



# Sacred Heart Parish

## South Mount Druitt

**Sunday Masses** **Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the YEAR**  
**Sunday 7:30 am & 9.00am** **7/2/2021: B**  
**Monday** 9:00 am Week 5 of Ordinary Time  
**Tuesday** 9:00am Week 5 of Ordinary Time  
**Wednesday** 7:30 pm then Rosary. **St.Scholastica, +540AD**  
**Thursday** 9:00 am Week 5 of Ordinary Time  
**Friday** 9:00 am Week 5 of Ordinary Time  
**Saturday** 9:00 am Week 5 of Ordinary Time, Exp'n?  
**Confessions** 10.30am, **12.00-1.00pm**, 5.00-5.30pm  
**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 Bl Sacrament:** 1/2hr. after 9.00am Mass & Rosary Saturday, if enough

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** This extract is about human suffering. These are some of the sufferings Job must bear. He doesn't know why; does life have a meaning. Not lose his faith in God  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Paul is defending himself as an apostle. It is a responsibility put on him by God. The only reward he wants is to proclaim the Gospel freely so as to save some!

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
February 14 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	H. VILLARICA E. GEMZON	E. MERJUDIO T. MERJUDIO	M. BUHAGIAR M. WONG
February 21 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	S. FERNANDEZ M. FARQUHARSON	A. WIGGINS J. MENDES	B. BUHAGIAR H. CRUZ

**PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady** will be at the home of the Buhagiar family, 22 Tidswell St. 88470553 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at 7.00pm

**World Day of the Sick** is next Thursday, 11 Feb., but it will be on webinar. It will be broadcast at 12.00midday on [www.acu.edu.au/wdos2021](http://www.acu.edu.au/wdos2021). You must register to see it. Ring 88383400 if you need any help!

**GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST** to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Albert RODRIGUEZ who died last week in America, Gladys & Donald HERFT, Estefania CHUA, Father Peter NEVILLE, Lucy DIAS, Ignatz & Anna KOZUMPLIK, Colin FITZGERALD, Henry FARES, Laura GENDY, Allan BERNADINO, George & Whilemena LAVIS, Jack STASZAK, Nikola & Franjo MIKOSIC, Marko & Roza SIMEON, Neda NENADIC, Mary & David DAS, Mara & Ivo KOTARAC, Stipe & Masa POPOVIC, John & Augustine PEREIRA, Stevo MIKOSIC, Marica & Ljubica SIMEON, Thomas WIGGINS, Stephania ZORE, Jennifer DeHESUS, Thomas SPARACIO, Denise CRANT, Eskedar MELAKU, Wayne DAVIS, Calvin DAWSON, Deni SAVIO, Armella PLAN, Mamerto CUI, John WOON, Agatha LEE, Joseph WONG, Joanna & John PEREIRA, Francis & Crescentina MONTEIRO, Manuel & Dolorosa DIAS, Janina & Gotfyd KELLER, Mary & Arthur CLIFT, Stanislaw SAWCZUK, Fr. ANTONIEWICZ, Helen & Peter ZAPOTOCKI. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory

### The GOSPEL of St. MARK

Since we now are in the second year of the cycle of Sunday Readings (Year B), we read the Gospel extracts from St. Mark because he is the second of the Gospel writers, (that is, the Evangelists). The first three Gospels are called **Synoptic** because this is an ancient Greek word which means "see together". The reason for this is that the three are all very similar in their content and arrangement. They could be set down in three parallel columns and it would be seen that they are nearly the same through much of their narrative. If we compare the healing of the man with palsy, they are so similar that even the phrase "he then said to the paralytic" is in all three in the same place. Some scholars of today say St. Mark was the first because he is the shortest and simplest. But the ancient Fathers say St. Matthew was the first.

This begs the Question: Are they all copying from something, or are two of them copying from the third? It's a problem that has frustrated scholars for centuries because there are clear differences between them!

#### HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS:

MARK is the shortest of the Gospels with 16 chapters, then LUKE with 24 chapters, and MATTHEW with 28 chapters.  
 MARK can be divided into 105 independent sections each dealing with a specific subject or incident. Of these, 93 are in MATTHEW, and 81 in LUKE. Only 4 in neither MATTHEW has 1068 verses. MARK has 661 verses. LUKE has 1149 verses.  
 MATTHEW reproduces 606 verses of MARK's verses.  
 LUKE reproduces 320 verses of MARK's verses.

Of the 55 verses of MARK that MATTHEW doesn't reproduce, LUKE reproduces 31 verses. So there are only 24 verses in the whole of MARK that don't appear in LUKE or MATTHEW somewhere. St MARK has only two miracles and one parable that appear in his Gospel only.

It is not only the substance or the story of MARK that is reproduced but the words also. MATTHEW has 57% of MARK's words, and LUKE has 53%.  
 Is MARK a summary of the others? It is thought not, because MATTHEW and LUKE often improve and even polish up MARK.

The scholars have been analysing and de-constructing MATTHEW and MARK's Gospels for centuries and are still doing it. But the teaching of the Church is clear: The three Gospels are the inspired Word of God, and however they may have come to be written, they remain the Word of God and are with us for our enlightenment & Faith

#### TONIGHT AT THE "THE HUSTLE" for the YOUNGER GENERATION

A "Young Adult Formation" program is on TONIGHT (7 Feb) at "The Hustle" which is a large upstairs hall in **Unit 4, 4 Purdy St. Minchinbury**. It begins at **7.00pm**.

The presenter will be Adam Carlow, a seminarian soon to be ordained, on "Mary, Mother of the Church" and the reasons why she has this title!

All young people from **18 years to mid thirties** are encouraged to come and experience some Faith & Virtue formation and afterwards some companionship when they can speak to Adam informally over tea/ coffee/ pizza from **7.00pm till 8.30pm**! If you need any more information about it, ring Mark on 0477/004-678.

There are some posters on the Church doors (the \$5- donation is for the pizza)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 146)

**ANTIPHON:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

**LECTOR:** : Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due. **R.**

**LECTOR:** The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Or**  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39.

**NEXT WEEK** (6th Sunday of Year B) Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 31; 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1; Mark 1: 40-45

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### Figuring out Families

Have you listened to Majellan Media's Figuring out Families podcasts yet? A new series, Parenting Sessions, has just begun with parenting expert Dr Rosina McAlpire. In her first few podcasts she speaks about Emotional Intelligence and Win Win Parenting. In an upcoming episode she'll talk about the teenage brain. You can listen to her now at

[www.majellan.media/figuring-out-families/](http://www.majellan.media/figuring-out-families/)

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## Healing for the broken- hearted

This year, Year B of the Church's three-year liturgical cycle, we focus on the gospel of Mark. The earliest and the shortest of the four gospels.

Today's reading comes from the introduction to Mark's gospel. It tells of Jesus' miracles at the start of his public ministry. Last week we had the story of the Jesus's first miracle, according to Mark: Jesus, after teaching with authority in the synagogue, heals a man who is possessed of an evil spirit, casting out the devil that afflicts the man.

Today we have the story of a second miracle, later that same day in Mark's account, this time in the home of Simon and Andrew, where Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law who was sick. Mark's story of Jesus' two miracles on that one day in Capernaum exemplify the pattern of Jesus' ministry and teaching. They throw into sharp relief the nature of his mission and the authority with which he conducts himself.

In these few verses from Mark's gospel, we also see the hallmarks of Jesus' ministry. He does not confine himself to the synagogue and Temple, but goes out and into the places where the people live and work. We see his boundless compassion for those who are suffering. Mark tells us that, later that evening on that same day, the crowds flocked to Jesus, bringing him all who were sick or possessed, and that he cured many! No one was turned away,

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or barred from his presence. All who would listen and believe in his preaching, teaching, and in his miracles are welcome in his presence. It is no surprise that the suffering flocked to him. Suffering is one of the great challenges of our lives. It comes to each one of us, custom-made, be it in the death of loved ones, broken or damaged relationships, or the loss of what is precious to us. It is never easy.

In today's first reading from the Scriptures we are reminded of the suffering of Job - and of the reality of suffering in our own lives.

Now Job, though a good and upright man, experienced great - and entirely undeserved - suffering, losing all that was precious to him, his children, his possessions, his health. Like us, when faced with suffering, he questioned why innocent people suffer, why bad things happen to good people, while wicked people prosper, and the injustice of it all. By way of response, Mark's account of Jesus' miracles highlights God's steadfast love and compassion, especially for those who are suffering.

And today's reading from the Psalms offers us some of the most consoling words of all: God heals the broken hearted. So, have faith! Hold on in times of trial! God does not desert us. God's delays are not God's denials.