

## **Parish Notices.**

1. The offertory gifts will be brought up from the back of the Church by parishioners for all weekend Masses.
2. The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.
3. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, ANZAC day, will have a special Mass at 9.10am commemorating the ANZAC soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom in this country.
4. This weekend is the last chance to register for receiving Confirmation on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. No registrations will be accepted after the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2023.

## **FREE Invitation to Register for CPR Training: 13 May and 5 June**

Register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as a FREE course to the Parishes of Parramatta Diocese. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May beginning at 10am, or Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.



## **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; 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

**Third Sunday of EASTER(A)**

**23rd April 2023**



**From Fr Marcus's desk .....** The Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life.” The other Sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1324)

This truth of the teaching of our faith reminds us of who we are as a Church or Family and points towards our relationship with Our Lord. The Holy Catholic Church is identified by ourselves and also by our brothers and sisters of other Christian churches. The Gospel of this Sunday speaks to us not be “fools” but for our “eyes to be opened” every time we attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist. The two disciples who were traveling with the Lord recognised Jesus when he said the blessing and broke the bread in front of them. It was great for the two disciples to witness this Holy Mass with the Lord and for them to leave that room and share what they have encountered to the other followers.

Sadly, many Catholics still live with the doubt that our Lord Jesus is not really present in the consecrated bread and wine. It can be in the complete refusal of the catholic and abandoning the faith in the Eucharist and to the common “I won't go to Sunday Mass because I have important things to do!” Father John Flander shared in one of his blogs reflecting on the doubt that we show towards the Eucharist; in this case a doubt from a priest who is been graced with the gift to consecrate the bread and wine. Fr Flander writes: “Occasionally, sometimes to shore up the faith of people who doubted his Real Presence, Our Lord has done a miracle to make clear that the Eucharist is truly his Body and Blood. In recent decades some of these miracles have been subjected to scientific examinations, which have resulted in extraordinary findings. Such is the case with the miracles of Buenos Aires in 1996, Poland in 2008, and even the eighth century miracle of Lanciano.

I am sure we would love to experience this great sign within our own humble Sacred Parish of Mt Druitt South! But we must have Faith and see with our eyes of faith that the Lord is present in the Tabernacle and when with my unworthy self will bless our gift of the bread and wine for our Mass of this third Sunday. I personally thank our parishioners and friends for attending our last Sunday's (Divine Mercy Sunday 2023) adoration and benediction. It brings to me the realization that we all need that time with our Lord and we will continue with this Holy Hour. May the Lord bless us all in this Sunday and to look towards the Lord and trust in him as we face our daily busy routines in the coming week. As the late Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his book “The heart of the Christian life”, he encourages parents to be with their children at Mass: “You will see that time is not LOST, RATHER, it is the very thing that can keep your family united and centred.”

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

**Weekday Masses**

Monday	9.10 am	Mon	3rd Week of Easter
Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>
Wednesday	7.00pm	Wed	St Mark (Feast)
<u>Thursday</u>	9.10 am	Thurs	3rd Week of Easter
<u>Friday</u>	9.10 am	Friday	St Peter Chanel
Saturday	6.00pm	Sat	St Catherine of Siena

Confessions      Saturday:      5.00-5.30 PM

**Pastoral Director:**      **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**  
**Resident Priest:**      **Fr Marcus Hazelman**  
**Parish Chairperson:**      **Teresa Samuels**  
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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:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Hermína Villarica Pío 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
13/14 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Wendy Farquharson Luisito Villapana	Elijah Merjudio Grace Bondoc	Jovita Bugayong Mary Zore

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## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### 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)

### MET FaithLIFE Scripture

#### Course: Starting 2 May

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via  
<https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

### Young ADULT FORMATION

Join Tim O'Shea to discuss: *'What is a Human Being?'*  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 7.00 -8.30PM  
The Hustle Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Str., Minchinbury.

### CHURCH CLEANING:

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May: Eric & Paul

### 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.



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**FREE EVENT: HAPPY MARRIAGE**  
Faith filled ways to a better relationship.

Friday **19 May 7:30pm**  
St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills

Please register your attendance at:  
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