

Sacred Heart Parish

South Mount Druitt

Sunday Masses Saturday 6.00 pm - Vigil 12th SUNDAY of the YEAR
 Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am 21/6/2020: A

Weekday Masses Monday 9.00 am **Sts. John Fisher/Thomas More**
 Tuesday 9.00 am Week 12 of the Ordinary Year
 Wednesday 7.30 pm then Rosary. **Birth: John - Baptist**
 Thursday 9.00 am Week 12 of the Ordinary Year
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 Saturday 9.00 am Week 12 of the Year. Exposition?

Confessions Saturday 10.30 am, 12.00-1.00pm, 5.00pm-5.30pm
Parish Priest Father C. Ashton (Confessions after Mass: see Fr.)
Presbytery/Church 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt Ph: 9625-8847
Baptisms By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.
Weddings Six Months Notice - Marriage Preparation Course

1st Reading: This is from one of the "Laments" of Jeremiah where he is complaining to God about his woes, but then immediately confirms his trust in the justice of God!
2nd Reading: St. Paul is asserting that sin has been in the world from the start but the wonderful benefits of God's grace through Christ have far outweighed these evils!

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June 28	J. SALAZAR	J. D'ROZARIO	T. MERJUDIO
13 th Sunday of the Year	J. GARCIA	N. MCKENZIE	E. MERJUDIO
July 5	S. FERNANDEZ	A. WIGGINS	F. ANTOWN
14 th Sunday of the Year	J. GARCIA	J. MENDES	M. WONG

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady will be at the home of the Glennon family 40 Sairor Rd. 96257421 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at 10.00pm

Letter from the Bishop: The DWF quota for the month of June for all Parishes has been suspended until further notice. This is because of the Covid-19 emergency. Also "Project Compassion" has extended its appeal till further notice. So there won't be any DWF envelopes on the seats for the time being!

GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Emiliana CARAIG who died last month, Armando LUGUD, Natividad LLAVE, Amelia VERGARA, Saeed ALSALEH, George & Whitemena LAVIS, Thomas WIGGINS, Michael WONG, Malcomb FARQUHARSON, Gwendoline McLEOD, Marianne & Andrew GOVE, Lillian HEALY, Anton PODBOJ, Jovita QUIJADA, Leslie & Dorothy CLARKE, Yvonne TURNER, Gerard PORTELLI, Aniceto ABAT, Colin FITZGERALD, Gerry MONTEIRO, John WOON, Anna HEW, Anna LACEK, Ignac KOZUMPLIK, Frantisek PAVLICEK, Mary & Arthur CLIFT, Gotfyrd & Janina KELLER, Peter McNULTY, Hegino & Julia SALAZAR, Marko & Roza SIMEON, Capt. Thomas MOODY, James O'GRADY, Raymond DOWNEY, Martin DEMEO, John CHIPURA, (all firemen 9/11) Neda NENADIC, Stephania ZORE, Jelka KOSTA, Margaret REILLY, Frank & Maricka ZORE, Anton & Regina HRVATIN, Carmen & Thomas PORTELLI, John & Connie BUHAGIAR. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory!

FROM THE SACRED HEART SISTERS IN SOUTH SUDAN

The Superior of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in South Sudan, Sister Rita Grunke, sent this letter in March of this year. The name of the place where they are there is called MAPUORDIT. They share the mission with an Order of Italian priests called "the Carboni Fathers". These are extracts from a longer letter:

"I have just returned home to our OLSH compound after spending four hours journeying through the roadless acres of grassland and forest of this land monitoring the progress of drilling for fresh water. Only an experienced driver like 'Juma' is able to safely negotiate such terrain without punctured tyres. Two sites are now yielding fresh, cool, water. Women and young girls dance and sing their gratitude for a much closer, fresh, and clean water source. The third site, Aiel Debera, was a joy to behold. Our arrival there coincided with the first water being pumped from the newly drilled borehole. Dozens of people were rejoicing there, clapping, pumping, drinking, washing faces, watering goats, and assisting little children to drink, to wash faces and hands. One woman led a prayer of gratitude for what had been done. The chief, the soldier in charge providing security for the drillers, the administrator—all were childlike in their joy and gratitude for the water. Everyone drank it, including me, and it was crystal clear, pure, fresh, cool and delightful. The donors who made this possible are to be thanked profusely. You cannot know the joy you provide for these isolated unsophisticated thirsty people.

The story is the same for those who generously contributed to the "Overseas Aid Fund". It is only when you have been water-deprived over many years that you can know the joy of having it close to your doorstep, only a 30-minute walk away. Again, sincere thanks for the assistance to these poor people!

The formation of the "Unity Government" was finally met with much jubilation, but also scepticism. The people are so war-weary and desperately want peace, but can't believe it may now come. Prior to the formation of the Unity Government the word commonly used in relation to life here was "useless". Leaders were termed "useless" because they didn't connect with grassroots lives here. Roads were useless because lorries would overturn in huge pot holes, with delays for weeks, land cruisers were getting stuck in mud, governance was termed "useless", and the litany went on.

Last Saturday saw the arrival of the annual Hospital lorry from Nairobi in Kenya, next door to Sudan. It was laden with medical supplies to keep our hospital functioning for the next 12 months. Additional to the medical supplies were 10 bicycles for our High School girls living beyond walking distance from the school, provided by the Irish Province. Forty outers of famine relief biscuits came as well! (continued next week)

PETERS PENCE is a collection that is requested by the Holy Father each year on the occasion of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul which is next Monday week. It is similar to the collection that St. Paul took up for the Mother Church of Jerusalem in the first years of Christianity. It is to support the Mother Church of Christianity of today which is Rome. If you wish to offer something to support the Holy Father, there will not be any special collection but maybe **next Sunday** (28 June) if you wish to add something extra in the **Second Collection** above what normally you would give, it will be then sent as our contribution to the Diocese for this Collection!