

## Parish Notices.

1. Bring the raffle tickets back with the money. More raffle tickets will be sold on the day of the fete.
2. Collection for our retirement priests last weekend amounted to **\$2,020**. This was due to a large sum of money donated by one parishioner. Thank you to all for the support of our retired priests.
- 3.. Neo-catechumenal way annual catechesis continues Thursdays and Sundays evenings from 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Matthew on 0438 049 116 for further information
4. Sacramental formation for Penance and Holy Communion: 4<sup>th</sup> Session for parents and children on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. First Holy Communion, the following day 25<sup>th</sup> September 9am Mass.
5. Young Adult Formation: Join Deacon Jack El Kazzi for a talk and discussion on OUR LADY IN SCRIPTURE followed by fun, and pizza! For adults 18-35. The Hustle Unit 4 4-6 Purdy St Minchinbury 11TH SEPTEMBER 7:00-8:30 pm



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**YOUNG ADULTS  
FAITH FORMATION**



For adults 18-35      **SUN 11TH  
SEPTEMBER**  
**The Hustle**      **7:00-8:30**  
Unit 4      **Suggested**  
4-6 Purdy St      **donation: \$5**  
Minchinbury

**SACRED HEART  
MT. DRUTT SOUTH** parish fete

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 | 10.30am-3.30pm  
Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Nelson Street, Mt Drutt

**STALLS**

Books / DVD / Video	Plants	Sausage Sizzle
Cakes & Devonshire Tea	Homebrews	Showbags
Chocolate Wheel	Jumping Castle	Sauson Food
Craft	Lollies & Ice-Cream	Toys
Face Painting	Party goods	White Elephant
Filipino Food	Raffle	

**COME, BRING  
YOUR  
FRIENDS  
TO THE  
PARISH  
FETE THIS  
SUNDAY  
10am- 3pm**

## 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;

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Marlon Blando; Nancy Kwan; Raymond Sica; Pero Kotarac; Beverly Panlilio; Rocky Deomampo; Teresita Parducho Alignay; Nadia Gomez; Perla Mansibang; Odile Nicholas; Perla Mansibang

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Marija Blazevic; Irene Britto; Bonifacio Cabahug; Edwin Cardoza; Gregoria & Juan Castro; Peter Constatine; George D'cruz; Michaelangelo Della-Bon; Manual Dias; Francis Duffy; Regina Eronico; Primitivo Enriquez; Aproniano Estoque; Rene Felix; Melyn Fernandes; Bernabe Funelas; Andrew Gove; Lourdes Guerrero; Naziha Maklouf; Ernesto Ontiveros Jn; Louis, Xavier & John Manuel Pereira; Benjamin Recto Jn; Clair De Los Reyes; Aurora Verna;



# SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt NSW 2770 tel: 98323896

**24th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



From Father Florito's desk:,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,



## Covenant Relationship

In the parable of the Prodigal Son in today's gospel reading (Lk 15,1-32), both sons betray the juridical mentality of contractors in their dealings with their father. For example, when the prodigal son becomes aware of his misdeed, he does not for one moment imagine that his father could forgive him and take him back as a loved son. His approach to his problem is entirely legalistic. He devises a plan that will enable him to earn a decent living as his father's employee. His older brother is equally legalistic minded in his approach. He talks to his father in contractual terms. "I slaved for you, without ever disobeying your orders...", "You've never given me a goat..." This is an entirely contractual approach employer-employee. The father sweeps it aside with one shattering revelation, "All I have is yours." Jesus was indirectly attacking the juridical approach of the Pharisees (represented by the elder and partly the young son). Family relationships are not based on a **contract**, he says implicitly but on a **covenant**. A family is not a courtroom, and the head of the family is not a judge but a father. The whole purpose of this parable of Jesus is to emphasise the basic idea: God is a loving Father.

How many of us still understand their relationship with God in terms of a contract rather than a covenant? The parable is a revelation that God is our Father, the most loving Father one can possibly imagine. His mercy and love have no bounds, no limits, because it is his very being. "God is love", John tells us repeatedly (cf. 1 Jn 4,8). Once, we believe this, our lives are changed forever. *(adapted from Hearts Burning by Nil Guillemette)*

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday**      **6.00 pm 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**  
**Sunday**      **7.30 am & 9.00am**

**Weekday Masses & Communion Services**

Monday      9.10 am      24th Week of Ordinary Time (Com Service)  
 Tuesday      9.10 am      Saint John Chrysostom  
Wednesday      7.00pm      **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
Thursday      9.10am      Our Lady of Sorrows  
Friday      9.10am      Saints Cornelius and Cyprian  
 Saturday      9.10am      24th Week of Ordinary Time (Com. Service)  
Saturday:      5.00pm - 5.30pm

**Confessions**

**Pastoral Director:**      **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**  
**Resident Priest:**      **Fr Florito Apalias**  
**Parish Chairperson:**      **Teresa Samuels**  
**Church Office:**      22 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt. Druitt      Ph: 98323896  
**Email:**      [moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org](mailto:moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org)  
**Website:**      <https://southmoundruitt.org.au>  
**Baptisms & Weddings:**      By arrangement only

**Pastoral Formation Sacraments Short Course: Starts 6 October**

Want to enhance your sacramental vision of life? Over two Thursday nights (6 and 13 October), discover more with Sr Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocese of Parramatta's Worship team. Face-to-face from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre LIMITED SEATS. Register by September 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSIONS:**  
**WHERE: Parish HALL AT 4.00PM**  
**SAT 17th Sept** (Parents & children)  
*5pm Sacrament of Penance*  
**SAT 24th Sept** (Parents & Children)  
**First HOLY COMMUNION MASS.**  
**SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022 at 9am**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>10/11<sup>th</sup> September</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Joaquim Mendes Annette Wiggins	Jovita Bugaong Florita Abolencea
<b>17/18<sup>th</sup> September</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Grace Bondoc Jerome D'Rozario	Herbie Cruz Aloysius Wong
<b>24/25<sup>th</sup> September</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Nathan McKenzie Elijah Merjudio	Matthias Wong Mary Zore

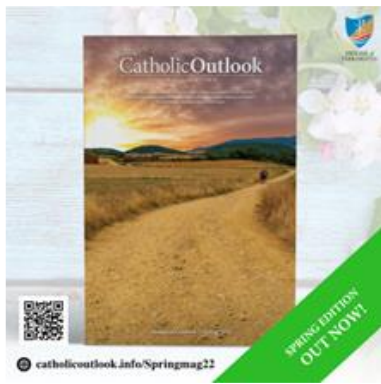
**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Psalm:** I will rise and go to my father.

**Gospel Acclamation:** God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God. The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES



### **As volunteers in Parish Ministry, have each of us completed our Mandatory Safeguarding Training?**

Contact your Parish Office to enquire about Face-to-Face Training opportunities in your Parish. If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace.

Sign up onto the platform by clicking on this link:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

### **MET Worship Formation for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying: 22 October**

MET – Worship will be hosting a formation session for those already active in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying on Saturday 22 October from 9.30am – 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The formation day includes a reflection on the Spirituality of Suffering, Working within Safeguarding Guidelines and the Practicalities of this ministry. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)

### **Glenbrook Parish Memorable Melodies Concert: 23 October**

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a memorable melodies concert for voice, violin and organ on Sunday 23 October at 2pm in the parish church. The concert will feature Rebecca Daniel (violin/soprano) and Michael Taylor (organ). Entry is \$15 adults or \$10 concession. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)

### **2022-23 Social Justice Statement "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse"**

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2022-23 "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse" invites us to engage with a complex and challenging social reality: domestic and family violence and abuse. The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the individual and social transformation needed so all people can live in safety. Copies of the statement is at the back of the Church or at [www.bit.ly/SJS22-23](http://www.bit.ly/SJS22-23)



### **Pakistan Flood Crisis appeal**

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1,100 people. The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by the flooding. There are fears that the death toll will continue to rise.

**Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster.**

Donate now by visiting

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>

**CHURCH CLEANING THIS WEEK:  
17th September: Loretta & Gloria**