

# Sacred Heart Parish

## South Mount Druitt

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR</b>	<b>25/10/2020: A</b>
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>7.30 am &amp; 9.00am</b>		
Monday	9.00 am	Week 30 in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday	9.00 am	Week 30 in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	7.30 pm	<b>Sts. Simon &amp; Jude Apostles</b>	
Thursday	9.00 am	Week 30 in Ordinary Time	
Friday	9.00 am	Week 30 in Ordinary Time	
Saturday	9.00 am	Week 30 in Ordinary Time	
<b>Confessions</b>	10.30 am,	<b>12.00-1.00pm,</b>	5.00pm-5.30pm
<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father C. Ashton	(Confessions after Mass: seeFr)	
<b>Presbytery/Church</b>	9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt	Ph: 9625-8847	
<b>Baptisms</b>	By arrangement – Godparents must be Catholics.		

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** God tells Moses how the Jews are to deal with foreigners, the poor, debtors widows & orphans in their community. God demands justice for all or the sword will fall

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Paul commends the Thessalonians for their enthusiastic reception of the Gospel despite persecution. How they became a model for all the believers in Greece!

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
November 1	S. FERNANDEZ	J. MENDES	F. ANTOWN
Feast of All Saints	H. VILLARICA	A. APAP	B. BUHAGIAR
November 8	L. VILLAPANA	A. WIGGINS	A. WONG
32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	E. GEMZON	N. MCKENZIE	M. ZORE

**Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady** will be at the home of the Salazar family 15 Sharon Pl. 96753021 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at 8.00pm

**The 2021 DAILY MASS BOOKS** begin 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, 29 Nov. They are the same as the soft-cover Mass books on the seats of the Church. The readings each day are not included; All other prayers of the Mass are! If you want a copy of your own, there is a list on the table beside the Pamphlet Rack in front of Our Lady's statue. They are \$15-ea. (if at least 25 ordered)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** at **St. John the Beloved** on the corner of George and Frank Sts., next Tuesday at 8pm. Hymns and reflections are mostly English! Mass is at 6.00pm!  
**Thursday night** Mass at 6.00pm followed by Eucharistic evening of Adoration till Midnight!

**GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST** to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Fr. Emmanuel GATTOfm former P.P. of Plumpton, & Mate DZAJA both of whom died last week, David DAS, Harry McLEOD, Dominica FRANCIS, Neville PENTONY, Anatalia & Marcos BURDEOS, Shamme MANSOUR, Patricia STRUTT, Dragan CUKAR, Joso & Perka PETESIC, Mary AH KAU, KiongLoc TENG, Marciana UY, Colin & Steven FITZGERALD, Jean KNIGHT, Rose & Godfrey GUILLAUMIER, Jelka KOSTA, Stypan MILETIC, Ivica BIJAC, Vicenta PENALES, Carlo BONORA, Lourdes DERAY, Ante PIPLICA, Stanislaw WRZOSEK, Gotfryd & Janina KELLER, Owen DAVOREN, Henry KOSTRZEWA, Karen NAVARRO, Albert OGLETREE, Paul CURIOLI, Justin MOLISANI, Joyce CUMMINGS, Matej KOZUMPLIK, Mira SMOKROVIC, Jack STASZEK, Francisco & Francisca LEONG, Philippa TEULAN, Jim & Joan CRIDLAND. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory

### St. PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE THESSALONIANS:

The First Letter to the Christians of Thessalonika in northern Greece, now called Salonika, was written from Corinth in the south only a few miles from Athens, when Paul's aide, Timothy, had returned from a visit to Thessalonika and reported on the state of the Church there. This is the first of St. Paul's letters written about 51AD, and is also the beginning of the book we call the **New Testament**. The first word of the New testament is the first word of this letter (or "epistle" to use the Greek word). St Matthew's Gospel was the first of the Gospels written, but it wasn't written until the 50s at the earliest. And the first word of his letter is "Paulos", his own name followed by that of Silvanus and Timothy, his missionary companions whom he includes in his greeting. Besides some practical matters, the Letter is his praise of the Thessalonians' Faith how they immediately accepted his teachings of Christ, and also some teachings on death and Christ's Second Coming.

Thessalonika was founded by a General, Cassander, in 315BC and named after his wife who was the step-sister of Alexander the Great. The city became the chief naval base of Macedonia, then the northern kingdom of Greece, and grew very prosperous. It was the most important city of the Roman Province of Macedonia being the residence of the Proconsul(or governor). The Via Egnatia (or Roman highway) ran through it to the eastern provinces adding to its importance. It had sided with the Emperor in the Civil War against the murderers of Julius Caesar and been rewarded as a free city not under Roman supervision. In Paul's time it was a strategic and populous centre which helped in the spread of the Gospel.

**NOVEMBER** is with us next week and is the month we remember the dead of our families and friends. **Aid-to-the-Church-in-Need** has sent us some leaflets which you can use to arrange Masses for your deceased friends and relatives and at the same time help Priests in poor countries to support themselves a bit better. They organise about 1.5 million Masses each year which support ten per cent of the world's priests. The leaflets are on the table beside the Pamphlet Rack on the eastern side of the Church, where the list for the "Daily Mass Books" is situated. If you wish, you can open the website [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org) and arrange Masses there. Or even call 1800-101-201 and speak to them over the phone. The amount they suggest you donate for each Mass is a little excessive but it is to help poor priests who may have no other source of any income depending on the country you are dealing with. The phone number is above, so you can ring them and talk about it to them anyway.

**NOMINATIONS for the Diocesan Pastoral Council** are being invited by the Bishop. The Council is intended to assist the Bishop with the pastoral running of the Diocese. The Council is seeking a cross-section of people through the Diocese with different backgrounds and views. If you are interested, there is a form to fill out at [parrcatholic.org/advisorycouncils/](http://parrcatholic.org/advisorycouncils/) The applications close tomorrow week: 2 Nov

**St. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL** will celebrate **All Souls Day** on Monday 2 Nov at three Masses. The Times of the Masses are: **6.30am, 12.30pm, 7.00pm**. A special Mass will be celebrated also in **St. Patrick's Cemetery** in North Parramatta at **6.00pm** in the evening. More information ring the Cathedral: 8839-8400

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 17)

**ANTIPHON:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**RESPONSE:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**LECTOR:** I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**Or**

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

**NEXT WEEK** (All Saints Year A) Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 23; 1John 3:1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12

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## Loving God and your neighbour

**25 October 2020 30th Sunday Year A**

Deuteronomy 6:5 (You shall love the Lord your God ...) and Leviticus 19:18 (You shall love your neighbour ...) For the first time ever Jesus brought these commandments together and said that on these two together hung the rest of the Scripture. That was an unexpected answer which enraged his enemies. But here is the heart of Jesus' teaching.

Today's first reading speaks of how greatly God cares for His people. God calls the poor, the widow, the orphan and the stranger "His People." The Lord says to Moses "I shall hear their cry. . . I will listen, for I am full of pity." Saint Catherine of Genoa, a mystic, once prayed, "Lord, you say that I should love my neighbour, but I can love no one but you." God replied to her in these words: "Everybody who loves me loves what I love." God loves his people. Loving God and loving your neighbour are inseparable. As the First Letter of St John tells us, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."

On the last Sunday of this Marian month may we learn from Mother Mary. In the miraculous icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, she holds the Son of God close to her heart, but her eyes are fixed on the wounded world and its suffering people.

October is traditionally a month in which we focus on Mary. In our journey of praying the rosary from the first mystery, the Annunciation, until we come to Pentecost, Mary gives us an example of loving God and loving our sisters and brothers. The rosary ends with her Assumption and Coronation, a reward for keeping the greatest commandment.

The Pharisees in today's gospel reading should have been enjoying the moment when their rivals, the Sadducees, having tried to trick Jesus with a question concerning the resurrection, were silenced by him. But on that day, the Pharisees and the Sadducees joined in an attempt to silence Jesus. Losing arguments with Jesus meant risking losing their followers and increasing Jesus' popularity. So, they called on an expert in the law to ask another tricky question.

His question sounds genuine. Over the years, the scribes, Pharisees and the Sadducees had burdened the lives of ordinary Jews with 613 rules, Dos' and Don'ts. There were "greater laws" and "smaller laws" and "oral and written" laws. Hence the question: Which commandment assured eternal life? But the purpose here was to trap Jesus. They wanted Jesus to say something at variance with the Law of Moses and thus hasten his condemnation. Jesus replied with a surprising