

## Parish Notices

1. Finance Committee this coming Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm
2. Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal next weekend. Donate for the Seminarians formation and our future priests.
- 3.. The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will take place in September 2022. 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/>

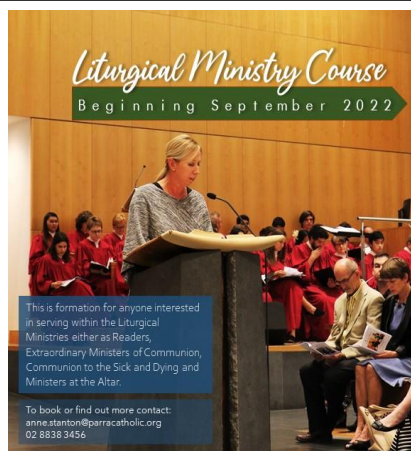


**NEXT PARISH  
FETE meeting  
on Sunday  
June 5<sup>th</sup> at  
7pm.**

### 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.

**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; Ferdinand Dolleton, 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; Neville Menezes; Edgardo Moya; Franchita Rebosura; Ma Lina de Rueda; Safiya Saipova; Margaret Saldana; Eligio Solomon; Rhoda & Roguesa Recto; Andrew Rylewski, 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

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**6th Sunday of EASTER (C)      22nd May 2022**



## From Deacon Rod's DESK .....

Nostalgia literally means 'a yearning for home'. Recently, in the movie industry world, we have so many remakes such as "Top Gun", 'Mary Poppins', 'King Kong', 'Beauty and the Beast, Ben-Hur and many others. Why is this? Perhaps because it brings us 'nostalgia' - back to home we yearn for.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality. But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God. The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, and we know the others with whom we live. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is where our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present. This is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We do not need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear. That is a theatre where we perform. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is.

God Bless

***Deacon Rod.***

**Sunday Masses**      Saturday    **6.00 pm 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter (C)**  
                                  Sunday      **7.30 am & 9.00am:**

**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**

Monday                    9.10 am    Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter *communion service*  
 Tuesday                  9.10 am    Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Wednesday            7.00pm    Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Thursday                9.10am    Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Friday                    9.10am    Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Saturday                6.00pm    Sat 6<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

**Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light**



**Please give generously to the  
 Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal**

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<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<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 Wiggins	Herbie Cruz Aloysius Wong
<b>28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Ascension Sunday	Hermina Villarica Pio Vergara	Jerome D'Rosario Nathan McKenzie	Matthias Wong Mary Zore
<b>4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June</b> Pentecost	Shirley Fernandez Montana Farquharson	Elija Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Jevita Bugayong

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Psalm:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Gospel Acclamation:** All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## **Historical Context**

### **The time of absence**

*At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century), the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing – an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.*

### **Admission to the Candidacy rite for the Diaconate.**

Congratulations to our own parishioner, Jerome D'Rosario, who received the candidacy for the Order of the permanent Diaconate last Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at St Nicholas of Myra Parish by Bishop Vincent Long. Our prayers and support for his journey to ordination.

### **CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER:**

#### **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.

CHURCH CLEANING THIS WEEK:

28<sup>TH</sup> MAY: **REBECCA ARMOUR**

### **Adult Confirmation: 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)

### **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)

### **Abstract from the Holy Land Commissariat's letter:**

On behalf of the Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, I would like to sincerely thank you and Sacred Heart Catholic Church for your generous contribution of \$2,678 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2022.....

**Fr Mario Debattista ofm**  
**Commissary of the Holy Land (Australia)**