

Parish Notices.

1. We need people from this parish to register and join Bishop Vincent's listening event at Holy Spirit St Clair from 6.30pm on Saturday 24th June. Please let Deacon Rod know of your intention to attend. At the back of the Church, you can start your spiritual conversion by taking a "Listening at Home Towards our Synod" sheet and write down your reflections with your family.
2. The winter edition of the Catholic Outlook is out. Please take one home.
3. Diocesan Adult Confirmation will be held on Tuesday 5 September at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9:30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 for more information.

Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding team is organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules 1-3 throughout July at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.

1. Tuesday 4 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3
2. Monday 10 July (6.30pm-8.30pm) for Modules 1 and 3
3. Tuesday 11 July (6.30pm-8.00pm) for Module 2
4. Saturday 22 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3

Please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or winstonhills@parracatholic.org to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

FETE NEWS.

1. Small gifts/soft toys for show bags.
2. People to sell tickets: 1 ticket x \$2; 3 x \$5 and 20 x \$30. Please write your name, mobile phone number and number of tickets/booklets taken on the form provided. **Each ticket sold MUST have a mobile number for the winner to be notified.**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Ernie Merjudio, Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; Rita Schembri; Sheila Glennon.

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Dominga Abolencia; Louis Abreo; George Andrews; Shaun Barboza; Anesia Catubigan; Charles Coombs; Lincoln Cornelius; Cora Del Fierro; Anthony Francis; Marianne Gove; Lillian Healy; Kenny Herft; Pero Kotarac; Natividad Llave; Renee Marshall; Edgardo Miguel; Alex Monterio; Corinne Pieterz; Armando Silverio; Brendon Vase

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

11th Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

18th JUNE 2023



From Deacon Rod's desk

We are back to Ordinary Time Year A which is the year of Mathew. Let us look closer to this Evangelist and get to know him.

Who was Matthew? The Gospel of Matthew, although placed chronologically first in the New Testament, is most likely a revised and expanded version of Mark. By supplementing Mark's writing with accounts of the life of Jesus he himself has heard, (among them the Infancy narrative and the Sermon on the Mount), Matthew writes a Gospel with a new focus and flavour. For many years Matthew was believed to be the tax collector named in the Gospel as Matthew ([Mt 9:9](#)); indeed the Gospel is named after this man, but scholars now believe that the actual composition of this Gospel took place well after the lifetime of Jesus and through a complex process.

Who did Matthew write for? In the absence of a definitive answer, who this work might have been written for is deduced by examination of the work itself; by the interests which dominate the writing, by writing style, terminology and explanation of cultural events and practices the author uses and by the way they allude to other texts and events.

By examining Matthew scholars are able to propose the following:

1. Matthew's community were Jewish. An important feature of Matthew's Gospel is his presentation of Jesus as fulfilment of scripture, a recurring phrase throughout this Gospel (e.g. [Mt 1:22](#)). Matthew sprinkles his infancy narrative with quotes from the Old Testament, making it clear that the expectations of the Messiah have now been fulfilled. In following Jesus then, Matthew's community were not abandoning their heritage but discovering its full meaning.
2. Matthew wrote around 85-90 CE. This dating places the Gospel after the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 AD, in the midst of conflict between the Jewish synagogue leaders and the emerging community, interested in who Jesus was.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

**SAVE the DATE:
SUNDAY 27th AUGUST
SACRED HEART FETE**

Families called to share their stories with the first Diocesan Synod

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a Synod. Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative experiences that lead to renewal in the Church's life. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found here: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/

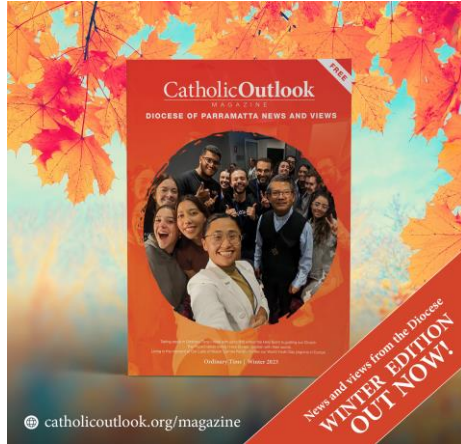
Diocesan Synod Interfaith Consultations: 27 June & 12 July



CHURCH CLEANING:
Fri 23rd June:
Jnr Legion of Mary

The Neocatechumenal Way Annual Talks:

The talks take place on Monday and Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall this week. Contact Matthew Armour on 0438 049 116 for transport or other enquiries.



Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. Dcn Rod is one of the speakers. To register, please visit: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

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