

Parish Notices.

1. Tomorrow Sunday 6th August we will have the 1st Sunday of the month devotion to the Divine Mercy at 3pm followed by adoration. Led by Deacon Jerome De Rosario.
2. The Young Adult Formation session at the Hustle Minchinbury is on Sunday 13th August at 7pm instead of this Sunday.
3. Diocesan Adult Confirmation: 5 September 2023 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9:30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.
4. Liturgy Ministry Course in September for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Due to the increase pastoral needs of the parish, we need more ministers in these areas.
5. Mary McKillop prayer card at the back of the Church to take home.



FETE NEWS – ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO 27th AUGUST 10am-3PM.

1. Posters for the fete are available for display in shops, schools and businesses.
2. Saturday 19th August we have a working bee to wrap hampers and sort out crafts, prizes etc. Contact Teresa Samuels to volunteer.
3. We need Pre-Mix chocolate cakes and people to cook them.
4. Please start bringing the tickets back with the money.
5. We need people for the fete stalls, chocolate wheel sellers, and setting up and cleaning afterwards.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Ernie Merjudio, Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; 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; Adoracion Atega; Fr Carl Ashton; Rita Schembri; Nadia Gomes

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Doreen Austin; Augustus del Castillo; Stephanie Fancis; Cora del Fierro; Gloria Fraser; Anastasia Glennon; Frank Healy; Marjorie Holmes; Hermoso Mesa; Gerry Montiero; Maria & Louis Periera; Mary & Anatolio Plan; Diedre Ransinghe; Juana Reyes; Patrocinio & Edgar Michael Rosal; Julia Salazar; Vincent Sant; Alfred Schembri; Vicky Shuberg; Thomas Wiggins

Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.



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Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

6th August 2023



From Deacon Rod's desk

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)

Dan 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Matt 17:1-9

This feast is so rich that it impossible to give a single explanation or interpretation. We need to put aside our constant Western desire to categorise neatly, and to proceed as in the East, poetically, allowing the interplay of images and ideas to evoke the mystery beyond our grasp. Like beholding an opal, its whole beauty cannot be seen from any one angle.

Origen (mid-third century) is the earliest witness (Comm. in Ps. 88.13) to the claim that the transfiguration took place on Galilee's Mount Tabor, a border point for the lands of Zebulun, Issachar and Naphtali, and the trade route called the Way of the Sea that passed its base. That location is not inconsistent with Matthew's narrative and so was widely accepted over the next centuries. It could have been guided by reflection on Isaiah 9:1-2, as cited in Mathew 4:13-16 (both read on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in year A): "Zebulun! Naphtali! Way of the Sea... The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned."

Another ancient tradition has the transfiguration occurring forty days before the crucifixion, and counting from the Exaltation of the Cross brings us to 6 August, the date on which Mount Tabor's fifth-century Byzantine basilica was dedicated. The earliest known observance of this feast in the West is from the ninth century, whence it spread, though not with it always being celebrated on the same date. It was fixed on 6 August for the whole Roman rite only in 1457.

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm Transfiguration of the Lord (A)**
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am**

Weekday Communion Service (CS) and MASSES

Monday 9.10 am Mon 18th Week Ordinary Time (CS)
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tues **St Mary MACKILLOP (CS)**
 Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 18th Week Ordinary Time
Thursday 9.10 am Thurs **St Lawrence**
Friday 9.10 am Fri **St Clare**
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 18th Week Ordinary Time
 Confessions Saturday: 9.45-10.15 AM & 5.00-5.30 PM

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Entrance Antiphon: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia. This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
5 th /6 th August 18 th Sunday OT	Montana Farquharson Luisito Villapana	Vinod Nagaraja Phil Tonks	Florita Abolencia Aloysius Wong
12 th /13 th August 19 th Sunday OT	Jeric Salazar Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong
19 th /20 th August 20 th Sunday OT	Hermينيا Villarica Pio Vergara	Grace Bondoc Thomas Merjudio	Matthias Wong Mary Zore
26 th /27 th August 21 st Sunday OT	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Vinod Nagaraja Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong

PLAN GIVING PROGRAM – Direct DEBIT.

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DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf: 13 August



Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit

tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. **Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.**

St Marys Parish Don Bosco Relic Visit: 23 – 27 August

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be visiting Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic and celebrate Mass, Adoration and Confessions throughout the week. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9623 1962 or email secretaryolrchurch@inet.net.

CHURCH CLEANING:
Sat 12th: Jerry & Gloria

Follow our World Youth Day pilgrimage from home!

170 young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have officially taken off to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal for an experience of a lifetime. Our pilgrimage will travel through some of the most beautiful and sacred parts of Europe and you are invited to follow along from home. We will be posting videos, photos and articles throughout the trip, so you can see and hear what our pilgrims are experiencing. Sign up today by visiting catholicoutlook.info/WYD23News

MET Marriage Retrouvaille Program Information Session: 25 August

The Diocese of Parramatta aims to offer the Retrouvaille program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage. We are looking for married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held on 25 August at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on (02) 8838 3460 or register at marriage@parracatholic.org

Castle Hill Parish an Evening of Sacred Music: 25 August

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music on Friday 25 August at 7:30pm. The event will be a night of performances by choirs, music groups and soloists from around the Diocese, performing a selection of hymns and choral music. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJISM> Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9634 2622 or email admin@stbernadette.org.au