

Parish Notices.

1. The World Youth Day (WYD) car wash fundraiser will take place this Sunday 19th and 26th March from 10.30am. There will be a BBQ and cakes for sale while you are waiting. Our 8 youths from the parish who will be going to WYD thank you for your support.
2. Pastoral council meeting on Monday 20th March at 7.30pm. A representative of each ministry of the parish to attend
3. Lenten program this Thursday 23rd March at 7pm- The resuscitation of Lazarus: reflections, questions and prayers, Leaders: Neocatechumen.
4. This Friday Mass is at 7pm followed by "The Way of the Cross" at 7.30pm led by the Samoan Community.
5. Special collection next weekend for our Seminarians. Envelopes next to the bulletin to take home and bring them next Sunday with your offering.

Sacrament of Confirmation



FORMATION SESSIONS in the Parish HALL at 4pm till 5.15pm

Saturdays:

29th April (parents must attend)

6th May

13th May

20th May

CONFIRMATION on SUNDAY 21st May at 11AM MASS

Parents are invited for all other sessions.

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; Maureen Farquharson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony Leong; Paul (Saki) Faleono; Thomas Dubier; Roxanne Cavanagh; Primitivo Capistrano Obra; Marjorie Tonks; Eduardo Diocera; Mary Mallet

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lily Abreo; Alfredo Jose Aviles; Estafania Chua; Rodrigo de Jesus; Tony & Grace Esquilla; Malcolm Farquharson; Helen Foley; Veronica Fowler; John Fraser; Keith Freer; Edwin Gabell; Howard Himes; Alice Iglesias; Monica Joson; Battoh & Najeba Korial; Pat Lavis; Dancy Lim; Anday Llave & husband; Romulo & Concordia Llave; Joseph Lukasiewicz; Nilo Mercado; Emilia Nacua; Zofia & Jan Nawrocki; Jose & Matilde Nicodemus; Armie Osual; Domingo & Dominigo Penales; Neville Pentony; Arnella Plan; Conchita Roberts; Leo Salazar; Dawood & Jamil Shabo; Tereza Shamon; Jozefa Staszak; Juanta & Rocardo Tionloc; Gerald Vaz; Genoveva Vergara; Patricia Wiggins; Turi TeWhata;

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

4th Sunday of Lent (A)

19th March 2023



From Fr Marcus's desk...

My young brother Ari was born in February 1989 in Samoa six months premature and completely blind. It is still fresh in my memory standing beside my father watching my newborn brother breathing through tubes and his eyes covered with gauzes. It was my first time to hear from my father, "Your brother is blind."

He is now 34 years old, and he is a blessing to our family. He is self-reliant with his basic needs. He is a gifted person who is very intelligent especially with the gift of languages. He speaks 20 different languages and *Deutsch* (German) is his favourite. Ari is also a teacher and advocate for the blind society in Samoa and recently he was in Japan for a year scholarship in learning new ways and technologies for the people with *special needs*. In my first Mass as a priest for our Archdiocese of Samoa-Apia, my brother was the *lector* and cantor for the Psalm by using *Braille*. He has been recently bestowed a title from our family as a *Tulafale* or Orator Chief. His chief title is *Asomuaemalama* which means *the first day of light*.

The readings and Gospel of today reminds us that Christ is the Light of the world. The blind man was accused that his blindness was a result of the sins of his parents. Our Lord performed the miracle for God's glory and that was exactly what the man did, *believing* and giving glory to God. He was born blind but many of the people who could see were so spiritually blind. *Blindness* is a powerful symbol in the Gospel of John. We are always *blind* because of our sins and not believing in the *Truth* and the *Light*. As *Asomuaemalama* Ari shared just last Thursday in our Lenten Program: "Although I was born blind, I still give glory to God." We thank our brothers and sisters with special needs who will inspire and challenge us all to persevere, to always believe and never give up.

Fr Marcus.

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm 4th Sunday of Lent (A)**
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am**

Weekday Masses & Communion Services

Monday 9.10 am Mon **St Joseph** Solemnity (*comm serv*)
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tues 4th Week of Lent
Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 4th Week of Lent
Thursday 9.10am Thurs 4th Week of Lent
Friday **7.00pm** 4th Week of Lent.
 Saturday 9.10am **The Annunciation of the Lord** Solemnity
Saturday: 5.00-5.30 PM

Confessions

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**
Resident Priest: **Fr Marcus Hazelman**
Parish Chairperson: **Teresa Samuels**
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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only



Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
Weekend 25- 26th MARCH 2023

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
18th/19th March 4 th Sunday of LENT	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Joaquim Mendes Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Behagiar Leo Macatangay
25th/26th March 5 th Sunday of LENT	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Philip Tonks Grace Bondoc	Mark Buhagiar Agnes Polu
1/2nd April PALM SUNDAY	Gloria Cardoza Luisito Villapana	Vinod Nagaraja Thomas Merjudio	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong
6th April Holy Thursday 7PM	Grace Bondoc Wendy Farquharson	7th April Good Friday 3PM	Jeric Salazar Mary Zore

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES



HOLY WEEK

MASS TIMES

Wed 5th April:

Mass at Sacred Heart at **9.10am ONLY**.

Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm.

HOLY THURSDAY – No Mass in the morning. Commemoration of the Last Supper MASS at 7.00PM.

Confessions after Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

10am. Way of the Cross in the Church.

Confessions after Stations of the Cross.

3.00PM – Liturgy of the Passion of the LORD

EASTER VIGIL

No services in the morning.

7pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY: 7.30am & 9.00am

CONFESSIONS:

Tues- Thursday after Masses.

CHURCH CLEANING

25th March: Mendonca Family

Greystanes Parish is hiring! Maintenance and Cleaning

Two employment positions at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, are available for 8-10 hours a week, or the possibility of combining both roles.

Role 1: Maintenance and improvement works in the buildings and grounds – Requires proven handy-person skills with trade experience or equivalent.

Role 2: Cleaning and hygiene care for offices, bathrooms and meeting areas – Requires practical experience and pride in work.

Role descriptions are available. Please contact Christine via (02) 9631 8135 or parishoffice@olqp.org.au



Glenbrook Parish Good Friday Music and Meditation: 7 April

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a performance of the music of J.S. Bach and special meditations and reflections on Good Friday, 7 April, from 7.30pm in the parish church. Offering choral and organ music of J.S. Bach together with special readings and meditations. This annual service will feature several of the wonderful chorale settings from the Passions according to St John and St Matthew. Suggested donations for entry are \$15 for adults, \$10 for concessions. Any enquiries, please contact: 0421 105 017.