

Parish Notices

- If you like to pray for someone sick, recently deceased or death anniversary, contact the office on the parish email or talk to one of the clergy. Names on bulletin will show for 4 weeks at a time.
- Catholic Weekly for sale at the Church's door.
- The morning Masses will commence at 9.10 am to give a chance for parents who are leaving children at school to attend.
- The pastoral council has recommended that the Wednesday evening Mass will commence at 7.00pm not 7.30pm from 1st January 2022.
- The statue of our Lady of the Rosary is at Mark & Marie Buhagiar at 22 Tidswell Street Mt Drutt. Rosary at 7pm every day this week.

Water is used in the sacrament of Baptism as a symbol of life and purity. Below there are clues to six hidden words that are all symbols used in Baptism and Mass.



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World Day of the Sick Mass 2022: 11 February 2022

The Annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be celebrated by Vicar General Fr Peter Williams and clergy of the Diocese on **11 February 2022 at 11am at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown.**

The Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated and will include the Rite of Anointing of the Sick and prayer of blessing for all carers. Refreshments will be available after Mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3456

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave, Stella Edwards, & Fara Vargas.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lila Rylewski; Marija Blazevic; Paul Wood

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Max & Naty Llave, Bogart, Rino, Eddie & John Llave; & Prima Llave

Names submitted to Parish for prayers will show for 4 weeks at a time.



SACRED HEART PARISH

South Mount Druitt

From the Deacon's desk (to be continued)

Many of you may not have heard who a deacon is and what a deacon does in the Catholic church. In fact, deacons have been around since the beginning of the church (see Acts 6:1-6). They were chosen to spread the Good News and be of service to the poor widows. For almost a millennium, they were considered as the 'eyes and ears' of the bishop, and 'his right hand'. Perhaps the most famous deacons are St Stephen, St Laurence, and St Francis of Assisi. However, of the thirty-seven men elected as a pope between 432 and 684 A.D., only three are known to have been ordained priests before their election to the Chair of Peter.



The permanent diaconate disappeared in the Latin Church around the 10-11 century and only those who were to be ordained priests were ordained to what we call, 'transitional' deacons. The restoration of the diaconate as a permanent level of Holy Orders was decreed by Pope Paul VI in 1967 to implement the degree on the Church of the Bishops attending Vatican II. *"It is the duty of the deacon, according as it shall have been assigned to him by competent authority, to administer baptism solemnly, to be custodian and dispenser of the Eucharist, to assist at and bless marriages in the name of the Church, to bring Viaticum to the dying, to read the Sacred Scripture to the faithful, to instruct and exhort the people, to preside over the worship and prayer of the faithful, to administer sacramentals, to officiate at funeral and burial services. Dedicated to duties of charity and of administration, let deacons be mindful of the admonition of Blessed Polycarp: "Be merciful, diligent, walking according to the truth of the Lord, who became the servant of all." (Lumen Gentium para. 29)*

Arabic Mass available in the Diocese

There is an Arabic Mass open to everyone in the Diocese of Parramatta celebrated every Sunday at 7.15pm in St Michael's Church, Blacktown, celebrated by Fr Chadi Ibrahim SDB, Assistant Priest at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Contact the parish office on (02) 9622 1125 for more details.



Sunday Masses	Saturday	6.00 pm Vigil	3rd Sunday of ADVENT
Weekday Masses	Sunday	7.30 am & 9.00am	12/12/2021: Yr C
	<u>Monday</u>	9.00 am	St Lucy
	<u>Tuesday</u>	9.00 am	St John of the Cross
	<u>Wednesday</u>	7.30 pm	Third week of Advent
	<u>Thursday</u>	9.00 am	Third week of Advent
	<u>Friday</u>	9.00 am	Third week of Advent
	<u>Saturday</u>	9.00 am	Third week of Advent
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	moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org		
Website	https://southmoundruitt.org.au		
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 11/12 th 3 rd Sunday of ADVENT	E. GEMZON L. VILLAPANA	E. MERJUDIO T. MERJUDIO	M. ZORE F. ANTOWN
December 18/19 th 4 th Sunday of ADVENT	H.VILLIARICA S. FRENANDEZ	J. MENDEZ V. NAGARAJAN	J. BUGAYONG M. BUGAYONG

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold. our God will come. and he will save us.

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

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[Thank You for Supporting CatholicCare's Houses to Homes](#)

Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Your donation will help CatholicCare's Houses to Homes to provide a loving sanctuary for young mothers in crisis. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

[Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2022](#)

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin early next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>



Living the GOSPEL

Generosity of spirit

John's words to the crowd, the tax collectors and the soldiers are about adopting a spirit of generosity and a generosity of spirit. A generosity of spirit can be expressed simply in the attitude with which we approach other people: a positive, hope-filled and generous attitude will often turn around a potentially negative situation. As we approach the Christmas season, there is a need for practical actions of generosity as well. Those in need can approach Christmas with dread rather than joyful expectation. It can be the hardest time of year for struggling families. Acts of generosity can make all the difference.

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.