

Parish Notices.

1. The offertory gifts will be brought up from the back of the Church by parishioners for all weekend Masses.
2. Sat 6th May is our second Confirmation session for parents and children receiving the Sacrament.
3. On Sunday 7th May at 3PM we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our Church for 1 hour. There will be silence and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The plan is to have this adoration every 1st Sunday of each month for a trial of 3 months.
4. On the request of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) we are also trialling a half an hour Confessions session on every Saturday morning after Mass between 9.45 and 10.15am. Please avail from this no time for confession if you want it to continue.

Young Adult MOVIE NIGHT on
FRIDAY 5th MAY 2023 at 7pm.
St Joseph's Parish Hall KINGSWOOD.
Dinner and Snacks provided.



Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Saturdays:

6th May

13th May

20th May

CONFIRMATION Mass on **SUNDAY 21st 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; Rita Schembri;

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony Leong; Paul (Saki) Faleono; Thomas Dubier; Roxanne Cavanagh; Primitivo Capistrano Obra; Marjorie Tonks; Eduardo Diocera; Mary Mallet; Edgardo Penafiel; Honesto Olaguera; Virgilio Manalac; Audrey Patchell.

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

Fourth Sunday of EASTER(A)

30th April 2023



From Deacon Rod's desk

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – Why can a shepherd be 'good'.

Have you noticed how some of our Scripture readings throughout the weeks of this Easter season are set on the day of Easter? And how some, like today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles, are set on the day of Pentecost? This is a powerful reminder to us that what we celebrate during this season is not the chronological unfolding of a story but various reflections upon the one mystery: Easter and Pentecost are interwoven realities, and we celebrate both together each day of our fifty-day season.

In early Christian catacomb art in Rome, the image of the shepherd with a sheep slung over his neck was a popular one. It was probably even a pre-Christian image that Christians adopted. The last lines of the psalm say: 'In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever'. The idea of the shepherd leading us into eternity is clear. In chapter 10 of John the idea of eternal life was also found by early Christians. In one of his homilies on this gospel, St Augustine of Hippo noted some sixteen hundred years ago that the gospel says that Jesus leads the sheep in and out through the gate and that he has come to say that people may have life and have it to the full. Augustine could see two realities here. Coming into the gate was baptism and the pen was life in the church. Coming out of the gate was death and entry to the pastures of eternity, and the fullness of life. This is what Augustine said: 'For he seems to me to have meant that they may have life going in and have it more abundantly going out. For no one can go out through the gate—that is by Christ—to that eternal life which shall be face to face, unless by the same gate—that is, by the same Christ—he has entered his church, which is his fold, to the temporal life, which is lived in faith' (*In Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 45*).

So today we are thankful that God has called us to join this flock; we are thankful that, through baptism and the gift of the Spirit, we belong. We are thankful that Jesus is our shepherd who comforts us with crook and staff. We are thankful that the shepherd will one day lead us out into the eternity of the Lord's house. We are thankful to share in this meal of bread and wine, which is a foretaste of the banquet prepared for us in the sight of our foes.

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

Monday	9.10 am	Mon	4th Week of Easter.
Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues	St Anthanasius.
Wednesday	7.00pm	Wed	St Philip and James Apostle.
<u>Thursday</u>	9.10 am	Thurs	4th Week of Easter.
<u>Friday</u>	9.10 am	Friday	4 th Week of Easter
Saturday	6.00pm	Sat	4 th Week of Easter
Confessions	Saturday:	5.00-5.30	PM

**Pastoral Director:
Resident Priest:****Deacon Roderick Pirotta
Fr Marcus Hazelman:**email: marcus.hazelman@parracatholic.org**Parish Chairperson:**

Teresa Samuels

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By arrangement only

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Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**Gospel Acclamation:** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
29 th /30 th April 4 th Sunday of Easter	Jeric Salazar Montana Farquharson	Grace Bondoc Thomas Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Florita Abolencea
6/7 th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	Edna Gemzon Gloria Cardoza	Joaquim Mendes Philip Tonks	Agnes Polu Leo Macatangay
13/14 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	Wendy Farquharson Luisito Villapana	Elijah Merjudio Grace Bondoc	Jovita Bugayong Mary Zore
20/21 st May Ascension of the Lord	Herminia Villarica Pio Vergara	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendez	Fadi Antown Bethany Buhagiar

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DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

CCD St Matthew's Gospel Series: Started 28th April

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - May 5, 12, 19 & 26. 10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book please email Maree Collis ccd.training@parrcatholic.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 Tuesdays: 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 7th MAY 7.00 -8.30PM

The Hustle Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Str., Minchinbury.

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 13th May beginning at 10am, or Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

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

Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod2023

The Neocatechumenal Way is beginning the annual talks in the Parish. This year the talks will include:

- Who is God for you?
- What is the mission of the Church?
- Why is the world experiencing a crisis of faith?
- What is the meaning of our life?
- Why do we suffer?

The talks will take place on Monday and Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall commencing Monday 1st of May.

Come and listen.

Contact Matthew Armour on 0438 049 116 for transport or other enquiries.

CHURCH CLEANING:

Sat 6th May: Eric & Paul