

# Sacred Heart Parish

South Mount Druitt

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil</b>	<b>16th Sunday of the Year</b>
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Sunday 7:30 am &amp; 9.00am</b>	19/7/2020: A
	Monday 9:00 am	Week 16 of Ordinary Time
	Tuesday 9:00 am	Week 16 of Ordinary Time
	Wednesday 7:30 pm	then Rosary. <b>St. Mary Magdalene</b>
	Thursday 9:00 am	Week 16 of Ordinary Time
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	Saturday 9:00 am	<b>St. James, Apostle.</b> Exposition ?
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 10:30 am, 12.00-1.00pm, 5.00pm-5.30pm	
<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father C. Ashton	
<b>Presbytery/Church</b>	9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt	Ph: 9625-8847
<b>Baptisms</b>	By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.	
<b>Weddings</b>	Six Months Notice - Marriage Preparation Course	

**Exposition of Bl Sacrament for 1/2hr after 9.00am Mass & Rosary Saturday, -if enough**

**1st Reading:** This passage is meant to impress on the Jews the power and tolerance of God. They must try to imitate God in their dealings with each other. They must care also  
**2nd Reading:** Paul says: Though we want to pray to God, we are still weak; God's Spirit will become our strength and will come to help us to pray as God wants us to pray!

	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
July 26	J. SALAZAR	J. D'ROZARIO	E. MERJUDIO
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	S. FERNANDEZ	H. MUSGUN	T. MERJUDIO
August 2	J. SALAZAR	J. MENDES	N. SANDAGA
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	W. FARQUHARSON	N. MCKENZIE	D. SANDAGA

**Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady** will be at the home of the Fares family 18 Ropes Creek Rd. 96779396 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at 8.00 pm!  
**MEETING of the Finance & Pastoral committees will be held TONIGHT in the Hall: 7.30pm**  
**Entr. Antn:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good!

**Response: Lord, You are good and forgiving.**

**Gospel Accl: Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed are You, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. Alleluia!**

**2nd Comm. Antn:** Behold I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.  
 If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him!

**GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST** to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Jose LLAVE, Justine DAMOND, Saeed ALSALEH, Dragan CUKAR, Joseph & Razaria XUEREB, John & Connie GATT, Jane & Frank ATTARD, Taher MANSOUR, Badria METI, Maryam TOMA, Sobhi HORMOZ, Josip SLAVICEK, Peter & Kate VALENTIC, Malcomb FARQUHARSON, Ivica BIJAC, Styan MILETIC, Hegino & Julia SALAZAR, Neda NENADIC, Margaret REILLY, Cyril EAKIN, John & Nancy LAVIS. Alan JENSEN, Edward SAIYA, James DEBLASE, Thomas McHALE, Danny GUTIERREZ, Maria & Maks SAMSA, Malcomb MADGE, George & Raju NAIR. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory!

## BLESSSED PETER TOROT

**Peter ToRot** was born in Papua on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1912 in what today is known as New Guinea. He was the third of six children. His father was the village chief, and both his parents had rejected their pagan faith for Catholicism in 1898. He was sent to the local mission school in 1919. He was an industrious child, and it is said he was not mischievous but was quick to help those in need. In 1930, the priest in his village asked his father if he would allow him to begin studies for the priesthood. He said the time was not right for that yet, but it would be alright if he began studies to become a catechist. He began his studies in 1930 at the College of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. In 1933 he was commissioned as a catechist in the Parish of "Rakunai". He turned out to be an excellent teacher and organiser of people, and had a Bible on him at all times. In November of 1936 he married his wife, Paula Lavarpit, and they went on to have three children, one of which died in infancy. The final child, born after his father's death, lived to old age.

In March of 1942, the Japanese invaded Papua in their advance south. They immediately interned all foreign missionaries, but took no interest in religion. The Parish Priest told Peter ToRot that he would have to lead the Parish now. He took up his task enthusiastically. He cared for the ill and poor, and instructed converts with great care. Late in 1943 the Japanese restricted any religious ceremonies, and later forbade them altogether. But Peter continued to hold them in secret disregarding the dangers to his own life despite the fears of those around him. The destruction of the Church a short time later saw him build a "bush church" outside the village to hold secret ceremonies. He kept records of Baptisms and Marriages there.

A Papuan, Metepa, was a policeman in the village and worked for the Japanese. He desired to have a married woman, Mentil. Peter and her father prevented Metepa from kidnapping her as his second wife. The Japanese had legalised the taking of a second wife, but ToRot had opposed this as against God's law. So Metepa reported him to the Japanese authorities. ToRot was taken before them and he was ordered to cease his pastoral activities. Meanwhile Metepa had seized Mentil, and beat up her husband. But ToRot managed to find her and get her back to Rakunai. This event alerted the Japanese to ToRot's rebellion against them. This defence of traditional marriage was reported to the Japanese by spies in the village. He was arrested by the police at Christmas in 1944. He was questioned as to whether he had been preaching which he affirmed. He was beaten and imprisoned. He confided to his mother that he was ready to die for Christ if that was necessary. He was adamant that he would not give up his responsibilities to uphold the sanctity of marriage. On the day of his death, he told his mother he suspected the Japanese would kill him. He told his wife to bring his good clothes so he could go to God properly dressed. That night, July 7, 1945, he was tortured to death by the Japanese. When his body was released for burial, it bore the clear signs of his suffering. He was 33 years old; same age as was Christ when he died. In 2012, **Pope Benedict XVI** encouraged all married couples to see in Peter an example of the true nobility of marriage. He like, St. Thomas More, died for true marriage as a gift from God. Papuan Government issued a series of postage stamps in his honour on the centenary of his birth. Pope John Paul II beatified him: 17 January 1995