

Parish Notices.

1. Lenten program this Thursday 2nd March at 7pm- The Transfiguration: reflections, questions and prayers.
2. This Friday Mass is at 7pm followed by "The Way of the Cross" at 7.30pm animated by the choir. The usual devotional vigil of the Two Hearts will then follow.
3. We have 8 youths from our parish going to the World Youth Gathering in Lisbon Portugal from August 1-6, 2023. At the last parish finance committee meeting, it was decided that the parish would donate a sum of money to the pilgrims. If anyone wants to donate money, please contact the office. A fundraising activity in the form of a BBQ and car wash will be announced soon.
4. Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open. Please contact the office on 98323896 or take a registration form from the back of the church and email it to the parish office.

Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday 7.30pm (Adults 18+). Junior meeting every Friday (those of Holy Communion age and above to 18). This is a Catholic action group which is found worldwide and has been based in this parish for over 30 years. The aim of this lay apostolate is to spread the Word of God and self-sanctification. For further info please contact **JOHN BUHAGIAR** on:0434717782.



During LENT we have the Lenten program on Thursdays at 7pm and WAY OF THE CROSS on Fridays at 7.30pm after Mass



PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Ernie Merjudio, Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; Virgilio Manalac; Rita Schembri;

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; Primitivo Capistrano Obra; Marjorie Tonks; Eduardo Diocera; Mary Mallet

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: James Brett; Jose Canlas; Moises Chua; Ezzat Deak; Henry Fares; David Foley; Lena Ferreira; Rudy Fernandez; Gladys Herft; Vic Guinto; Allen Mcleod; Norna Meuo; Nilo Mercado; Neives Marchino; Neville Menezes; Arnella Plan; Lolo & Lola Relevo; Alfred Schembri; Stefan Staszak; Turi TeWhata; Mr Torralba; Sean Vaz; Patricia Wiggins; Joseph Xuereb.

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

1st Sunday of Lent (A)

26th February 2023



From Fr Marcus's desk

Each year, we are invited to journey with Jesus through the desert. This journey calls us to a conversion of heart. These 40 days lead us to resist temptation and bring us to celebrate our resurrection into new life. Through prayer and fasting, our conscience opens us to give alms as we help others along the way.

In the Gospel of this first Sunday of Lent, Jesus is being tempted by Satan in three ways; satisfaction, to test God and to have power. These are at least that we all have as ambitions. Satan is a manipulator in the highest level as he knows Jesus as the "Son of God" and "knowing" the Scripture. Jesus, despite his hunger, wanting to be safe and to have power responds strongly and sternly to the Devil.

We are always faced with temptations in many ways and forms. Lent is the opportunity for us to have the "self-restraint" and to "conquer our impulses" by the inspiration of the Word of God and Jesus' resisting evil. May this Lenten season bring us the strength and hope that the Lord only gives to us. Let us "come back" to the Lord through our prayer, charity and fasting.

Fr Marcus

THANK YOU.

On behalf of all parishioners, I would like to thank two anonymous parishioners who donated a set of new Tabernacle linen, and another who paid for a new Paschal Candle. For the Greater Glory of God.

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm 1st Sunday of Lent (A)**
 Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am**

Weekday Masses & Communion

Services Monday 9.10 am Mon 1st Week of Lent (*comm serv*)
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tues 1st Week of Lent
 Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 1st Week of Lent
 Thursday 9.10am Thurs 1st Week of Lent
 Friday **7.00pm** **Fri 1st Week of Lent & Adoration**
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 1st Week of Lent
Confessions Saturday: 5.00-5.30 PM

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**
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Glenbrook Parish Lenten Biblical Studies: Starts 28 February

St Finbar’s Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting Lenten Biblical Studies exploring the Gospel of Matthew and the Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Presented by parish priest Fr Joseph Lam, these sessions will be held on 28 February, 7 March and 28 March from 7.30pm at the parish. To RSVP, please contact secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
25th/26th February 1 st Sunday of LENT	Sara Mandonca Edna Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Grace Bondoc	Mark Buhagiar Herbie Cruz
4th/5th March 2 nd Sunday of LENT	Gloria Cardoza Jeric Salazar	Vinod Nagaraja Philip Tonks	Mary Zore Fadi Antown
11th/12th March 3 rd Sunday of LENT	Luisito Villapna Herminia Villarica	Grace Bondoc Thomas Merjudio	Agnes Polu Florita Abolencea
18th/19th March 4 th Sunday of LENT	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Joaquim Mendes Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Behagiar Leo Macatangay

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Clean up Diocese of Parramatta Day: 5 March

Catholic Youth Parramatta and MET – Peace, Justice and Ecology invite you to take action! On Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 5 March, witness to the call to take care of God's creation. Join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/>

Palms Australia: Change their lives and yours

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: (02) 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.

CHURCH CLEANING
4th March: Paul & Eric

MET – Worship Celebrating Holy Week Seminar: 4 March

The MET - Worship team is organising a seminar for acolytes and ministers at the altar (senior servers) in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week. Presented by liturgist Chris Ohlsen, the session will be held on Saturday 4 March from 9.30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 28 February, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3456.

Young Adult Faith Formation: 5 March

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue Sunday 5 March at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Deacon Tom Green will speak and lead discussion on whether faith contradicts rationality. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information



Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or by visiting: caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.