

## Parish Notices

1. Happy Mother's Day to all mums. Special blessing in all Masses.
2. Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm. Celebrant Mons Ron McFarlane. Please bring a plate for supper after Mass.
3. 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.
4. Young adult formation on the Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May between 7-8.30pm at the Hustle, Minchinbury.
- 5 The cleaning roster is in the bulletin starting this week. If you cannot make it just inform the office. Thank you for those who put their name forward.
6. A petition of citizens of NSW that are completely opposed to the passage of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 is at the back of the church to sign.



**NEXT PARISH FETE  
meeting on Sunday  
June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**



### Dates for your diary:

Next **FINANCIAL Committee meeting** on Sunday  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7PM

**Pastoral Council Meeting** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at  
7pm

### **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:**

Summer Abawi; Mary Catania; Josephine Cortis; Ma Luisa & Mamerto Cui; Mamerto Cui jr; Paulose Chittayath; Annie Agnes Doherty; Ileton; Raddy Ferreira; Carlos Funelas; Maynard Galam; Leandro Hernandez; John Holmes; Alice Iglesias, Maria Lugod; Remy Lunar, Peter & Clyde McLeod; Luke McCourt; Edgardo Moya; Erdulfo Penafiel; Franchita Rebosura; Margaret Saldana; Trifon Triantopoulos;

**Names submitted to Parish for prayers will show for 4 weeks at a time.**



# SACRED HEART PARISH

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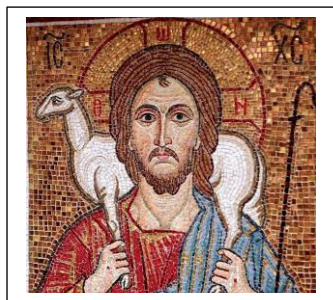
9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt NSW 2770 tel: 98323896

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of EASTER (C)

8th May 2022



## From Deacon Rod's desk .....



In the Jerusalem of Jesus' day various flocks of sheep would arrive with their respective shepherds, only to be turned into the same sheepfold together. This made for a rather large gang of sheep, and there was not any practice of branding or marking to tell which was which. You can see the practical problem right away. How does each shepherd get his own sheep back?

Two ways. One, the shepherd knows all his own

sheep by heart. He has a special name for each character in the flock. And second, the sheep themselves know their master's voice unmistakably. When he calls out, they simply get up and come to him. They follow him out through the sheep-gate. No mistake about it.

And that is Jesus' reference in Sunday's short Gospel. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me," he says. You and I are the sheep he is talking about. He says we "shall never perish," because he holds us in his own hands. In fact, it was the Father who gave us to Jesus, and no one can ever take us out of the Father's hands.

Think about it. Have I ever longed for someone who could make things alright, who could help lift the responsibility from my shoulders? Someone who knows me by name and cares about me. Maybe we do recognize Jesus' voice when we hear it. It might be in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Or when we receive the Bread of everlasting life in the Eucharist. Perhaps in our private prayer and above all in silence. In silence, is where God speaks most – a gentle breeze that may touch our face and our heart.

Let us pray this "Shepherd Sunday" for vocations: that young adults will hear the voice of their Master and respond to it with open heart without counting the costs. May Mary, the Mother of Jesus always walk on our side as She did in Jesus' time and intercede for us to follow her Son all the way.

God Bless you all.

Deacon Rod.

**Sunday Masses**      Saturday 6.00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter (C)  
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am:  
**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**  
Monday 9.10 am Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter *communion service*  
Tuesday 9.10 am Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Thursday 9.10am Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Friday 9.10am Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Saturday 6.00pm Saint Matthias *communion service*  
**Confessions**      Saturday: 5.00pm Fr. Florito Apalias

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



**Confirmation MASS this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00PM.**

Celebrant: Mons Ron McFarlane  
We congratulate our 8 candidates who are completing their Sacrament of Initiation:  
Mason James Farquharson; Isaac Armour;  
Gloria Christina Cardoza; Sanele Polu  
Megan Mary Buhagiar; Joanna Rozario;  
Angelina Rozario; Maya Veronica Farquharson  
**PLEASE BRING A PLATE for Supper.**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Pio Vergara Shirley Fernandez	Nathan McKenzie Elijah Merjudio	Mary Zore Fadi Antown
<b>14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Montana Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Jevita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar
<b>21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Vinod Nagarja Anette Wigans	Herbie Cruz Aloysius Wong

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Psalm:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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.

#### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER starting this week

1<sup>st</sup> week of the Month:

Eric & Paul

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Month

Loretta & Gloria

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Month

Nirmala & Ingrid

4<sup>th</sup> Week of the Month

Legion of Mary (young adults)

5<sup>th</sup> Week: Rebecca Armour.

#### 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](http://pparra.org.au) or email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org).

DIocese of PARRAMATTA

## Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing

Everyone interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace is invited to meet like-minded people.

ONLINE GATHERING

WED 11 May  
6:30PM – 8:00PM