

## Parish Notices

- This weekend we have the **Bishop's Appeal** after the second collection.
- **Save the date:** Parish Picnic is now on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at the Croatian Catholic Centre in Blacktown.
- Catholic Outlook Magazine. Lent/Easter edition out now. Pick up from the back of the Church.
- Parish Fete. First meeting on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10am. Any parishioners who would like to be part of the organising committee can attend. Major fund raiser for the parish.
- 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).
- Catechists are needed for schools. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



### SEPTEMBER PARISH FETE is back.

First meeting:  
3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10am in  
the PARISH HALL.



**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:**  
**9<sup>th</sup> April 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;



# SACRED HEART PARISH

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**4th Sunday of LENT (C)**

**27th March 2022**



## From Fr Flor's desk.

“My God, my God why have you abandoned me?”

This time of pandemic has been a challenging time for us believers. While we believe God loves us, with all the tragedies in life, as with this pandemic, wars, natural calamities, crimes and misfortunes, we cannot escape to wonder: has God abandoned us? Some preachers take the short cut conclusion that we might have angered God and so He brought about these calamities as punishment and so we need to repent and then He will stop it. Some would scare people to conversion as these are signs of the end times. But these views confuse us with the suffering and death of innocent people who may not need conversion and not consoling if our loved ones or ourselves are the victims. We need a better perspective from Jesus our Lord.

Jesus' cry of abandonment: “My God. My God, why have you abandoned me?” can give us a hint on how we can get through human suffering and tragedies as we trust in God's care. Pope Benedict XVI commenting on the cry of abandonment wrote: “Jesus is praying the great psalm of suffering of Israel (Ps 22), and so He is taking upon Himself all the tribulation, not just of Israel, but of all those in this world who suffer from God's concealment. He brings the world's anguished cry at God's absence before the heart of God himself. He identifies Himself with suffering Israel, with all who suffer under “God's darkness”; He takes their cry, their anguish, all their helplessness upon Himself- and in so doing He transforms it” (P. Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week, 2011 p.214). Understanding the cry of abandonment this way, gives us insight that Jesus manifested His solidarity with us in our sufferings. He shed tears with and for us. Such a compassionate God who may allow natural processes in the world but not really abandoning us. So in times of crisis, God comes to us as a compassionate God, He would be our protector in times of danger as we may have heard spectacular survival stories, He would be our healer of our body and soul with recovery from illness or purification of the soul, He would come to us through carers and people who sacrifice themselves to care for us, He comes to us accompanying us in our death bed strengthening our faith and hope, He would come to us through other means to invite us to his gift of salvation. And so during experience of crisis we may also do the cry of abandonment with Jesus, expressing our anguish but also a prayer of trust in God's presence and compassion.

God Bless you all

Fr Florito.

**Sunday Masses**      Saturday    **6.00 pm Vigil. 4th Sunday of LENT (C)**  
Sunday      **7.30 am & 9.00am;**

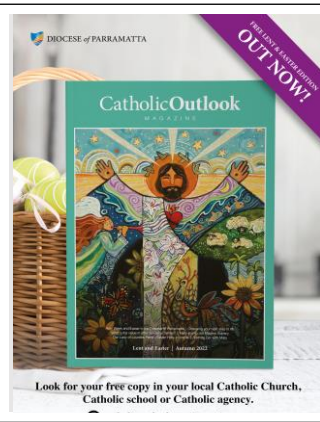
**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**

Monday                    9.10 am    Monday of 4<sup>th</sup> week Lent Communion service  
Tuesday                    9.10 am    Tuesday of 4<sup>th</sup> Week Lent  
Wednesday            **7.00 pm**    Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent  
Thursday                9.10 am    Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent  
Friday                    **7.00pm**    Friday 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent  
Saturday                9.10 am    Sat of 4<sup>th</sup> 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 at 7.30pm and WAY OF THE CROSS on Fridays at 7.30pm after Mass



**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish** seeks to establish **perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday April 24, 2022. Commitment 1 hour per week, day or night. Forms at the back of the Church. and return to OLR parish's office.

<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>26/27 March</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	E. Gemzon J. Salazar	T. Merjudio V.Nagaraja	H, Cruz A Wong.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	L. Villapana H. Villarica	A. Wiggins G. Bondoc	M. Wong M. Zore.
<b>9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent	S. Fernandez M. Farquharson	J. D'Rosario N. McKenzie	F. Antown J. Bugayong

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.



**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, Come along to Parramatta Marist on the day to cheer on the team.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **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](http://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](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school).

## from the perspective

### **The Older Brother**

*We might have a little sympathy for the position of the older brother who has stuck by his father and done all that was required of him. All of a sudden his wayward brother returns and his father pulls out all the stops to welcome him home. The older brother is like the Pharisees and scribes who criticised Jesus for dining with sinners. They were sticklers for the rules and had no sense of compassion if it involved moving outside the requirements of Law. Like the older brother, they could not comprehend a God who could be extravagant in expressing his love.*



## CONSECRATION OF UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Bishop Vincent will join with the Holy Father on the Solemnity of the Annunciation to consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Friday 25 March 12:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**



Watch the livestream on the St Patrick's Cathedral Youtube channel



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