

St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish

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Phone: 9654 6751
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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

8th November 2026 | 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him

Wis 6:12-16 1 Thess 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus told his disciples this parable: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise ones replied, "No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves."

While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, "Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he said in reply, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

COMMENTARY As we come to the end of the liturgical year, the readings are increasingly concerned with the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord. In the First Reading, Wisdom is personified as an attractive woman, who seeks to comfort and support those who love and seek her. She prepares us for the virgins in the Gospel who are looking out for the bridegroom. Continuing the theme of watching, the Psalmist's main ambition is to find God. He will certainly be ready when the Lord comes. Using apocalyptic language, Paul reminds the Thessalonians that whether dead or alive, the Lord will be with them, so they can comfort one another. (Second Reading)

In the well-known parable of the wise and foolish virgins, Matthew reminds his audience that the Lord will eventually come, but that we must not only exercise patience, but also be ready at all times to welcome him. (Gospel)

This week, we might pray particularly for all those who will be unprepared when the Lord comes, whether because they don't know him, or because they have given up waiting.

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

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

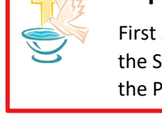
Registration due Tuesday, 4th May

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

November 15 is the 10th World Day of the Poor instituted by the Catholic Church to highlight the dignity, needs, and rights of the poor. "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (Psalm 14:6) As we get ready for Advent starting December 1st a daily offering from Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality Australia; All Creation Waits which are daily contemplations, exploring the wonder of the universe, the sacredness of our natural world, and our place within its unfolding story. Through Scripture, poetry, science and spiritual wisdom, we will deepen our relationship with all living things and ponder the extraordinary mystery of the Incarnation - God becoming one with Creation. Adapted from an advent calendar created by the late Sr Liz Wiemers SGS, shared in her memory and with deep gratitude. Register JISA website

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.

Christmas Cards & 2027 Calendars available



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: Paul Castelino, Louis Sammut, Lyndell Clarke, Robert Allotta, Louis Sammut, Mara, Sergio and Magda Suhiavan, 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

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): $1,407.20

2nd collection (for Parish): Envelopes $1,221.00 Loose $2,910.50 Total $4,131.50

Avg weekly credit card/direct debit: $1,126 **Thank you for your generosity!**

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

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/

EUCHARIST28 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.

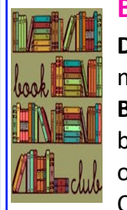
Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass,
so that we may truly become
what we have received, the Body of Christ.

Amen.

Friends of St Madeleine's

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre Please note our next date is **Friday 13th 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.

St Mad's Dinner Dance

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

Scan QR Code to view photos and instructions on donations or contact Ray Attard, photographer 0425 233 630

If I had my life to live over again, I would seek to live in complete openness to the Holy Spirit.

~St Madeleine Sophie Barat~



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 9, 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



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.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country on which we worship.

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7/8 November	5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
WELCOMERS	Kyngdon family	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Bill Peterkin	Piety Rocha	Phillys Hannah	
READERS	Justin Kyngdom Anne Kyngdon	Sandra Bonello Eileen Sherlock	Sally Coppini Karla Quinn	Tereza Barisic Lidia Ceccato
JNR MINISTERS	Fred, Xavier		Mila	Isaac, Bronte
MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan & Rose	Merle	
COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Moit
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Vicki Hooper
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		Chris & Jacinta	
COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Alexandra Quail
FLOWERS	Parish		ALTAR LINEN	Kathy Fenech