

## Parish Notices

1. Young adult formation on the Sunday 15th May between 7-8.30pm at the Hustle, Minchinbury.
- 2 The Church cleaning roster has commenced. If you cannot make it just inform the office. Thank you for those who put their name forward.
3. The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence later this year in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

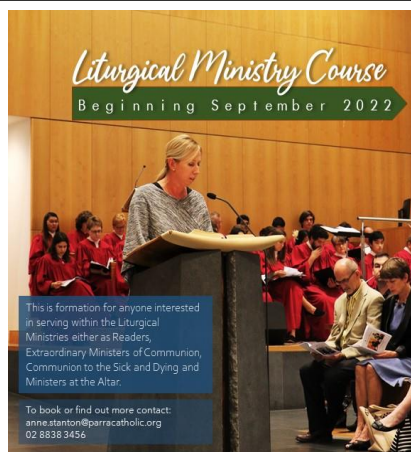


**NEXT PARISH  
FETE meeting  
on Sunday  
June 5<sup>th</sup> at  
7pm.**

### 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;

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Summer Abawi; Said Antonius; Doreen Austin; Virginia & Galonel Capili; Mary Catania; Josephine Cortis; Ma Luisa & Mamerto Cui; Mamerto Cui Jr; Paulose Chittayath; Annie Agnes Doherty; Malcolm Farquharson; Raddy Ferreira; Carlos Funelas; Maynard Galam; Leandro Hernandez; John Holmes; Alice Iglesias, Rita Mah Puay Lan; Maria Lugod; Remy Lunar, Peter & Clyde McLeod; Luke McCourt; Charbel Macklouf; Edgardo Moya; Franchita Rebosura; Ma Lina de Rueda; Safiya Saipova; Margaret Saldana; Eligio Solomon; Rhoda & Roguesa Recto; Trifon Triantopoulos; Maria & Saturnino Ventura; Alejandro Ventura;

**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

**5th Sunday of EASTER (C) 15th May 2022**



*From Fr Flor's desk .....*

### ***Love One Another***

"I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (Jn 13,34-35). To love one's neighbour (one another) is already a commandment in the Old Testament (see Lev 19,18). However, the newness of this commandment consists in the addition "as I have loved you."

The first thing which might strike us is that it is a commandment. How can love be commanded? Is it not something spontaneous and free? To answer these questions, we might need to redefine love from common secular understanding of love as feeling. In our experiences, our love maybe accompanied by emotions of affections and pleasure. But it may not always be the case. True love may include suffering or sacrifices. A father, for example, who loves his family goes to work regularly to support the family. A mother does all chores and takes care of children as she loves her family. A teacher religiously commits herself for education of children. A tradesman goes to work, who do not only see his job as source of livelihood but a work to help people in need. True love is not only about emotions or feeling, but more of an act of the will to offer self to others. Love then, is to be defined as a will to intend, to wish, to act, and to seek the good of the beloved. It is always other-centred. Since to love is a rational decision and a free act of the will of extending oneself to others, it can be commanded. Jesus Himself, the giver of the commandment, has shown us the essence of love by His self-donation (Paschal Mystery) to his beloved people.

The second point which may strike us is his added statement "as I have loved you." It seems that in the Old Testament the criterion of loving one another is the self. "Love your neighbour as yourself" implies correct understanding of the self and so what is good for the self is good for the neighbour. Jesus shifted the model of love of neighbour to Himself as the standard of love. It is his example of gracious, condescending, sacrificial love that serves as the ultimate standard for love of neighbours. Naturally, such pure love may seem unachievable. Only with God's grace and our closeness to Jesus, that we may love one another as He did and consequently be worthily called His disciples.

God bless you all.

**Fr Flor.**

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday 6.00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter (C)**  
**Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am:**


**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**

Monday 9.10 am Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter *communion service*  
Tuesday 9.10 am Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Thursday 9.10am Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Friday 9.10am Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Saturday 6.00pm Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter *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



We welcome this Sunday in our Christian community baby **Amira Jade**, daughter of Rolando and Rose Gale CANLAS



**Have you thought?  
Love**

*I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say "I love you" in a relationship has become a major dilemma – or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.*

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Montana Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Jevita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Vinod Nagarja Anette Wiggins	Herbie Cruz Aloysius Wong
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Sunday	Hermina Villarica Pio Vergara	Jerome D’Rosario Nathan McKenzie	Matthias Wong Mary Zore

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.  
**Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.  
**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine, and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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

#### Young Adult Faith Formation: 15th May

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adult's 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 has started:

##### **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 (Juniors)

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

#### 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).

#### LIFTED Live featuring Gen Bryant

Friday May 20, 7:30-10pm

WEST HQ, Rooty Hill

Youth, young adults and families are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta for a Holy Spirit inspired night of praise and worship

Register at <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

#### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017

#### Bishop Vincent Presents Sr Patricia Fox NDS

Friday May 27, 7-9pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown  
Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and drinks. LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)