Parish Notices.

1. Selling of raffle tickets after MASS. Please register your name and take as many as you can to sell. \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 or \$30 for the whole book of 20 tickets.

2. Registration for the Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion close next weekend. Forms at the back of the Church. Sacrament of PENANCE on Sat 17th September and First Holy Communion on the 25th September 2022. The child must be in Year 3 or over or if your child missed these Sacraments due to COVID. If they are in year 2, they will receive the Sacrament of Penance only this year.

Young adults meeting at the Hustle Minchinbury this Sunday from 7 till
Sopm. Speaker: Fr John Rizzo on "Mercy in Scripture". Donation: \$5.00
Fete Meeting on Saturday 13th August at 7pm. Only one month to go. We need people to sort out donations urgently.

5. Monday 15th August Feast of Assumption. DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses at 9.10am and 7pm.



SICK: Maria Belisario, Annette Buttigieg; Alice Cassar; Stella Edwards, Maria Llave, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Ernie Merjudio, Marjorie Tonks; Fara Vargas; Angelita Villapana.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marlon Blando; Nancy Kwan; Raymond Sica; Pero Kotarac; Beverly Panlilio.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Doreen Austin; Augustus del Castillo; Stephanie Fancis; Cora del Fierro; Gloria Fraser; Anastasia Glennon; Marjorie Holmes; Gerry Montiero; Maria & Louis Periera; Mary & Anatolio Plan; Diedre Ranasinghe; Patrochinio & Edgar Michael Rosal; Julia Salazar; Alfred Schembri; Thomas Wiggins;

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 <u>tel: 98323896</u> 19th Sunday Ordinary Time 7th August 2022



From Deacon Rod's desk TO TRUST or NOT TO TRUST?

There is a wonderful example of trust in the readings for Sunday. The Second Reading talks about risky deeds that God asked from Abraham. Travel to a land he did not know, pass through great deserts and villages full of strangers, dwell in temporary shelters all the way, and most difficult of all, believe that Sarah would at last conceive and give birth—even though, as scripture says, their old age made them "as good as dead." And it got worse, not better. God ordered Abraham to make a bloody sacrifice of this promised son born to the aged selves. Kill him.

Remember, God had promised that Abraham and Sarah would have "descendants as numerous as the sands on the seashore." Therefore, the question before Abraham was not one about obedience, as is often thought, but whether to trust in God. Could God's promise come true even if Abraham went through with the sacrifice of his son?

Sunday's Second Reading says what he decided. Abraham "thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." The terrible action could be taken because he believed in God's fidelity. Maybe God would raise their son from the dead!

How would you or I have responded? Wouldn't we say it was time to cancel the trust stuff and save whatever we can of our family? Yes. But notice: trust consists of more than just a generally sunny attitude. Trust means believing in someone. It means remembering the love that resides in that person, remembering the promises, the pacts made in fidelity. It means taking the risk.

Human bonding is always subject to doubt. If we are lucky, we discern and pray and forgive, and then give it another try. All of us remain "strangers and aliens on earth" (Second Reading) and we long for someone to trust. We long to be able to trust. Can we open our hearts to God and let Jesus' own trust be ours?

Abstract from spiritual reflection by Fr John Foley SJ



A new elderly parishioner needs a lift from Durham Street every Sunday to join our community for the 9am Mass. **Volunteers needed please.**

Sunday Masses					Ordinary Time (C)
<u>Sunday</u> 7.30 am & 9.00am <u>:</u>					
Weekday Masses & Communion Services					
				St Mary of the Cross (Com. service)	
	Tuesday				ry Time (Com. Service)
	Wednesday			St Lawrence	
	<u>Thursday</u>			St Clare	
	<u>Friday</u>			19th Week of Ordinary Time (Com. Service)	
	Saturday			19th Week of Ordinary Time (Com. Service)	
Confessions	<u>Saturday:</u>		5.00pm	N ot available until 31 st August	
Pastoral Director:Deacon Roderick PirottaResident Priest:Fr Florito ApaliasParish Chairperson:Teresa SamuelsChurch Office:22 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt. DruittPh:98323896Email:mountdruittsouth@parracatholic.orgWebsite:https://southmountdruitt.org.auBaptisms & Weddings:By arrangement only					
First Communion 2022 at MASS.		BER	SACRAMENT OF PENACE & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSIONS: WHERE: Parish HALL AT 4.00PM DATES: SAT 27 th August (Parents ONLY) SAT 3 rd September (Parents & children) SAT 17th September (Parents and children) 1 st RECONCILIATION after session. SAT 24 th Sept (Parents & Children)		
Readers	6.00pm		n	7.30am	9.00am
6/7th August 19 th Sunday Ordinary	Luisito Villapa Pio Vergara			Elija Merjudio	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore
13/14th August 20 th Sunday Ordinary	Montana Farquharson Edna Gemzon		zon	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
20th/21st August 21 st Sunday Ordinary	Wendy Farquharson Jeric Salazar			Vinod Nagaraja Annette Wigans	Marvin Bugayong Herbie C

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



Pastoral Formation Scripture Short Course: Starts 11 August

Are you passionate about the Bible? Join Dr Laurie Woods for 4 Thursday nights: 11, 18 and 25 August and 1 September. Each night hosted from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 3 via met@parracatholic.org

URGENT- URGENT- URGENT FETE NEWS

 One month to go. Meeting Sat 13 August at 7pm
We need people to help sort out donations

3. people to set up and clean up after.

CHURCH CLEANING THIS WEEK: 13th August: Loretta & Gloria

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon.

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at <u>www.parrawyd.org</u> and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement

- james.camden@parracatholic.org

Young Adult Faith Formation: 7 August

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 7 August at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. Join Fr John Rizzo for a discussion on Mercy in Scripture. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship. Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries

Drive. Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations due to COVID. 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. Call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

Adult Catechesis (age 14 years and up)

Understand the richness of your baptism and discover how to transmit faith to your children and grandchildren. The Neo-Catechumenal Way is beginning their annual catechesis on Thursday and Sunday evenings from 7:30pm – 8:30pm commencing **18th August 2022** in the Parish Hall. Contact Matthew on 0438 049 116 for further information.