

Parish Notices.

1. Monday 21st August at 7pm, at the Sacred Heart Church we have a novena followed by Mass at 7.30pm, marking the 40th day since the passing of Fr Carl Asthon. After Mass, there will be supper. Please bring a plate.
2. Music workshop presented by Eric Grella on selecting music for the Mass on Thursday 7th September 2023 at the Bede Heather Centre. 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. Register now. Phone:0460037795.
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 30th August to 8th September.

Liturgical Ministry Formation

Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

FETE NEWS – ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO 27th AUGUST 10am-3PM.

1. Please bring all your raffle tickets back with the money.
2. Saturday 26th August, we meet at 9.45am in front of the bus garage.
3. We need people for the fete stalls, chocolate wheel sellers, and setting up and cleaning afterwards.
4. Take fete flyers and place them in your street/s letter boxes.

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

9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt NSW 2770 tel: 98323896

20th Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

20th August 2023



From Deacon Rod's desk

Understanding Scripture - Salvation for Gentiles

There are several troublesome features in this Sunday's gospel story: initially, Jesus did not answer the woman; the disciples are eager to send her away; Jesus capitulates to their suggestion by telling the woman that his mission is 'only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,' i.e., not to Canaanites; Jesus compares her and foreigners to 'dogs.' What is Matthew's goal in this story? It seems that Matthew is addressing the thorny issue which his own community was facing in the year around 80 A.D, where Matthew's community was made up of both Jewish and Gentile members.

Some background. Jewish tradition began with a keen sense of Israel's special election: 'the Lord, your God . . . has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be a people peculiarly his own' (Deuteronomy 7:6; cf. Exodus 6:7). As the tradition developed, Israel envisioned a time when all nations would come to worship the Lord (Isaiah 2:2-4). Eventually, Israel understood that its mission was to lead the nations to God (Isaiah 49:6; Zechariah 8:20-23). There is a progression in God's saving work: Jews first, then Gentiles through the ministry of the Jews. Jesus' response to the Canaanite woman reflects this theology: the house of Israel comes first. Jesus' reference to 'the dogs' is cleverly reinterpreted by the woman. Dogs have a place in the household and must be fed. She thus argues rightly that God is God of both Jews and Gentiles. Jesus is persuaded, however, not by her clever retort but by her faith: clearly, faith knows no ethnic limits. This offers guidance to Matthew's community.

While Jews may be first and Gentiles second in the biblical understanding of God's saving plan, faith is possible for people of every origin and background. Consequently, membership in the Christian community is based not on ethnic origins, but on the response of faith.

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm 20th Sunday Ordinary Time (A)**
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am.**

Weekday Communion Service (CS) and MASSES

Monday 9.10 am **St Pius X (CS)**
 7.00pm Novena prayer and MASS for Fr Carl
 Tuesday 9.10 am **Queenship of the BV Mary (CS)**
 Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 20th Week Ordinary Time (CS)
Thursday 9.10 am **St Bartholomew Apostle (CS)**
Friday 9.10 am Fri 20th Week Ordinary Time (CS)
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 20th Week Ordinary Time (CS)
 Confessions Saturday: 9.45-10.15 AM & 5.00-5.30 PM

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Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
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	Gloria Cardoza Edna Gemzon	Vinod Nagaraja Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
2 nd /3 rd September 22 nd Sunday OT	Sr Agnes Luisito Villapana	Joaquim Mendes Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Leo Macatangay
9 th /10 th September 23 rd Sunday OT	Pio Vergara Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Grace Bondoc	Mark Buhagiar Fadi Antown

PLAN GIVING PROGRAM – Direct DEBIT.

2nd 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

Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena began the week of Sunday 13 August and will 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:

Fri 25th:

Legion of Mary (Juniors)

Please join us for the Novena for the Feast of



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*Sacred Heart Parish, South Mount Druitt
9 Ropes Creek Road, Mount Druitt
from
30th August to 8th September*

Novena Programme:

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 - *Birthday of Our Lady*

Fri, 08/09 - 7pm Mass followed by light supper

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/CJJSM>

Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9634 2622 or email admin@stbernadette.org.au