

Parish Notices

- Next weekend we have the **Bishop Appeal**. Envelopes are inserted in the Bulletin so that you will be prepared with your offering next Sunday 26-27th March.
- **Save the date:** Parish Picnic is now on Sunday 1st May 2022 at the Croatian Catholic Centre in Blacktown.
- This coming Saturday is our **first Confirmation session** at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. Parents and young adults to attend all 4 sessions.
- 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).
- 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.



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 SESSION
For Parents and young
adults to receive the
Sacrament
Saturday @ 4.30pm:
26th March in HALL.**

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: Clifford Blas Ulep, Ester Obra Blando; Dalisay Tabien; Charles Roy Kelly.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Estafania Chua; Carmelita David; Marcelo V. Escaro; Malcolm Farquharson; Helen Foley; Veronica Fowler; John Fraser; Keith Freer; Edwin Gabell; Howard Himes; Alice Iglesias; Monica Joson; Dancy Lim; Pat Lavis; Anday Llave & husband; Romulo & Concordia Llave; Nilo Mercado;; Emilia Nacua; Zofia & Jan Nawrocki; Domingo Penales; Neville Pentony; Arnella Plan; Mercy Punongbayan Conchita Roberts; Leo Salazar; Jozefa Staszak; Juanita Tionloc; Gerald Vaz; Patricia Wiggins; Turi TeWhata;



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3rd Sunday of LENT (C)

20th March 2022



From Deacon Rod's desk.

The Land of Milk and Honey: What about the bread?

In the First Reading, God promises Moses and the Israelites a land flowing with milk and honey. We are so used to the description of the land in God's promise to Moses that it doesn't mean anything to us anymore.

But if we stop to think about it, the land promised is funny. Milk and honey are no doubt very good things, but the first thing to see about them is that neither one of them is a product of agriculture. You don't grow milk or honey. Milk comes from animals who eat grass, which doesn't grow as fast as they eat it. So, if you are getting milk, you are on the move constantly, getting fresh pasture for the animals. And that means that the honey doesn't come from bee farms. You can't both move with the cattle and stay put with the beehives. The honey of the promised land must then come from wild beehives. When you find one, you get honey. When you don't, you don't.

So, the good things of this promised land are not things you get for yourself by farming. You are dependent on the animals for the milk, which they produce for their offspring when the offspring can't feed themselves. And the honey comes to you by chance, when you happen to find it. The milk and honey of the promised land, then, are things that bring home to people their dependence and vulnerability.

And here's the other thing to notice- you can't live on milk and honey. Honey is more nearly dessert than dinner. And milk may be the perfect food, in some nutritionist sense; but only babies can live just on milk. Adults need more than milk.

What kind of promised land is this then? You get the good things of it by dependence and chance; and even when you are lucky, you are still missing the main part of what you need to live. What is missing in this promised land is bread.

And so, here's the point. The promised land is worth yearning for. But what we most need to live God reserves to himself to provide. Ultimately, our bread comes from him. In Christ, God himself is our bread.

Eleonore Stump (Professor of Philosophy, Saint Louis University) – printed with permission

Sunday Masses Saturday **6.00 pm Vigil. 3rd Sunday of LENT (C)**
 Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am;**

Weekday Masses & Communion Services

Monday 9.10 am Monday of 3rd week Lent Communion service
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday of 3rd Week Lent
Wednesday **7.00 pm** Wednesday 3rd week of Lent
Thursday 9.10 am Thursday 3rd week of Lent
Friday **7.00pm** Annunciation of the Lord
Saturday 9.10 am Sat of 3rd week of Lent *Communion service*
Confessions Saturday: 5.00pm Fr. Florito Apalias

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement



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

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Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
19th/20th March 3 rd Sunday of LENT	Pio Vergara W. Farquharson	E. Merjudio J. Mendez	J. Bugayong B. Buhagiar
26/27 March 4 th Week of Lent	E. Gemzon J. Salazar	T. Merjudio V.Nagaraja	H, Cruz A Wong.
2nd/3rd April 5 th Week of Lent	L. Villapana H. Villarica	A. Wiggins G. Bondoc	M. Wong M. Zore.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ. Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



The LIFTED Youth Diocesan Sports Day will be held on **Sunday 27th March**. Please keep our team 'The Ashtons' in your prayers as they look to defend the title for the third time. If you are interested in joining, please come along to the Fuller Str Park at 1.00pm today (20th March) for a meet-and-greet and training session. Anyone is welcome to come along to Parramatta Marist on the day to cheer on the team.

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 or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raising funds for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres

Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.



Sacred Heart Primary Catholic school is enrolling now.

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school.

Living the Gospel

Bad Things/Good People

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

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.