

## Parish Notices

- **Funeral MASS on Monday 21st February at 1.00PM** in the Parish.
- Parish Formation Nights in the PARISH HALL @ 7PM this Thursday 24th February – “Understanding the MASS”.
- 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. **Closing date Sunday 27th February 2022.**
- Establishing a Liturgy Committee – If you are interested contact Deacon Rod.
- We are calling for new Catechists for the schools to spread the Good News to our students who may never hear the Word of God. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.
- The Minister of the Word who proclaims the 1<sup>st</sup> reading will also read the ‘prayers of the faithful’ from next Sunday onwards.
- **Ash Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Masses at 9.10am and 7.00pm.**

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.



Jesus taught us to forgive others. He even asked God to forgive those who crucified and taunted him. Write down three other occasions when Jesus showed love for those who were against him.

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

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

**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. Sean Vaz, Stefan Staszak, Josip Kosta.

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



## SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt NSW 2770 <tel:98323896>

**7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**20<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



### **From the deacon's desk .....**

*"Stop judging and you will not be judged." (Lk 6:37)*

There's a famous billboard that hangs along a congested highway that reads: "You aren't stuck in traffic. You are traffic!" Good wit, good insight! How glibly we distance ourselves from a problem, whether it is our politics, our churches, the ecological problems on our planet, or most anything else.

We aren't, as we want to think, stuck in a bad political climate wherein we can no longer talk to each other and live respectfully with each other. Rather we ourselves have become so rigid, arrogant, and sure of ourselves that we can no longer respect those who think differently than we do. Likewise for our churches: we aren't stuck in churches that are too self-serving and not faithful enough to the teachings of Jesus. Rather we are Christians who too often, ourselves, out of self-interest, compromise the teachings of Jesus. We aren't stuck in our churches: we comprise those churches.

Admittedly, this isn't always true especially when through no fault of our own, we are simply the unfortunate victim of circumstance and someone else's carelessness, illness, dysfunction, or sin. In general we are, at least partially, part of the traffic we're stuck in. And so, we aren't just viewers of the evening news, we're complicit in it. The old catechisms were right when they told us that there's no such a thing as a truly private act, that even our most private actions affect everyone else. The private is political. Everything affects everything.

The first take-away from this is obvious: When we find ourselves stuck in traffic, metaphorically and otherwise, we need to admit our own complicity and resist the temptation to simply blame others. No one can walk through life without leaving a footprint. To pretend otherwise is dishonest and to try to not leave a footprint is futile. The starting point to make things better is for us to admit and confess our complicity. So, the next time you're stuck in traffic, irritated and impatient, muttering angrily about why there are so many people on the road, you might want to glance at yourself in rearview mirror, ask yourself why you are on the road at that time, and then give yourself a forgiving wink as you utter the French word, *touché*.

*(Abstracts from the Spiritual reflection article of Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser)*

**Sunday Masses**      Saturday    **6.00 pm Vigil.** 7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (C)  
Sunday      **7.30 am & 9.00am;**

**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**

Monday            9.10 am    7th week in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday            9.10 am    Chair of Saint Peter  
Wednesday      7.00 pm    Saint Polycarp  
Thursday          9.10 am    7th week in Ordinary time  
Friday              9.10 am    7th week in Ordinary time  
Saturday          9.10 am    7th 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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**Website:**                        <https://southmountdruitt.org.au>  
**Baptisms & Weddings:**    By arrangement.

**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.

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

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

**During LENT we will have the Lenten  
program on Thursdays.**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>19/20<sup>th</sup> February</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	M. Farquharson W. Farquharson	N. McKenzie E. Merjudio	M. Buhagiar B. Buhagiar
<b>26/27<sup>th</sup> February</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	E. Gemzon J. Salazar	T. Merjudio J. Mendes	M. Bugayong H. Cruz
<b>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of LENT	L. Villapana H. Villarica	V. Nagaraja A. Wiggins	A. Wong M. Wong

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation:** I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

## Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! **Duc In Altum** is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit [parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/](http://parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/) or email [gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)

# Lent



During Lent all FRIDAY morning MASSES will be transferred to an evening MASS at 7.00pm, followed by the **Way of the Cross** organised by different ministries of the parish.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### 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:met@parracatholic.org](mailto:mailto:met@parracatholic.org) for more details

### Caritas Project Compassion 2022 starts in 2 weeks

Caritas Australia's Lenten Project Compassion campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme For All Future Generations comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on Sebastian.Salasko-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### Celebrating Holy Week formation workshop for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar: 26 February

from 9:30 am to 3pm at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. The workshop will focus on Holy Week celebrations. If you are interested please contact the Office For Worship at [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org) or (02) 8838 3456.

## CHANGES TO COVID-19 Rules in places of worship.

### From Friday 18 February 2022:

1. QR Code and record keeping for attendees is no longer required.
2. Both the choir and congregation are able to sing.

### From Friday 25 February 2022:

3. Masks will no longer be mandatory for places of worship. However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.
4. No capacity limits in the church but try to keep 1.5 metres from anyone that is not your family.