

Parish Notices.

1. Sunday 15th January 2023 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, you are invited to hear of the Life of Eileen Rosaline O'Connor (Servant of God) by Dr Jocelyn Hedley at OLRC St Marys.
2. Catechists needed in Colyton public school. Usually, it will entail about 1 hr per week during school terms. Training and support provided. If you are interested contact Deacon Rod.
3. Take a form "Welcome to the Parish" at the back of the Church if you are new to the parish or have not done it before. Encourage those who have no weekly envelopes to do direct deposit to the Parish's Bank account. Enquire for more details.
4. **SAVE the DATE:** Sacrament of Confirmation 2023. Sunday 21st MAY 2023 at the 11am MASS. Year 7 and above.

WINNER of the FETE
RAFFLE REDRAW 1st PRIZE:

Lani from Menai.

Blue B089 ticket

(Prize claimed)



Diocese of Parramatta WYD23 Pilgrimage Registrations Open!

Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can now view our itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing, register and pay their \$800 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. Visit www.parrawyd.org

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; Rudi Zele

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: Ester Obra Blando; Owen Davoren;; Candida Funelas; Lynlay Matthews; Marie McLeod; Iluminata Ronquillo; Alfred Schembri; Florence Toledo; Gina Tomicic;

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 Week Ordinary Time (A)

15th January 2022



From Deacon Rod's desk

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

Unlike the other three synoptic gospels, St John the evangelist avoids a direct narrative of the Jesus' Baptism. He alludes to it as something that happened in the past. The Evangelist wants to make sure to portray Jesus as a greater prophet than John the Baptist even though the latter came earlier than Jesus. In the Jewish tradition, the prophet who came first was greater than the one who proceeded him. To narrate Jesus' baptism would have made Jesus appear too much like the subordinate of John.

From the prologue on through the early chapters of John's Gospel, and not least in the present passage ("a man who ranks before me, for he was before me"), the Evangelist is trying to give a theological meaning of the baptism of Jesus, as it was expressed in the voice from heaven and in the descent of the dove. The voice from heaven is clearly identify Jesus, not just as another prophet but as the Son of God: "This is the Son of God." Also, in the reference to the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." may be an allusion to the identification of Jesus with the servant of Yhwh of Second Isaiah.

If we ask what this Johannine account adds to the three other synoptic accounts, two points spring to mind: One, is that John makes even clearer than the Synoptists that the theological meaning of the baptism is to be sought exclusively in the manifestation of Jesus as the servant of Yhwh.

The second point is that Jesus' mission as servant will include his bearing (or taking away) the sin of the world (Is 53). Jesus, by being baptized, was offering himself like a lamb, surrendering himself at the table of sacrifice. He was already united with God, but he was also an innocent member of the people. He carried this people's lives and even their sins right into God's forgiving bosom.

Sunday Masses

Saturday
Sunday

6.00 pm 2nd Week Ordinary Time (A)
7.30 am & 9.00am.

Weekday Communion

Services:

Monday	9.10 am	Monday 2 nd week Ordinary Time
Tuesday	9.10 am	St Anthony
<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00pm	Wed 2 nd Week Ordinary Time
<u>Thursday</u>	9.10am	Thurs 2 nd Week Ordinary Time
<u>Friday</u>	9.10am	Friday 2 nd Week Ordinary Time
Saturday	9.10am	St Agnes
<u>Saturday:</u>	5.00-5.30 PM	

Confessions

Pastoral Director:

Deacon Roderick Pirotta

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Vacant

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Baptisms & Weddings:

By arrangement only



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH DEVOTION OF THE TWO HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY.

FRIDAY 3rd February – MASS 7PM followed by Adoration AND MIDNIGHT Mass.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
14th/15th January 2 nd Week Ordinary	Sara Mendonca Gloria Cardoza	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagaraja	Fadi Antown Aloysius Wong
21st/22nd January 3 rd Week Ordinary	Pio Vergara Montana Farquharson	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Jovita Bugayong Aloysius Wong
28th /29th January 4 th Week Ordinary	Jeric Salazar Hermie Villarica	Annette Wiggins Grace Bandoc	Herbie Cruz Matthias Wong
4th/5th February 5 th Week Ordinary	Luisito Villapana Gloria Cardoza	Vinod Nagaraja Joaquim Mendes	Mary Zore Fadi Antown.

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Parish of Richmond St

Paul's Feast: Sat 21

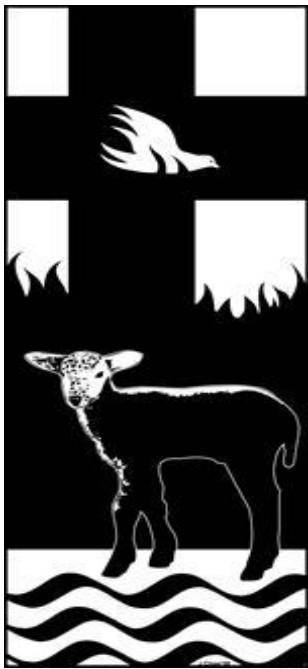
January 2023. Come join the celebrations. Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's at 5.30pm, followed by a procession. Other activities include the Maltese Concert Band, food and drink, chocolate wheel and kids amusement rides. Contact Vicki on 0410 545 783 for more info.

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/>

Palms Australia – Roll up your sleeves, make a difference overseas

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities in countries such as American Samoa, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tanzania and Timor-Leste are asking for qualified and experienced Australians to mentor their people in education, health, administration, agriculture and more. Embrace one of the Palms Australia mission opportunities abroad by visiting www.palms.org.au, or by calling (02) 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567



CHURCH CLEANING:
21st Jan: INGRID &
NIRMALA

GOSPEL FOCUS

Ranking

There is an odd line in today's passage. John reminds the crowd that he had said 'A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.' In Jewish tradition, the prophets and patriarchs who came earlier in their history ranked higher than those who came later. They believed that the history of salvation was at its pinnacle with God's self-revelation to Abraham. Successive episodes and characters were regarded as lesser. But John affirms that Jesus ranks before himself because Jesus existed before John. He is saying that Jesus is more than simply the latest in a long line of prophets.