House of Welcome have suggested, please no soup, baked beans or tinned spaghetti
- Consider the weight of your hamper for lifting purposes
- Grocery cards are very welcome
- Toiletries are an expensive item and would be very appreciated by these families
- Baabayn suggest movie tickets or Opal cards. Pack your Hamper into a cardboard box or shopping bag (decorate with Christmas wrapping and a card if you wish)

Bring your hamper to the church on Sunday the **6th of December by 9:45am** for our Hamper Mass.
If you have any problems, please phone, Sue Martin 0432-716-577







POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

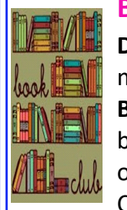
THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Friends of St Madeleine's

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre Please note our next date is **Friday 27th November.**

Our **Craft Morning** continues on **Monday 16th 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

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA | Bishop's GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness.



The Appeal will run over six weekends, from 7–8 November to 12–13 December 2026.

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future. **Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.** Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.



Red November Mass

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

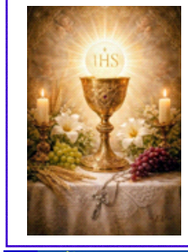
Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world.

Wednesday 25 November | 7:30 pm

Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta

A collection will be taken up to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

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 8:**" The Eucharist and Evangelisation. To increase our understanding of the Eucharist, Dr Kevin Corby reveals to us how the eucharist is the most powerful gift God gives us for transformation of the world.

Monday 16 and 23 November 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



Collections will be taken at Masses on **12-13 December 2026** for the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) Christmas Appeal. Donations provide food hampers, emergency help with bills, housing support, and assistance for people facing hardship and homelessness. Gifts of **$2 and over are tax-deductible**.

Unable to attend? Donate online at **donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/christmas-appeal-nsw**. Thank you for your support.

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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14/15 November	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	Heidi Bou-Harb	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
READERS	Colleen Dunlop Lidia Ceccato	Tony Hooper Catherine Diekman	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Joanna O'Neil Tereza Baristic
JNR MINISTERS	Christian, Maddison		Joyah & Eden	Angelina, Anthony, Luka
MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech

21/22 November	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
WELCOMERS		Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
READERS	Colleen Dunlop Anne Kyngdon	Maria Baldi Eileen Sherlock	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
JNR MINISTERS	Samuel, Nash		Georgia, Rachel & Matthew	Bronte, Jacob
MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan & Rose	Merle	
COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Moit
FLOWERS	Loretta Wilson and Paul Vella		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech