

Parish Notices.

1. Thank you for all your contributions to the Special Christmas appeal for the homeless last weekend. Total sum collected was of \$887. You can still donate for this appeal by using the envelopes at the back of the Church.
2. Ordination of Rev Mr Jerome D'Rozario (parishioner) on Saturday 10th December in Parramatta Cathedral at 10.30am. All are welcomed.
4. Fr Flor's farewell on Sunday 11th December after 9am Mass. Please bring a plate. Monetary gifts can be given to Deacon Rod and presented to Fr Flor on the day.
5. Two new TVs to animate us more in the singing and participation in the Mass have been installed. If there are any young or old persons who would like to prepare the slides, please let me know.
6. Youth Adult Formation on Sunday 11th December at the Hustle Minchinbury at 7-8.30pm. Fr Leo Choi SDB for a talk and discussion on the GOSPEL OF JOHN.
7. Last call for collecting the fete 1st Prize – Zaine Ahmed (Black ticket F55). No phone number. It will be redrawn after the 8th December if not claimed.



SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE: 8PM MASS
(no usual 6pm Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY:
7.30am & 9.00 AM MASS

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

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

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; Jaime Bal; Judelyn Gatchalian-Garcia; Douglas Kerr; Anthony Leong; Paul (Saki) Faleono; Thomas Dubier; Roxanne Cavanagh.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Wilhemina & George Lavis. Jess Garcia jr; Epifania & Edilberto Salazar; Lorenza Umbao; John Marjorie William; Aurther and Edith Holmes; Peggy Wheatley; Thomas & Patricia Wiggins; Margaret Smith; Sr Mary Stephen, Marija Blazevic; Jack & Joseph Staszak; Vicenta & Domingo Perales; E. Perafiel; Irene Alfonso; Epifania Flojo; Luis Perales; Teodoria Alfonso; Narciso & Juana Reyes; Elisa & Manuel San Jose; Jesus, Teresa, Edgardo & Antonio Miguel; Pat Oliver Freemay; Linda Camba; Jerry Meyer.

Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.



SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt NSW 2770 tel: 98323896

2nd Sunday of ADVENT (A)

4th December 2022



From Fr Florito's desk

Baptised with the Holy Spirit and Fire

Were we baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire (*Mt 3:17*)? To be baptised with fire means to be purified from our sinfulness. It is Jesus' unconditional love (sacrifice) that we are purified or "washed clean" (1 Cor 6,11). On our part, to receive that gift entails transformation with great sacrifice and surrender. To be baptised with fire also means that the baptised becomes "on fire" in living out one's own baptismal promises and sharing the Good News to others. Likewise, to be 'baptised with the Holy Spirit' means to be empowered by the Spirit who communicates God's love as a transforming power. It also means that the baptised becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 3,16;6,19) and then empowered to bear the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5,22-26).

We were indeed baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire. When we were baptised, we were purified. But from the early times of the Church, "fire" has never been looked at and used as material for baptismal rite. Instead, early in the Church, water is used as a sacramental expression of the cleansing (purification) from sinfulness and conversion to the Lord. The preference of the symbolism of water for purification (although same meaning with being purified by fire) is taken from various Biblical sources (cf. Mt 3,11; Mk 1,8a; Jn 1,33;3,22-23;4,10;19,34). Likewise, to be baptised with the Holy Spirit is symbolised by the anointing with the Chrism oil. The anointing with the Chrism oil (oil blessed by the bishop used for baptism, confirmation, and ordination) signifies the power of the Holy Spirit by which the baptised becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit and so have the privilege and right to participate in the threefold mission of Christ as priest, prophet, and king.

It is an opportune time for us to reflect on our baptism (being baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire) during this time of Advent as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus the Christ.

Sunday Masses	Saturday	6.00 pm	2nd Sunday of ADVENT (A)
	Sunday	7.30 am & 9.00am	
Week day Masses	Monday	9.10 am	Monday 2nd week of Advent. (<i>Com. Serv</i>)
	Tuesday	9.10 am	Saint Nicholas
	<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00pm	St Ambrose
	<u>Thursday</u>	9.10am	Immaculate Conception of Mary.
	<u>Friday</u>	9.10am	Friday of 2nd week of Advent
	Saturday	9.10am	Saturday of 2 nd week of Advent
Confessions	<u>Saturday:</u>	5.00pm - 5.30pm	
Pastoral Director:	Deacon Roderick Pirotta		
Resident Priest:	Fr Florito Apalias		
Parish Chairperson:	Teresa Samuels		
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Baptisms & Weddings:	By arrangement only		

Fr. Fabius of Fort Portal Uganda visited the parish about 4 years ago. He made an impression on everybody by his honest, emotive, and dedicated attitude to his people. Fr. Martin, friend of Fr. Fabius wrote two booklets called 'Cuppa books.' These booklets are 'gems'. These books sell for \$20 each. \$10 to pay the printer and \$10 goes to Fr. Fabius. Money will go towards buying maize flour for the children so they can have a cup of porridge at school. Sample copies available back of the church for browsing.

Parishioners can book and purchase via credit card or cash from Marisa Pongan who will be at 9am Mass 18th December.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
3rd/4th December 2nd Sunday Advent	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Grace Bandoc Annette Wiggins	Sara Mandonca Jovita Abolencia
10th/11th December 3rd Sunday Advent	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Nathan McKenzie Elija Merjudio	Florita Abat Herbie Cruz
17th/18th December 4th Sunday Advent	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Mary Zore Jerry Cardoza

Entrance Antiphon:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever

Gospel Acclamation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts.

In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home

Palms' [Neighbours Without Borders](#) program (January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas

Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the [many requests Palms has from communities](#) in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service



No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. 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 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

CHURCH CLEANING:

10th December: Loretta & Gloria