

Parish Notices

- Day light saving finishes at 3am on Sunday. Turn clocks back one hour this weekend
- **Parish Fete.** First meeting this Sunday 3rd April at 10am. Any parishioners who would like to be part of the organising committee can attend. Major fund raiser for the parish.
- **Palms for Passion Sunday.** Bring your own palms or olive branches. Olive branches will be provided by parish if you do not have any.
- **Reminder of the Bishop's Appeal.** You still have time to give in the envelopes provided.
- **Save the date:** Parish Picnic is now on Sunday 1st 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.
- 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 info.



SEPTEMBER PARISH FETE is back.

First meeting:
3rd April at 10am in
the PARISH HALL.



Volunteers Needed!



Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday mornings to set up the Church for the Liturgies and cleaning. Inform Deacon Rod or Fr Flor.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS for Parents and young adults receiving the Sacrament. NEXT SESSION: Saturday 9th 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: Estafania Chua; Carmelita David; Rosita 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; Evelyn Merjudio; 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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5th Sunday of LENT (C)

3 rd April 2022



From Deacon Rod's desk.

By Dr Mary Coloe.

The episode of the woman who committed adultery is clearly an important story in the life of the early Christian communities. Scholars are not sure exactly where this episode belongs since some very early manuscripts place this episode in Luke's Gospel, and others place it at some point in John's Gospel. The variations testify to an uncertainty about where the episode belongs, but they also testify that the story is so significant that it must appear within the Gospel tradition.

There is hypocrisy in the actions of the Scribes and Pharisees. These were the scholars of the Jewish Law, perhaps the equivalent of today's lawyers. Firstly, they only bring along one of the guilty parties, the woman, while the male partner is free from public condemnation. Secondly, their concern is not really with this woman. She is a pawn in their real purpose, which is to find something against Jesus. In this, they have no real respect for the Law they claim to uphold. And finally, as Jesus points out, they too are sinners.

Why might this story be so important for the early Christian communities, so that even though there is uncertainty about its location there can be no doubt about its inclusion within the good news Jesus offers? Perhaps John's or Luke's community needed to be reminded that for all our Christian ideals and desires, we are all frail followers of Jesus, but sin is no barrier to discipleship. The only barrier is the despair that comes from self-condemnation and a failure to trust in God who refuses to condemn. Jesus does not condemn the woman even as he encourages going and striving to live without sin. As the journey of Lent moves to its end, let us place our confidence in the loving mercy of God.



Dr Mary Coloe PBVM is a Presentation sister and teaches in the field of New Testament studies at the Yarra Theological Union. She was Associate Professor in New Testament at the Australian Catholic University and has taught at Boston College, the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley, and at the Ecce Homo Biblical Institute Jerusalem.

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil. 5th Sunday of LENT (C)**
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am:

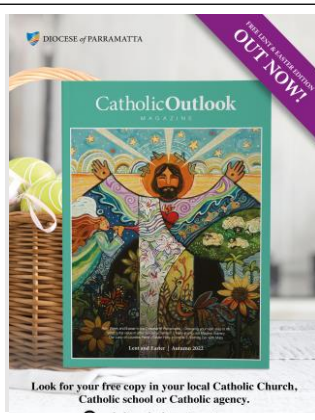
Weekday Masses & Communion Services

Monday 9.10 am Monday of 5th week Lent Communion service
Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday of 5th Week Lent
Wednesday 7.00 pm Wednesday 5th week of Lent
Thursday 9.10 am Thursday 5th week of Lent
Friday 7.00pm Friday 5th week of Lent (*1st Friday*)
Saturday 9.10 am Sat of 5th week of Lent *Communion service*
Confessions **Saturday: 5.00pm** Fr. Florito Apalias

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**
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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.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
2nd/3rd April 5 th Week of Lent	L. Villapana H. Villarica	A. Wiggins G. Bondoc	M. Wong M. Zore.
9th/10th April Palm Sunday	S. Fernandez M. Farquharson	J. D'Rosario N. McKenzie	F. Antown J. Bugayong
16th April Easter Vigil 17th April Easter Sunday	7.00pm Pio Vergara W. Farquhason	E. Merjudio .J. Mendes	Marvin Bugayong B. Buhagiar.

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you O God, are my strength.
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Gospel Acclamation: With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.
Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



HOLY WEEK

MASS TIMES

CHRISM MASS Wed 13th April
Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Mass at Sacred Heart will be celebrated at 9.10am ONLY.

HOLY THURSDAY – No Mass in the morning. **Commemoration of the Last Supper MASS at 7.00PM.**

Confessions after Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

8.00am (Samoan Community) & **10am. Way of the Cross** in the Church.
Confessions after Stations of the Cross.
3.00PM – Liturgy of the Passion of the LORD

EASTER VIGIL

No services in the morning.
7pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY: 7.30am & 9.00am

CONFESSIONS:

Tues- Thursday after Masses.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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.

Donate to Caritas Australia's Ukraine Appeal

Caritas Australia's long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the people of Ukraine. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis by visiting www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news



Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



SAVE the DATE

Parish Picnic is now on **Sunday 1st May 2022** from 12.30pm at the Croatian Catholic Centre in Blacktown.