

## Parish Notices.

1. Tomorrow Monday 15th August Feast of Assumption. DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses at 9.10am and 7pm.
2. Registration for the Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion closes this weekend. Forms at the back of the Church. Sacrament of PENANCE on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> September and First Holy Communion on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
3. Fete meeting tonight at 7pm after the Mass. Less than one month to go.
4. Neo-catechumenal way annual catechesis is on Thursday and Sunday evenings from 7:30pm – 8:30pm commencing 18th August 2022 in the Parish Hall.



**LAUNCH EVENT**

FEAT. BISHOP VINCENT  
FR ROB GALEA  
& FRG MINISTRY BAND

Thursday August 18  
St John XXIII Catholic College,  
Stanhope Gardens  
7:00pm-9:30pm

RSVP [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org)

"MAY ARDRE AND WENT WITH HASTE" (Lk. 1:39)

**\$2 per ticket; \$5 for 3 tickets  
\$30 for book of 20 tickets**



- 1st:** Lenovo 11" 2K Tablet
- 2nd:** Family Pass to Sydney Zoo
- 3rd:** CB Travel \$200 Travel Voucher
- 4th:** 4 Burner Hooded Jumbuck BBQ
- 5th:** Bar fridge

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

**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 Ransinghe; 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 tel: 98323896

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**



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

#### **Jesus, Perfecter of Faith**

How can the Prince of Peace, the preacher of the message of nonviolence that we hear in the Sermon on the Mount—how can he speak the hard words of today's Gospel? "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Then Jesus proceeds to promise the most painful kinds of division—within households, even between parents and children. Can these sayings be reconciled? They can, when we recognize that those words of division do not describe Jesus' mission but rather some of the side-effects of that mission.

That his mission should have divisive results should not surprise us. Recall the prediction of Simeon at the Presentation: "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted. ... " (Luke 2:34). And such indeed was the effect of Jesus' public life—from the rejection at the synagogue of Nazareth to the divided response of the bandits crucified on either side of him.

The creation of the new family of the Church would continue to provoke as much rejection as acceptance—even to the splitting of households and families. But even as today's readings confront us with this hard picture of prophetic mission constantly rejected—from Jeremiah, through Jesus, down to us is there to console us.

There, the author of Hebrews presents Jesus himself as a model for Christian perseverance through tough challenges "for the sake of the joy that lay before him." He dares to call Jesus the "perfecter of faith"—in other words the one whose own faith showed what true faith is..... it really is Jesus' own trust in the Father that we are called to imitate. That faith sustains us through any and all rejection.

**Extract from spiritual reflection by Dennis Hamm, SJ**



**Plan giving SACRED HEART PARISH by Direct DEBIT: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
collection: BSB: 067-950 Acc No: 0000453**

**Sunday Masses**      Saturday    **6.00 pm**    **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**

Sunday      **7.30 am & 9.00am;**

**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**

Monday      9.10 am    **Assumption of the Virgin Mary MASS**

7.00 pm    **Mass (Day of Obligation)**

Tuesday      9.10 am    20th Week of Ordinary Time (*Com. Service*)

Wednesday      7.00pm    20th Week of Ordinary Time

Thursday      9.10am    20th Week of Ordinary Time

Friday      9.10am    20th Week of Ordinary Time (*Com. Service*)

Saturday      9.10am    **St Bernard** (*Com. Service*)

**Confessions**      Saturday:    5.00pm    **Not available** until 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Pastoral Director:**      **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

**Resident Priest:**      **Fr Florito Apalias**

**Parish Chairperson:**      **Teresa Samuels**

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**Baptisms & Weddings:**    By arrangement only



**SUNDAY**  
**25<sup>th</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**2022 at 9am**  
**MASS.**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSIONS:**

**WHERE: Parish HALL AT 4.00PM**

**DATES:**

**SAT 27<sup>th</sup> August** (*Parents ONLY*)

**SAT 3<sup>rd</sup> September** (*Parents & children*)

**SAT 17th September** (*Parents and children*)

**1<sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION after session.**

**SAT 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** (*Parents & Children*)

<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>13/14<sup>th</sup> August</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary	Montana Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
<b>20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> August</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary	Wendy Farquharson Jeric Salazar	Vinod Nagaraja Annette Wiggins	Marvin Bugayong Herbie Cruz
<b>27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary	Gloria Cardoza Luisito Villapana	Grace Bandoc Nathan McKenzie	Matthias Wong Aloysius Wong

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Psalm:** Lord, come to my aid!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

# LIVING THE GOSPEL

## Speaking a hard message

*Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.*

## Pastoral Formation

### Scripture Short Course: Starts 11 August

Are you passionate about the Bible? Join Dr Laurie Woods for 3 Thursday nights: 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).

### URGENT- URGENT- URGENT FETE NEWS

1. Meeting Sat 13 August at 7pm
2. We need people to help sort out donations
3. people to set up and clean up after.

CHURCH CLEANING THIS WEEK:  
20th August: Ingrid & Nirmala

## 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 [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org) 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](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

### 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.

### Get #Active4Vocations and spur our City2Surf team and Holy Spirit Seminarians on

Becoming a priest requires an incredible leap of faith. We have a team of Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community members taking their own leap of faith in the 14km City2Surf this weekend, getting #Active4Vocations. Show your support and spur them on with a donation. Your generosity will go the distance in helping our seminarians to become priests. To donate to our #Active4Vocations team members visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](http://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations)  
Thank you.