

Parish Notices

1. Parish Picnic on Sunday 1st May 2022 from 12.30pm at the Croatian Catholic Centre. Address 70 Douglas Road BLACKTOWN. Bring your own picnic lunch and drinks. We hired the hall if it rains.
2. Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 13th May at 7.00 pm. Celebrant Mons Ron McFarlane.
3. 4th and last Confirmation Preparation Session for parents and candidates is on Saturday 7th May at 4.30pm. Attendance mandatory.
4. 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.
5. The Legion of Mary is 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.
- 6.. 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**



Dates for your diary:

Next **FINANCIAL Committee meeting** on
Sunday 29th May 2022 at 7PM

Pastoral Council Meeting on Sunday 19th June
at 7pm

**CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION SESSIONS
for Parents and young
adults receiving the
Sacrament. LAST
SESSION: Saturday 7th
May @ 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

3rd Sunday of EASTER (C) 1st May 2022



From Fr Flor's desk

Catholic Popular Devotions

“Popular Devotions” are sometimes not properly understood and appreciated. Brief reflection of the two words “popular” and “devotion” may open an insight on understanding the practice of popular devotions. It is called “popular” because these set of prayers and practices originated from the people of God and consequently loved and cherished by them. People find spiritual consolation and strength in the practice of the devotions. They too may find the popular devotions as an adequate expression of their faith, happiness and satisfaction. It is also called a “devotion” (Latin origin- ‘devotio’) which connotes the devotee’s internal attitude of consecration, surrender, dedication and the readiness to perform all that belongs to the service of God. We may define Popular Devotions then as set of prayers and practices which originated from the people, loved, and cherished by them and is helpful in their spiritual growth and strengthen them in their readiness to do services for God. Examples of Popular Devotions are the Rosary, our Mother of Perpetual Help, novenas, stations of the cross, the scapular, the miraculous medal, processions, candle lighting and prayers for the dead, sacred heart devotion, and more.

The Church (Vatican II, Constitution on Liturgy #13) endorses popular devotions to the faithful. The constitution on Liturgy states: “Popular devotions of the Christian people, provided they conform to the laws and norms of the Church, are to be highly recommended Devotions proper to individual Churches also have a special dignity if they are undertaken by order of bishops according to the customs or books lawfully approved.” Assigning a patron saint or title of the Lord to a particular Church may imply recommendation of relevant popular devotions. For example, Marian devotions are to be endorsed in Australia as the country is entrusted under the patronage of Mary Help of Christians. Sacred Heart Devotions are to be endorsed in the Parish of the Sacred Heart.

Note: We do popular devotions, the Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Sacred Heart Devotion (adoration) on each Wednesday evening at Sacred Heart Parish.

Sunday Masses Saturday **6.00 pm 3rd Sunday Easter (C)**
 Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am:**

Weekday Masses & Communion Services

Monday 9.10 am Saint Athanasius
 Tuesday 9.10 am Saints Philip and James
Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 3rd Week of Easter
Thursday 9.10am Thurs 3rd Week of Easter
Friday 9.10am Fri 3rd Week of Easter
Saturday 6.00pm Sat 3rd Easter Saturday
Confessions Saturday: 5.00pm Fr. Florito Apalias

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



If you know someone that needs a lift to attend Church especially Sundays, please let us know. We will endeavour to find parishioners who are willing to minister in this way.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
30th/1st May 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Luisito Villapana 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
14th/15th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	Montana Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Jevita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia

Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, 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 Suggested
4-6 Purdy St donation: \$5
Minchinbury

Young Adult Faith Formation: 15th May

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 15 May at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. George and Anne Stanton will lead discussion on scripture and the theme of Covenant. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

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.

Pastoral Formation offering leadership and formation courses in 2022

In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith! To encourage this, Pastoral Formation – Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU – all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session).

See our website pparra.org.au or email met@parracatholic.org for more details.

Adult Confirmation: 1 September 2022,

will be held on 1 September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 20 August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Under the remaining influence of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

Support Mass for You at Home

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au