

## **Parish Notices.**

1. This Tuesday 15th August is a holy day of obligation. 9.10am Mass will be with the Year 3-6 students. Mass will also be celebrated at 7pm.
2. The Young Adult Formation session at the Hustle Minchinbury is on Sunday 13th August at 7pm. Fr Mathew Dimian will lead the faith Q & A session.
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. Clergy Support Foundation - Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – 2 and 3 September 2023.
5. Sacred Heart Parish will be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Good Health from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH**

**Wed, 30/08** - 7pm Mass followed by Rosary and Novena  
**Thur, 31/08** - 7pm Rosary, Novena and Benediction

**Fri, 01/09** - 7pm Mass followed by Rosary and Novena

**Sat, 02/09** - 6pm Mass followed by Rosary and Novena

**Sun, 03/09** - 7pm Rosary, Novena and Benediction

**Mon, 04/09** - 7pm Rosary, Novena and Benediction

**Tue, 05/09** - 7pm Rosary, Novena and Benediction

**Wed, 06/09** - 7pm Mass followed by Rosary and Novena

**Thur, 07/09** - 7pm Rosary, Novena and Benediction

**FEAST DAY - Fri, 08/09** - 7pm Mass

### **FETE NEWS – ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 10am-3PM.**

1. Posters for the fete are available for display in shops, schools and businesses.
2. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August we have a working bee to wrap hampers and sort out crafts, prizes etc. Contact Teresa Samuels to volunteer.
3. Please start bringing the raffle tickets back with the money.
4. We need people for the fete stalls, chocolate wheel sellers, and setting up and cleaning afterwards.
5. Take fete flyers and post them in your street/s.

### **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; Paciencia P Danza.

**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.**



# SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (A)**

**13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**



## **From Deacon Rod's desk .....**

### **Walking on water**

This Sunday's Gospel conveys more than Jesus' power over nature. The climax of the story is Jesus' self-revelation to his frightened disciples: 'It is I' (14:27). The English translation obscures the impact of the Greek which reads simply, 'I am,' evoking the divine name revealed to Moses in the burning bush, 'I AM WHO AM' (Exodus 3:14). It evokes, too, the characteristic way the Lord self-identifies in Isaiah 40 - 55. In one particularly telling passage God announces, 'I am the Lord . . . who opens a way in the sea, a path in the waters' (Isaiah 43:15-16). The reference is to God's making a dry path through the Red Sea and saving the Hebrews from oppression. The work of God who saves at the sea is manifest once again in Jesus who saves Peter on the sea (Matthew 14:30-31).

Moreover, in the OT, God alone has power to walk on water (see Job 9:8; 38:16); thus, Jesus is one who does what God alone does. Both in his self-disclosure and in his walking on water Jesus dramatises one of Matthew's most important theological convictions: in Jesus, 'God is with us' (1:23; see also 28:20).

There is still more to the story. In the Old Testament, as throughout the ancient Near East, the sea symbolised the unruly and threatening powers of chaos. Both in the Canaanite myth of Baal who battles 'Prince Sea' and in the Babylonian creation story in which Marduk battles Tiamat (the evil sea-goddess), the sea can be quelled and conquered only by a god. In this gospel story the storm at sea evokes the forces of evil arrayed against the community of disciples which - without Jesus in their midst - is tossed about and in peril. But Jesus, walking on water, conquers and quells evil. Neither Peter nor the community of disciples can do as Jesus does; but when Jesus is with them, they are safe. Their place is to pay homage and acknowledge him as 'Son of God' (14:33).

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday**    **6.00 pm 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (A)**  
**Sunday**            **7.30 am & 9.00am.**

**Weekday Communion Service (CS) and MASSES**

Monday      9.10 am    Mon St Maximilian Kolbe (CS)  
 Tuesday     9.10 am    **The Assumption Solemnity Mass**  
                   7.00 pm    **MASS Solemnity**  
 Wednesday 7.00pm    Wed 19th Week Ordinary Time (CS)  
Thursday    9.10 am    Thurs 19th Week Ordinary Time (CS)  
Friday        9.10 am    Fri 19th Week Ordinary Time (CS)  
 Saturday    9.10am    Sat 19th Week Ordinary Time (CS)  
 Confessions   Saturday:    9.45-10.15 AM & 5.00-5.30 PM

**Pastoral Director:**            **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**  
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**Parish Website:**              <https://southmoundruitt.org.au>  
**Baptisms & Weddings:**      By arrangement only  
**Sacred Heart Primary School:** [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South \(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au\)](http://Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South (sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au))    Tel: 9625 8733

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> August 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday OT	Jeric Salazar Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong
19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> August 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday OT	Hermينيا Villarica Pio Vergara	Grace Bondoc Thomas Merjudio	Matthias Wong Mary Zore
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday OT	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Vinod Nagaraja Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday OT	Sr Agnes Luisito Villapana	Joaquim Mendes Elijah Merjudio	Florita Abolencia Bethany Buhagiar

**PLAN GIVING PROGRAM – Direct DEBIT.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> collection: BSB: 067-950 Acc No: 0000453**

**Account Name: Sacred Heart Mount Druitt South (s153)**

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **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@iinet.net.au](mailto:secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au)

### **Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod**

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

### **CHURCH CLEANING:**

Sat 19th: Ingrid, Irene and Nirmala

### **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/CJJS> Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9634 2622 or email [admin@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au)

**Dads at the Shrine** is a monthly hour of adoration held at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, next held Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a simple cup of tea. All dads are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.

### **Kairos Prison Ministry for Women**

This support group is for women who have family members serving a prison sentence. Live-in weekends are held twice a year at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. This is a safe space where women can meet and share with others their challenges. The next weekend will be held November 10 – 12, 2023.

### **Diocesan Food Drives**

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. All parishes and schools are encouraged 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](https://parracatholic.org/fooddrive) or emailing [james.atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.atanasious@parracatholic.org)