Parish Notices

- Young Adult faith formation this Sunday 13th March from 7.00-8.30pm "The Hustle', Minchinbury.
- Inaugural Liturgy Committee meeting this Tuesday 15th March at 7.00pm at 22 Ropers Creek Road. (Parish Office)
- Lenten program 2022 weekly sessions on THURSDAYS at 7.00pm for one hour hymns, proclaiming the Word, breaking open the Word, reflections and sharing. Theme: REMEMBER (Diocese of Wollongong).
- Friday Masses during Lent are at 7.00pm followed by the Via Crucis.
- 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.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion can come forward to assist Fr Flor when deacon is not assisting at Mass or when asked.
- The Minister of the Word who proclaims the 1st reading will also read the 'prayers of the faithful' from now on.



Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday 7.30pm (Adults 18+). Junior meeting every Friday (those of Holy Communion age and above to 18). This is a Catholic action group which is found worldwide and based in this parish for over 30 years. The aim of this lay apostolate is for spreading the Word of God and self-sanctification. For further info please contact JOHN BUHAGIAR on:0434717782.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS SAVE THE DATES 4 Saturdays @ 4.30pm: 26th March & 9th April 30th April & 7th May

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gina Tomicic; Clifford Blas Ulep, Ester Obra Blando; Dalisay Tabien; Charles Roy Kelly.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Estafania Chua; Tony & Grace Esquilla; Malcolm Farquharson; Helen Foley; Veronica Fowler; John Fraser; Keith Freer; Edwin Gabell; Howard Himes; Alice Iglesias; Pat Lavis; Anday Llave & husband; Romulo & Concordia Llave; Nilo Mercado; Emilia Nacua; Zofia & Jan Nawrocki; Domingo Penales; Neville Pentony; Arnella Plan; Conchita Roberts; Leo Salazar; Jozefa Staszak; Gerald Vaz; Patricia Wiggins; Turi TeWhata;

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 2770tel:983238962nd Sunday of LENT (C)13th March 2022



From Fr Flor's desk. "The Word of the Lord", "Thanks be to God"

The GIRM (acronym for General Instruction of the Roman Missal) takes the reforms from the Vatican II document *Sacro sanctum Concilium* and gives general instructions on the celebration of the Mass of the Roman Rite. As the *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (#51) gives emphasis on the importance of the Word of God, the GIRM gives instructions on how people can better

proclaim and appreciate the Scriptural Readings within the Mass. The proclamation is usually done according to how the prophets and messengers in the past do. They voice out God's word ("thus says the Lord" – Ex 4,22;5,1;7,17;81; Josh 7,13;24,2; Judg 6,8;1 Sam 10,18;15,2; 2 Sam 7,5; 2 kg 1,4.6; Is 7,7;10,24...) and people would listen. The GIRM states: "... Then the lector goes to the ambo and from the Lectionary already placed there before Mass, proclaims the First Reading, to which all listen (emphasis is mine). At the end, the lector sings or says the acclamation: Verbum Domini ("The Word of the Lord"), and all respond: Deo Gratias ("Thanks be to God") (cf. GIRM 2007 no.128; https://www.catholic.org.au). The acclamation at the end, Verbum Domini, is translated from Latin as "The word of the Lord" (the old translation renders "This is the word of the Lord") gives emphasis on the uttered word, that which is heard and reminisce in us the Biblical sources of the phrase "The Word of the Lord" (Gen 15,1; 1 Kgs 6,11; Is 39,5; Jer 1,4; Ez 6,1; Lk 22,61; etc). The response, "Thanks be to God" is a translation of the Latin phrase Deo Gratias and taken from its Biblical source, 2 Corinthians 9:15.

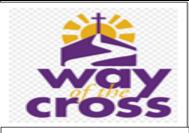
May we have a joyful proclamation and active listening to the Word of God in our Eucharistic celebrations. And may we be nourished and transformed according to the Word of God.

Note: To better appreciate the Word of God read Pope Benedict VI's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation VERBUM DOMINI <u>https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-</u> <u>xvi/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_ben-xvi_exh_20100930_verbum-domini.html</u>

God bless you all. Flor Apalias



Sunday Masses	<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm Vigil. 2nd Sunday of LENT (C)			
	<u>Sunday</u>	7.30 am & 9.00am <u>:</u>			
Weekday Masses & Communion Services					
	Monday	9.10 am Monday of 2 nd week Lent Communion service			
	Tuesday	9.10 am Tuesday of 2 nd Week Lent			
	Wednesday	7.00 pm Wednesday 2nd week of Lent			
	Thursday	9.10 am St Patrick (2nd week of Lent)			
	<u>Friday</u>	7.00pm Friday 2 nd week of Lent			
	<u>Saturday</u>	9.10 am St Joseph. Communion service			
Confessions	Saturday:	5.00pm Fr. Florito Apalias			
Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta					
Resident Priest: Fr Florito Apalias					
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During LENT we will have the Lenten program on Thursdays and WAY OF THE CROSS on Fridays at 7.30pm after Mass



Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
12th/13th March	S. Fernandez	J. D'rosario	M. Zore
2 nd Sunday of LENT	M. Farquharson	N. McKenzie	F. Antown
19th/20th March	Pio Vergara	E. Merjudio	J. Bugayong
3 rd Sunday of LENT	W. Farquharson	J. Mendez	B. Buhagiar
26/27 March	E. Gemzon	T. Merjudio	H, Cruz
4 th Week of Lent	J. Salazar	V.Nagaraja	A Wong.

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

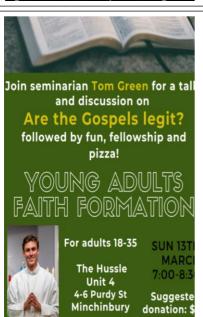
Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well please; listen to him.

gospel focus

Asleep again?

It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energised by it, and consequently they're not ready to witness great events when they come along



DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Caritas Project Compassion 2022

Caritas Australia's Lenten Project Compassion campaign did 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 <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

Volunteer Carers for children aged 0 to 5 years

are needed for Mamre Crèche located at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. This program is a service of CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, which supports Sudanese Refugee Families. We are looking for motivated, caring people who enjoy interacting with young children and can volunteer some of their time in supporting the staff at the Crèche. If you are interested, please contact Iolanda Martino, Crèche Co-ordinator, CatholicCare Social Services (02) 8843 2506 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00am & 2.00pm) or email iolanda.martino@ccss.org.au

Mt Schoenstatt 24 Hours for the Lord: 25 -26 March Come and spend time in 24 hours of Adoration before Our Lord and His Mother at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. For more information, contact (02) 4773 8338 or visit the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine & Retreat Centre, Mulgoa or Facebook page.

Current COVID-19 rules in places of worship.

From Friday 25 February 2022:

- 1. QR Code and record keeping for attendees are no longer required.
- 2. Both the choir and congregation can sing.
- 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.