



Sacred Heart Parish

South Mount Druitt

Sunday Masses Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil 20th SUNDAY of the YEAR

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am 16/8/2020: A

Monday 9.00 am Week 20 of Ordinary Time.

Tuesday 9.00 am Week 20 of Ordinary Time

Wednesday 7.30 pm then Rosary. Week 20 of Ordinary Time

Thursday 9.00 am **St. Bernard, 1090-1153AD, Monk**

Friday 9.00 am **St. Pius X, Pope, early 20th C.**

Saturday 9.00am **Queenship of the BVM. Expos'n?**

Confessions 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

Exposition of the Bless'd Sacrament for 1/2hr. after 9.00am Mass Sat'dy for Vocations if enough

1st Reading: The prophet tells the Jews they must welcome foreigners who come to His

House of Prayer to sacrifice. God's love extends beyond them to all nations and colours

2nd Reading: Paul believes the Jews who he agonises over, will one day be envious of

the pagans and finally accept the Gospel. As the pagans accepted, so he hopes will they.

Readers

August 23 **6.00pm** **7.30am** **9.00am**

21st Sunday of the Year H. VILLARICA A. WIGGINS M. BUHAGIAR

August 30 S. FERNANDEZ J. D'ROZARIO T. MERJUDIO

22nd Sunday of the Year W. FARQUHARSON J. MENDES E. MERJUDIO

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady will be at the home of the Gemzon family 3&A O'Brien St

96754583 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at 7.00pm !

The Responses for the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Entrance Antn: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one;

One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise You.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and

healed all who were sick. Alleluia !

2nd Comm. Antn: I am the living Bread that came down from Heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this Bread will live for ever !

GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Victoriano

SANTOS, who died last week, Laura GENDY, Neville MENEZES, Michael WONG, Malcomb

FARQUHARSON, Melva LIVERMORE, Alice GHATTA, Colin FITZGERALD, Sarah

BLAKE, Jelka KOSTA, Laura GENDY, Patricia ELVIDGE, Corinne PIETERSZ, George &

Whilemena LAVIS, Owen DAVORAN, Anatolio PLAN, Reynaldo VILLARICA, Mary &

Louis PEREIRA, Flora TOLEDO, Matilda DEMENEZES, Gotfryd & Janina KELLER, Gerry

MONTEIRO, Neil CUDMORE, John SALAMONE, Ann MCGOVERN, Farah JEUDY, Caleb

DACK, Stanley & Eric JAYASEKERA. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory !

St. EDITH STEIN (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

Edith Stein was a German Jewess who was born on 12 October 1891 into a middle-class family of wealthy Jews who owned a timber business in the German city of Breslau eastern Germany. She was the youngest of seven children. The family was deeply religious, prosperous, and greatly respected. Intellectual achievement was highly valued. Edith would grow up to become a famous university professor, embrace atheism, but turn to conversion to the Catholic Faith, embrace the life of a Discalced Carmelite nun, and die in a Nazi concentration camp. Small and frail in body, she was a giant intellectually. Hard-working and gifted she possessed an iron will, and yet exhibited a warm and loving nature. As she passed through her teenage years, she slowly drifted into atheism. She passed on into the Breslau University where she entered the Philosophy School under a Dr. Karl Stern who recognised immediately her talent for learning and would later become a Catholic himself. When 1914 came and World War I, she joined the Red Cross, and worked in a hospital for two years. It made a deep impression on her and she looked for a reason for suffering and she found it later in her life. She resumed her Doctorate of Philosophy and caused a sensation with her lectures. She was moving away from her atheism. One of her colleagues invited her to spend a weekend at her farm. One night she was in the library and at random pulled a thick book from the shelf. It was the life of St. Teresa of Avila, it was her autobiography. She said she was immediately captivated by it and read it all night. On finishing, she said to herself: "This is the Truth" and it changed her life. St. Teresa's writings are on the highest level of mysticism and it takes a special mind to understand them. This Edith had and at once she was aware of God. She wanted to reject the world totally and join a Carmelite convent. She sought Baptism immediately. The priest she consulted was amazed at her profound knowledge. She was Baptised on 1 Jan. 1922. She now had to tell her family. Her mother was upset but recognised her sincerity. She still wanted to enter the Carmel. One of the Canons of the Cathedral became her adviser and he counselled her: "not yet". She left the high office of a Professor of Philosophy to be a teacher in a girl's school. She also studied and wrote especially about St. Thomas Aquinas which made an impact on the academia of the time. She was besieged to give lectures. This went on for 10 years. Meanwhile Hitler was rising in Germany. One day the Nazis informed the Director of her College that she was to cease all lectures. In April of 1934 she finally entered the Carmelites and became 'Sr. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross'. Her mother died in 1936 and her sister Rosa then joined her after she also became a Catholic. By now the Nazi persecution of Jews was in full swing. The nuns feared for her & Rosa and sent them to a convent in Holland. Edith wrote: 'I wish to offer my life as a sacrifice for the conversion of the Jews'. She said she felt at peace; united to Jesus. Finally the Gestapo came. In May 1942, they were summoned before the Gestapo. They were piteously questioned, then released. For three months nothing happened, then on 2nd Aug. the police burst into the convent and arrested the sisters. All non-Aryans of Dutch convents were arrested as reprisals for a Pastoral letter by the Archbishop of Utrecht read in all Churches condemning the arresting of Jews. They was never heard of again. She & Rosa were gassed in Auschwitz 9th Aug 1942. Edith was canonised: 1 Oct 1998 by Pope John Paul II