

Parish Notices.

1. This Saturday 24th June at HOLY SPIRIT Catholic Church St Clair the Bishop will be holding our Synod's listening and submission session as a Parish between 7pm till 9.30pm.
2. The funeral service outside Mass of David Healy is this Tuesday at 11am. There will be the usual Mass at 9.10am.
3. The winter edition of the Catholic Outlook is out. Please take one home.
4. 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.
5. Sunday 2nd July at 3pm we have one hour devotion of the Divine Mercy.
6. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be held on Monday 10th July at 7.30pm.

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, Ann Baxter; William Barit Jr; Marcela Maronilla

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

12th Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

25th JUNE 2023



From Fr Marcus's desk

In the context of last week's Gospel, we read in today's Gospel Jesus sending the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm 12th Sunday Ordinary Time (A)**
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am**

Weekday MASSES Monday 9.10 am Mon 12th Week Ordinary Time
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tues 12th Week Ordinary Time
 Wednesday 7.00pm **St Irenaeus**
 Thursday 9.10 am **St Peter and St Paul**
 Friday 9.10 am Fri 12th Week Ordinary Time
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 12th Week Ordinary Time
 Confessions Saturday: 9.45-10.15 AM & 5.00-5.30 PM

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only
Sacred Heart Primary School: [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South \(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au\)](http://SacredHeartPrimarySchool|MtDruittSouth.sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au) Tel: 9625 8733

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
24th/25th June 12 th Sunday OT	Edna Gemzon Montana Faquharson	Philip Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Herbie Cruz
1st/2 nd July 13 th Sunday OT	Luisito Villapna Jeric Salazar	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong
8 th /9 th July 14 th Sunday OT	Pio Vergara Gloria Cardoza	Grace Bondoc Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Florita Abolencia
15 th /16 th July 15 th Sunday OT	Wendy Faquharson Edna Gemzon	ElijahMerjudio Vinod Nagaraja	Mark Buhagiar Mary Zore

Watch Bishop Vincent on ABC's Compass

Bishop Vincent features on ABC Compass this Sunday 25 June. Accompanied by Geraldine Doogue, he will show you important places in his life, and you'll hear about his remarkable story and ministry. Watch it on ABC TV at 6.30pm or later on ABC iView.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

SAVE the DATE: SUNDAY 27th AUGUST SACRED HEART FETE

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 2nd July 2023 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Steven Buhagiar**, who will talk about and lead discussion on *'Male' and 'Female' – a social construct? Why our bodies matter*. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477004687



**YOUNG ADULT
FAITH FORMATION**

Join Steven Buhagiar to discuss
**"MALE" AND "FEMALE" -
A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT?
WHY OUR BODIES MATTER**

followed by fun, fellowship and pizza

	For adults 18-35	SUN 2ND JULY
The Hustle Unit 4		7:00-8:30
4-6 Purdy St Minchinbury	Suggested donation: \$5	

Aboriginal Catholic Care NAIDOC Celebrations:

You are warmly invited to attend Aboriginal Catholic Care's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Tuesday 4 July at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton from 10am to 2pm. The event will include Stalls, Entertainment, Rides, Jumping Castle, Creature Feature, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzles & much more.

Diocesan Liturgical Conference: The

Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on 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. To register, please visit: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship. Applications close 4 August 2023.

Refugee Week Diocesan Food Drive

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. This Refugee Week, the Diocese of Parramatta is encouraging schools and parishes to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at parracatholic.org/fooddrive or emailing james.atanasious@parracatholic.org

CHURCH CLEANING:
Sat 1st July: Eric & Paul