

Parish Notices

1. Monday 25th April, ANZAC DAY we will celebrate Mass at 9.10am instead of a communion service to honour those who died for our freedom.
2. 3rd Confirmation Preparation Session for parents and candidates is on Saturday 30th April at 4.30pm. Attendance mandatory.
3. Those who would like to minister by joining the church cleaning team, please contact Fr Flor or Deacon. It is envisaged that you will commit to 1-2 hrs per month.
4. The Legion of Mary are looking to make a list of people who are homebound and would like to have someone to visit them for company and to reconnect to the parish. Please contact the office if you know someone.
5. Young adult formation on the Sunday 15th May between 7-8.30pm at the Hustle, Minchinbury.



**PARISH FETE is on Sun
11th SEPTEMBER 2022.**
Please offer your
services and start
preparing from now



ANZAC day
25th April
MASS @
9.10AM

**CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION SESSIONS**
for Parents and young
adults receiving the
Sacrament. **NEXT
SESSION: Saturday 30th
April @ 4.30pm sharp.**

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: Nena Abrigo; Lena Aziz; Clarito Enriquez; Alfonso Del Fierro; Rosita Escaro; Boy Guerrero; Matthew Holmes; Sobhi Hormoz; Ricardo Jionloc; Gabie Jose; Isidro Llave Jr; Gwendoline McLoed; Armando Lugod; Evelyn Merjudio; Marcelina Merjudio; Gregorio Merjudio; Jesus Paras; Penafiel; Maria & Louis Pereira; Andrew Rylweski; Maryam Toma; Marciana Uy; Melicio Vergara;

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 EASTER (C) 24th April 2022



Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This passage can be seen as the gospel writer's version of the Pentecost that was previously recorded by the writer of Luke-Acts. As the account of Pentecost in the book of Acts was already in existence, the gospel writer felt no concern about alluding to it in his version of the gospel story. The inclusion of this event in the gospel of John adds a 'completeness' to the gospel text – from the Word with God in chapter 1 through the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus to this moment of charging his disciples with the task of carrying on his work and breathing on them the Holy Spirit. It seems that the gospel writer wanted to bring the story to its conclusion. The idea of Jesus 'breathing' the Holy Spirit onto the disciples is an interesting one. The Greek word *pneuma* carried two meanings: breath and spirit. So to deliberately breathe on someone was to share one's spirit with them. Jesus gives this act a greater meaning by declaring the spirit to be the Holy Spirit that will empower the disciples for the mission he is entrusting to them.

The disciple Thomas has received a pretty raw deal from history. The phrase, doubting Thomas, has found its way into our everyday language and condemns Thomas as the one who wouldn't take the word of his fellow disciples but wanted to see the Risen Lord himself. However, rather than remembering Thomas for his doubt, we should remember Thomas as the one who makes the extraordinary declaration of faith, 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, alone amongst all those who recognise the greatness of Jesus across the four gospels, who acknowledges Jesus as not just the Messiah, but God.

Historical Context – My Lord and my God

By the time the Gospel of John was written – in the last decade of the 1st Century – there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognised him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, 'My Lord and my God!'

Sunday Masses Saturday **6.00 pm 2nd Sunday Easter (C)**
 Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am:**

Weekday Masses & Communion Services

Monday 9.10 am Anzac Day Mass
 Tuesday 9.10 am St Mark
Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 2nd Week of Easter
Thursday 9.10am St Peter Chanel
Friday 9.10am St Catherine of Sienna
Saturday 6.00pm Sat 2nd Easter Saturday
Confessions Saturday: 5.00pm Fr. Florito Apalias

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**
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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement

Br Antonio Carlos Esquillon is seeking ordination for the diaconate on May 25, 2022 in the Philippines. He will be ordained for the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts, OATH. Prior to entering consecrated life in 2005, he was an active member of Sacred Heart parish.



Good Friday Appeal.
Total: \$2,678.00

Project Compassion
Total: \$1,750.



to our parish, baby
FRED MONITI POLU jr.
 who was baptised on
 Easter Sunday - son of
 Agnes and Montini.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
23rd/24th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	J. Mendes Annette Wiggins	Mark Buhagiar Herbie Cruz.
30th/1st May 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Luisito Villapan Herminia Villarica	Grace Bondoc Jerome D’Rosario	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong
7th/8th May 4 th Sunday of Easter	Pio Vergara Shirley Fernandez	Nathan McKenzie Elijah Merjudio	Mary Zore Fadi Antown

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES



Join George and Anne Stanton for a talk and discussion on Scripture and the theme of Covenant followed by fun, fellowship and pizza!

YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION



For adults 18-35 SUN 15TH
MAY
The Hustle 7:00-8:30
Unit 4
4-6 Purdy St Suggested
Minchinbury donation: \$5

Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now for 2023. Contact your local Catholic school or visit our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school.

Thank You for supporting the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you whole-heartedly for your generosity and support for Catholic Care's Community Drop-in Centres.

Because of your kindness, Catholic Care can provide welcoming places for everyone in our community. And thanks to your compassion, Catholic Care can reach more of our vulnerable neighbours who may be isolated and in need of support.

Thank you for being a Good Samaritan and for loving your neighbours in need.

For anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.



Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign" Launch: 22 April

Last Friday 22 April, the annual Earth Day, the Diocese of Parramatta responded to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will invite all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit parracatholic.org/laudatosi from 22 April to download the launch video and for further information.

Parish Picnic on Sunday 1st May 2022 from 12.30pm at the *Croatian Catholic Centre* **70 Douglas Road BLACKTOWN.**

Bring your own picnic lunch and drinks - *A parish community building activity. We hired the hall in case it rains.*



Have you thought? Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

