

## **Parish Notices.**

1. The Autumn edition of the Catholic Outlook is out at the back of the Church to collect for free.
2. Mass tomorrow Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 9.10am.
3. The offertory gifts will be brought up from the back of the Church by parishioners for all weekend Masses.
4. Today Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be adoration between 3-4pm in our Sacred Heart church with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcomed.

### **Continues from Fr Marcus's desk ...**

**The fifth way is through the Apostolic Movement of The Divine Mercy.** This movement is a call from our Lord to actively engage in the work of spreading His Divine Mercy. This is done by spreading the message and by living Mercy toward others.

Do you believe that the message of Divine Mercy is meant not only for you but also for the whole world? Do you seek to understand and incorporate this message and devotion into your life? Do you seek to become an instrument of mercy to others? Do you seek to spread this Mercy in the ways given to you by God?



### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

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

Saturdays:

29<sup>th</sup> April (parents must attend)

6<sup>th</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> May

20<sup>th</sup> May

**CONFIRMATION Mass on SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11AM** *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; Edgardo Penafiel; Honesto Olaguera.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES** Nena Abrigo; Lena Aziz; Aurelio Batarao; Pros Batin; Clarito Enriquez; Romeo Cruz; Alfonso Del Fierro; Rosita Escaro; Ramon Eusebio; Boy Guerrero; Leandro Hernandez; Matthew Holmes; Sobhi Hormoz; Ricardo Jionloc; Gabie Jose; Isidro Llave Jr; Gwendoline McLoed; Armando Lugod; Evelyn Merjudio; Rosita Merjudio; Gregorio Merjudio; Teresa, Jesus, Antonio MIGUEL; Fr Renato Panas; Emilio Panlaan Sr. Jesus Paras; Erdulfo Penafiel; Domingo Penales; Mareta Penese; Maria & Louis Pereira; Andrew Rylweski; Maryam Toma; Elisa San Jose; Marciana Uy; Melicio Vergara.

**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

**Second Sunday of EASTER(A)**

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



## **From Fr Marcus's desk .....**

**“On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” (Diary of Divine Mercy #699)**

This message, spoken by Jesus to Saint Faustina in 1931, has now come true. What was spoken in the solitude of a cloistered convent in Plock Poland, now is celebrated by the Universal Church throughout the whole world.

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament was known to very few people during her lifetime. But through her, God has spoken the message of His abundant mercy to the entire Church and world. What is this message? Though its content is endless and unfathomable, here are five key ways that Jesus desires this new devotion to be lived:

**The first way is through meditation on the sacred image of The Divine Mercy.** Saint Faustina was asked by Jesus to have an image of His merciful love painted for all to see. It's an image of Jesus with two rays shining forth from His Heart. The first ray is blue, indicating the font of Mercy coming forth through Baptism; and the second ray is red, indicating the font of Mercy poured forth through the Blood of the Holy Eucharist.

**The second way is through the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.** Jesus told Saint Faustina that He desired an annual solemn Feast of Mercy. This Solemnity of Divine Mercy was established as a universal celebration on the Eighth day of the Octave of Easter. On that day the floodgates of Mercy are opened and many souls are made holy.

**The third way is through the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.** The chaplet is a treasured gift. It's a gift that we should seek to pray each and every day.

**The fourth way is by honoring the hour of Jesus' death every day.** “ It was at 3 o'clock that Jesus took His last breath and died upon the Cross. It was Friday. For this reason, Friday should always be seen as a special day to honor His Passion and ultimate Sacrifice. But since it took place at 3 o'clock, it is also important to honor that hour each and every day. This is the ideal time to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. ....

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**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday**      **6.00 pm Second Sunday of Easter(A)**  
**Sunday**      **7.30 am & 9.00am.**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday	9.10 am	Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter
Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter
Wednesday	7.00pm	Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter
<u>Thursday</u>	9.10 am	Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter
<u>Friday</u>	9.10 am	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter
Saturday	6.00pm	Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Confessions      Saturday:      5.00-5.30 PM

**Pastoral Director:**      **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**  
**Resident Priest:**      **Fr Marcus Hazelman**  
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**Baptisms & Weddings:**      By arrangement only  
**Sacred Heart Primary School:**      [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South \(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au\)](https://sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au)      Tel: 9625 8733

**Entrance Antiphon:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy	Wendy Farquharson Luisito Villapana	Thomas Merjudio Philip Tonks	Jovita Bugayong Herbie Cruz
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Hermina Villarica Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Vinod Nagaraja	Bethany Buhagiar Herbie Cruz
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Jeric Salazar Montana Farquharson	Grace Bondoc Thomas Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Florita Abolencea
6/7 <sup>th</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Edna Gemzon Gloria Cardoza	Joaquim Mendes Philip Tonks	Agnes Polu Leo Macatangay

HOLY Places collection on Good Friday: **\$1558.30**

Project Compassion Boxes collection: **\$1859.70**

**THANK YOU** for your generous heart and financial offerings to support those in need.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **Schoenstatt Graces of the Shrine Reflection: 16 April**

The Men's Ministry at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is hosting a reflection on 'Mission', one of the graces of the Schoenstatt Shrine on Sunday 16 April from 9am to 10.30am, with an optional Mass at 11am. Having found a home in our Shrine and having had a conversion of heart, how can we now go out in mission and tell the Good News? For more information, please contact Jim on 0432 487 927.

### **Toongabbie Parish is hiring! Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper**

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is looking for a Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper. This is a permanent part-time position with 30 hours per week worked over five days. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish secretary at [secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) by 18 April 2023. If you would like more information regarding this position, please contact the office on (02) 9631 3316.

**CHURCH CLEANING:**  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> April: Legion of Mary (Jr.)

### **Liturgical Music Workshop: 4 May**

Musicians, Clergy & Liturgy Planners are invited to attend a Music Workshop Presented by Eric Grella on Singing the Psalms & Chant on Thursday 4 May from 7pm - 8:30pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP by 1 May to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

### **Diocesan Food and Toiletries Drive for Refugees**

Each week, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and the House of Welcome (HoW) provide much needed food and toiletry items to hundreds of Refugees from across the Diocese of Parramatta. These services depend on donations. You can organise a food and toiletries drive in your parish, school or workplace, or make a cash donation to support JRS and HoW. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

### **CCD St Matthew's Gospel Series: Starting 28 April**

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - April 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26. 10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book please email Maree Collis [ccd.training@parracatholic.org](mailto:ccd.training@parracatholic.org)

