

## Parish Notices

- Parish Formation Nights in the PARISH HALL @ 7PM this Thursday 10th February – “Understanding the MASS”.
- Young Adult Formation (18-35yrs): Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 7-8.30pm at **“The Hussle” Purdy St, Minchinbury.**
- Registration forms for the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION 2022** are at the back of the Church. Children in Year 7 and upwards are eligible to receive this Sacrament.
- Next weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> February we will have the registration of all parish members after Communion in all Masses. This will allow us to have a digital register of all parishioners which include sacraments received. Forms are at the back of the Church if you want to take one home and pre-fill it before the Masses next weekend. Only one form per family needs to be filled. Adult children not living at home will fill in a separate form.
- Pick up a **free Bible** at the back of the Church on Word of God Sunday.
- Establishing a Liturgy Committee – If you are interested contact Dc. Rod.



### CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Buy your Catholic Weekly from the back of the Church (\$2.00). There are a few back issues that you can take home for free or a coin donation to cover the costs.

### PATORAL COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 7PM

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING moved to**  
SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 7pm

### NEOCATECHUMENS Meeting

on Wednesday Nights @ 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

**SICK:** Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave, Stella Edwards, & Fara Vargas, Marjorie Tonks; Alice Cassar.

Gina Tomicic; Clifford Blas Ulep, Ester Obra Blando

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gina Tomicic; Clifford Blas Ulep, Ester Obra Blando

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Alfred Schembri; Florence Andrews; Henry Fares; Neville Menezes; Gladys Herft; David Foley, Patricia Wiggins; Lena Ferreira; Illuninada Ronguillo; Moises Chua; Pastora & Amor Bala; Vic Guinto; Lolo & Lola Relevo; Don Eduardo Aboitiz; James Brett; Mr Torralba.

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



## SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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### From the Deacon's desk.

#### The "Call" of the Disciples – WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

What would prompt you to abandon your job? Higher pay? A better occupation? An improved location? A more congenial employer? All the above? Luke notes that Peter (and of course his brother, Andrew) had a business partnership with another pair of brothers, James and John (Lk 5:10). They owned at least two boats (Lk 5:2). A boat discovered in

1986, in the Sea of Galilee indicates that it could hold up to 15 people. By falling at the knees of Jesus, Simon Peter uses a specific gesture that recognizes him as superior, as a patron. Jesus stepped into Peter's boat (Lk 5:3).

Fish became a popular commodity in the Greek and Roman period, and it is reasonable to guess that this specific partnership flourished. What prompted them to "leave everything and follow Jesus" (Lk 5:11)? His invitation alone?

The act of a man calling followers in Mediterranean culture is readily recognized by every native as a process of a patron gathering clients. In cultures like that where central government was perceived to be weak and ineffective, people banded together for mutual assistance. For the most part, families stuck close together and helped each other out. But sometimes it became necessary to reach beyond the family and to form "family-like" bonds with others who could lend the help that family members couldn't.

One of these others is a "patron," that is, a person with surplus means, who distributes that surplus by purely personal whim and choice. By providing seasoned and experienced fishermen with a bountiful catch after a frustrating night of work, Jesus presents himself very obviously as a patron. A patron can get for you something you could not obtain by your own abilities, or on better terms than you could arrange for yourself. Jesus gets the better of these fisher folk at their own game. In Luke's story Simon, James, and John clearly perceive Jesus in this role. By falling at the knees of Jesus, Simon Peter uses a specific gesture that recognizes him as superior, as a patron.

In mainstream Australian and western cultures, we take great pride in standing on our own two feet and in not having to rely on anyone else. We applaud those who pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. Our Mediterranean ancestors in the Faith would consider this insane, an invitation to death and extinction. Following Jesus as a client in the Mediterranean world or a disciple in the modern world involves a willingness to be dependent. One gives up apparent security for a greater security – Jesus Himself. Are you willing to do this?

**Deacon Roderick** (This article was adopted from John J. Pilch -biblical scholar)

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil.** 5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (C)

**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**      **Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am:**

Monday 9.10 am 5th week in Ordinary Time : *Communion service*

Tuesday 9.10 am **Saint Josephine Bakhita**

Wednesday 7.00 pm 5th week in Ordinary time

Thursday 9.10 am **Saint Scholastica**

Friday 9.10 am 5th week in Ordinary time

Saturday 9.10 am 5th week in Ordinary time: *Communion service*

**Confessions**      **Saturday: 5:30pm** Fr. Florito Apalias

**Pastoral Director:**      **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

**Resident Priest:**      **Fr Florito Apalias**

**Parish Chairperson:**      **Mark Buhagiar**

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**Baptisms & Weddings:**      By arrangement.

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Hearing the Call

*Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!*

**PARISH FORMATION Nights** in the **PARISH HALL @ 7PM on THURSDAYS during February.**

Come and keep your faith alive.  
10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> for 1 hour.

**PRESENTER:** Fr Florito –  
“Understanding the MASS”.

| Readers                                                              | 6.00pm                           | 7.30am                     | 9.00am                     |
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| 5/6 <sup>th</sup> February<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time   | J. Salazar<br>L Villapana        | J. Mendes<br>V. Nagaraja   | H. Cruz<br>M. Zore         |
| 12/13 <sup>th</sup> February<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time | H. Villarica<br>S. Fernandez     | A. Wiggins<br>J. D’Rosario | F. Antown<br>J. Bugayong   |
| 19/20 <sup>th</sup> February<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time | M. Farquharson<br>W. Farquharson | N. McKenzie<br>E. Merjudio | M. Buhagiar<br>B. Buhagiar |

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

**Communion Antiphon:** 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.

**God's Word 2022 daily reflections booklet available at St Pat's Gift Shop.**

God's Word 2022, a book of daily reflections, offers a great service for all who wish to unite their prayer with the Sacred Liturgy and be spiritually nourished by the Word of God. Copies are now available from St Patrick's Gift Shop, located in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for \$19.95. Visit the website [www.stpatricksgiftshop.com](http://www.stpatricksgiftshop.com) or grab in store on Tuesdays to Fridays 10am-3pm and Sundays 9am-1pm.

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES**



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day Mass: 8 February**

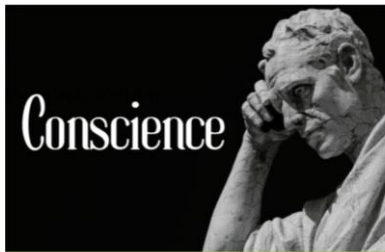
The Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan and of the Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, on Tuesday 8 February 2022 **has been postponed**. Information on a rescheduled date will be sent in due course.

**Pastoral Formation offering leadership and formation courses in 2022**

Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU – all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session).

See our website [pfparra.org.au](http://pfparra.org.au) or email <mailto:metto:met@parracatholic.org> for more details



Join Deacon Andrew Rooney for a talk and discussion on **Conscience** followed by fun, fellowship and pizza!

**YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION**



For adults 18-35 **SUN 13TH FEBRUARY 7:00-8:30**  
The Huddle Unit 4  
4-6 Purdy St Minchinbury **Suggested donation: \$**

**COVID-19 Rules in places of worship.**

- 1, Do not come to Church if feeling unwell or have flu-like symptoms.
2. Use hand sanitizer before and after leaving Church.
3. Wearing of face masks in the Church is mandatory.
4. QR code when entering the church is mandatory.
5. Keep doors and windows open for good circulation
6. No capacity limits in the church but try to keep 1.5 metres from anyone that is not your family.
7. Social gatherings are discouraged.