

## Parish Notices

- Young Adult faith formation this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00- 8.30pm “The Hustle’, Minchinbury.
- Inaugural Liturgy Committee meeting this Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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:  
26<sup>th</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> April  
30<sup>th</sup> April & 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2770 <tel:98323896>

**2nd Sunday of LENT (C)**

**13<sup>th</sup> 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* [https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_exh\\_20100930\\_verbum-domini.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_ben-xvi_exh_20100930_verbum-domini.html)

God bless you all.  
Flor Apalias

**Sunday Masses**      Saturday **6.00 pm Vigil.** 2nd Sunday of LENT (C)  
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am;**

**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**

Monday 9.10 am Monday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent Communion service  
Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Lent  
Wednesday **7.00 pm** Wednesday 2nd week of Lent  
Thursday 9.10 am St Patrick (2nd week of Lent)  
Friday **7.00pm** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent  
Saturday 9.10 am St Joseph. *Communion service*  
Saturday: 5.00pm Fr. Florito Apalias

**Confessions**

**Pastoral Director:**                    **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**  
**Resident Priest:**                        **Fr Florito Apalias**  
**Parish Chairperson:**                 **Mark Buhagiar**  
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**Baptisms & Weddings:**             By arrangement



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**TO ABOLISH THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021**

During LENT we will have the Lenten program on Thursdays and WAY OF THE CROSS on Fridays at 7.30pm after Mass

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



Join seminarian **Tom Green** for a talk and discussion on **Are the Gospels legit?** followed by fun, fellowship and pizza!

**YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION**



For adults 18-35 **SUN 13TH**  
**MARCH**  
7:00-8:30

**The Hussle**  
Unit 4  
4-6 Purdy St  
Minchinbury **Suggested donation: \$**

## 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 [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) 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](mailto: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.