

Parish Notices.

1. Sunday 2nd July at 3pm we have one hour devotion of the Divine Mercy.
2. The Young Adult Faith Formation will meet Sunday 2nd July at 7pm at the Hustle Minchinbury. Topic: "Male and Female: A Social Construct?" Speaker: Stephen Buhagiar.
3. This Friday 7th July we have the devotion of the two-hearts starting with 7pm Mass followed by adoration.
4. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be held on Monday 10th July at 7.30pm.
5. Please pick up your plan giving envelopes from the back of the church. Sign your name when you take the set of envelopes.

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. 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.**
2. Unperishable food items for hampers.

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, **Fr Carl Ashton.**

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

13th Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

2nd July 2023



From Deacon Rod's desk

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

The provision of hospitality by the Shunammite woman for the prophet Elisha is one of the more engaging episodes of the Old Testament. Clearly it was chosen because it illustrates the saying in the gospel: "He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." Her kindness to receiving Elisha is repaid with the blessing of a child.

To be a holy man of God in the Old Testament does not signalize mystical achievement but means to be the bearer of God's word—a word that is "truth," that is, not that it passes the test of doctrinal orthodoxy, but that it effects what it says on the plane of history. Similarly, Elisha is a holy man of God, not because of the achievements of his piety, but because he, like his predecessor, Elijah was entrusted to proclaim to his generation the effective word of Yhwh.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds his followers that discipleship means putting God above any other attachments, even the bonds of family. A challenge indeed. Even our parents may become our idols. To be a disciple of Jesus, is to put Jesus first at all times – in the centre of all our daily activities with the knowledge that we are accompanied and led by Him. These are not easy words to read, and not easy things to do. This week, let us contemplate more deeply how we are following Jesus' words to follow His footsteps.

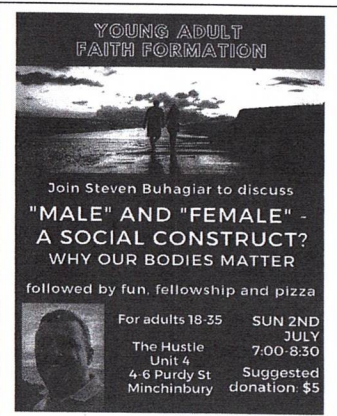
Deacon Rod

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

**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

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

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/

Aboriginal Catholic Care NAIDOC Celebrations: 4 July

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.

CHURCH CLEANING:
Sat 8th July: Gloria & Gerry

Sunday Masses	Saturday Sunday	6.00 pm 13th Sunday Ordinary Time (A)	7.30 am & 9.00am
Weekday MASSES	Monday	9.10 am	St Thomas Apostle.
	Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues 13th Week Ordinary Time
	Wednesday	7.00pm	Wed 13th Week Ordinary Time
	<u>Thursday</u>	9.10 am	Thurs 13th Week Ordinary Time
	<u>Friday</u>	9.10 am	Fri 13th Week Ordinary Time
		7.00pm	Mass followed by adoration
Confessions	Saturday	9.10am	Sat 13 th Week Ordinary Time
	Saturday:	9.45-10.15 AM	& 5.00-5.30 PM

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Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy.

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
1st/2 nd July 13 th Sunday OT	Luisito Villapana 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
22 nd .23 rd July 16 th Sunday OT	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Matthias Wong Jovita Bugayong

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.