

Parish Notices

- **Bishop's Christmas appeal at all Masses this weekend.**
- Pick up your Daily MASS BOOK 2022 from Deacon Rod.
- The collection for Fr Innocent amounted to \$5000; enough for two water tanks. Thank you for all your donations.
- Note Parish email address if you want to contact the office.
- Free firewood at 22 Ropes Creek Road. Just bring your trailer/car and take as much as you want.
- Catholic Weekly for sale at the Church's door.
- Finance Meeting Monday 29th November 2021 @7.30pm

Scriptural Context

This week's gospel passage comes from a lengthy passage in the gospel of Luke in which Jesus speaks extensively about the future. It is a very different style of writing from the usual narrative, teaching and parable forms that make up most of the gospel. The style is an echo of the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. Compare this passage with this week's first reading of other passages from the writings of the prophets. The style is always rich in metaphor and symbol. There is a grandness about the style. We know, just from the use of language, that great things are afoot!

Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team is currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout November. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

Deceased: Dragan CUKAR, Gotfryd & Janina KELLER, Kasic & Casey KELLER, Edilberto & Epifania SALAZAR, Bernabe & Candida FUNELAS, Godfrey GUILLAUMIER, Jelka KOSTA, Vicenta & Luis PENALES, Frantisek & Apolena PAVLICEK, Ivan & Anastazie NOVAK, Karel RAJECKY, Marie SPACKOVA, Anna LACEK, Matej KOZUMPLIK, Aniceto ABAT, Henry KOSTRZEWA, Corinne PIETERSZ, Dawod & Jamil SHABO, Albert & Virgin ANTOWN, Francis & Philip D'ROZARIO, Elizabeth GOMES, Henry & Pierre FARES, Laura & Sue GENDY, Botrous SOLIMAN, Napoleon & Anita DELACRUZ, Erlinda & Irene VILLARICA, Neville MENEZES, Vincent MENDES, Nikola & Ivan MIKOSIC, Neda NENADIC, Marko & Roza SIMEON, John & Marjorie HOLMES, Thomas WIGGINS, Agatha & Mark LEE, Joseph WONG, John WOON, Moises & Estefania CHUA, Victor & Dominga HAWKINS, KiongLoc TENG, Enchong & Marciana UY.

Recently deceased: Lila Rylewski

Lord Give Eternal Rest to the souls of the faithful departed.



SACRED HEART PARISH

South Mount Druitt

From the Deacon's desk

I am the fourth child in my family from six children. My father and mother are both from Naxxar. Only my father and one of my brothers remain living in Malta – the rest are living in different parts of Sydney. I have been very fortunate to make Australia my home, but I always enjoy returning to Malta for holidays when I can, to visit my father and childhood friends.



I entered religious life as a Jesuit Brother from 1983 till 1989. As part of my training as a Brother I was sent to do my training as Registered Nurse in Dublin Ireland. When I left the Jesuits Order in late 1989 and after few years working in England, I migrated to Australia in 1991. I continued working as a nurse, specialising in serving people with dementia, and older persons with Mental Health issues. I married Kathryn Fitzgibbon in 1994 and unfortunately, we never had any children. I have always been very involved in the Church as a cantor, choir director and in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in Holy Spirit, St Clair. I like walking, swimming, cycling and I also play the clarinet. I have been involved in the Maltese Concert Band for many years.

My vocation as a permanent deacon started when my mum died in 2012. After 7 years of study and formation, I was ordained as a Deacon on 22.2.2019 in Parramatta Cathedral by Bishop Vincent Long. Before this post, I ministered at Holy Spirit St Clair, St Nicholas of Myra and for the last two and half years, in St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.

**This Christmas,
will you *help*
homeless women
and children?**



Your kind donation today will help CatholicCare's Houses to Women change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child.

Bishop Vincent Long OPM CMG Bishop of Parramatta



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



Sunday Masses	Saturday	6.00 pm Vigil	1st Sunday of ADVENT
	Sunday	7.30 am & 9.00am	28/11/2021: Yr C
Weekday Masses	Monday	9.00 am	First week of Advent
	Tuesday	9.00 am	Saint Andrew
	Wednesday	7.30 pm	First week of Advent
	Thursday	9.00 am	First week of Advent
	Friday	9.00 am	& 7.00pm (First Friday of the month) Saint Francis Xavier
	Saturday	9.00 am	Saint John Damascene
Confessions	Saturday: 5.30pm Fr. Florito Apalias		
Administrator:	Mons. Ron McFarlane		
Pastoral Director:	Deacon Roderick Pirotta		
Assistant Priest:	Fr Florito Apalias		
Parish Chairperson:	Dr Mark Buhagiar		
Church Office	22 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt	Ph: 9625-8847	
Email	mountdruittsouth@parracatholic.org		
Baptisms & Weddings	By arrangement.		



CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Friday Vigil Mass @ 8pm

Christmas Day Masses: 7.30am & 9.00am (no vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday Masses: 7.30am & 9.00am

Confessions for the week of Christmas: After Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning Masses from 9.30-10.00am and Wednesday evening Mass from 8.00 – 8.30pm.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
December 4/5th 2nd Sunday of ADVENT	S. FERNANDEZ J. SALAZAR	J. D'ROSARIO N. McKENZIE	A. WONG M. WONG
December 11/12 th 3 rd Sunday of ADVENT	E. GEMZON L. VILLAPANA	E. MERJUDIO T. MERJUDIO	M. ZORE F. ANTOWN

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

Gospel Acclamation:

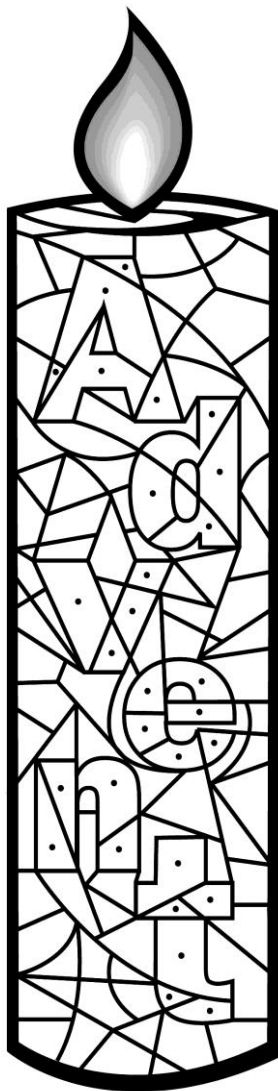
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase

The Neo-catechumens will be giving a series of talks on our Faith over coming weeks in the Hall next Thursday & Sunday nights starting at 7.30 pm Contact number: 0438049116



Color the shapes that contain dots purple. Fill the other shapes with different colors.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Help our inmates feel the Christmas spirit

With the beginning of the Season of Advent upon us, the Diocese of Parramatta, through CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, is collecting blank Christmas cards that will be distributed by our prison chaplains to inmates to send to their families this Christmas. You can leave unused Christmas cards at any CatholicCare office across the Diocese, which can be found by visiting

<https://catholicoutlook.info/inmatecards>

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

How to remain COVID-19 safe in the Church

- Do not come to Church if unwell/have flu symptoms.
- Use QR code or write on sheet when entering.
- Wearing of face masks is **mandatory**.
- Keep 1.5metres distance when sitting on the pews (unless members of the same family).
- Sanitise your hands before entering and after leaving the Church.
- Choir can comprise of up to 10 vaccinated people. **No congregational singing.**
- Leave windows and doors open for ventilation.
- Wipe the pews with alcohol wipes after use.
- Avoid congestion outside church after Mass.