

Parish Notices.

1. Mass offerings during the month of November: Write the names of your faithful departed on the sheet at the back of the Church or send an email to the parish office during November. Each weekend, a scroll with all the names will be offered during the Mass for their eternal rest.
2. Devotion of the Divine Mercy this Sunday 5th Nov at 3PM.
3. Young Adult Faith Formation on Sun 5th November 7 till 8.30pm at the Hustle Minchinbury. Speaker Fr Andrew Rooney on: "Proofs of God's Existence".
4. Fr Marcus will be away for his annual retreat this week. We will have Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service all week.
5. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday 20th November at 7.30PM
6. Bishop's Christmas Appeal – 25 and 26 November 2023. This Christmas appeal will support our Catholic Care chaplaincy services, offering hope and comfort to those in hospitals, prisons, and difficult circumstances.

Dads at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration held at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, next held Wednesday 8 November. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal 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.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Ernie Merjudio, Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; Sheila Glennon, Alice Cassar, Maureen Farquharson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Adoracion Atega; Fr Carl Ashton; Rita Schembri; Nadia Gomes; Paciencia P Danza, Felise Laugutu Faleono; Douglas Kerr; Anthony Leong; Victor Sultana; Fr Lolesio Teo; Fr Faauli Lagaia; Fr Niusila; Eugenia Wrzosek; Ralston Pietersz; Ian Henry Marks; Tevaga Vaasili Sarek.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Jay Alipio; Ramiro Arias; Teresa Baltazar; Alejo Chua; Pedro Coralde; Susana Delualle; Dominica Francis; Jesus & Ma Socorro Gaculais; Lydia Hawkins; Benito & Sulpicia Huerto; Dominica Kumar; Ariel & Ruben Nopre; Pedro & Felomena Mendania; Jesus & Antonio Miguel; Alejandra Monastrial; Raju & Raghwan Nair; John Portelli; Consorcia de Jesus; Harry McLeod; Mervyn Murray; Felomina Nieves; Elisa San Jose; Martin Sabljic; Aileen Schultz; Melenio, Bernabela, Leonida Vergara; Florentina Viado; Vicente, Aurea & Christopher Villapana; Stefania Zore

Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.



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31st Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

5th November 2023



From Deacon Rod's Desk

Understanding Scripture - Titles of honour

As Matthew is writing his gospel in the 80 A.D, Christianity is emerging as a sect distinct from Judaism. In such circumstances new groups tend to distinguish themselves sharply from the parent group from which they are separating. This Sunday's gospel reflects attempts by Matthew's community to define itself against the larger Jewish community.

During the time of Jesus, the 'chief priests and elders' exercised leadership. But in Matthew's gospel the focus, instead, is on 'the scribes and the Pharisees' who stand for the leadership class. This shift may reflect a time after the destruction of the Temple (70 A.D.) when priests had ceased to function as leaders. In any event, Jesus castigates 'the scribes and the Pharisees' because 'they tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders' (23:4). This is in contrast to Jesus whose 'burden is easy' and whose 'yoke is light' (11:30).

The Pharisees are fond of titles. 'Rabbi' literally means 'my great one.' After the destruction of the Temple the Torah became the defining feature of Jewish life; those who were learned in the Torah emerged as important teachers and were shown respect by this title. In the Christian community, however, Jesus is the Teacher: disciples must 'learn from me' (11:29). Similarly, 'father' was a title of honour for esteemed ancestors, like our use of 'Founding Fathers,' 'Fathers of the Church,' and an early Jewish collection of teachings called 'Sayings of the Fathers.' Matthew eschews this title and reserves it for God, a usage reflected in this Sunday's first reading: 'Have we not all the one Father? Has not the one God created us?' (Mal 2:10). In the same way that only God should be called 'Father,' only 'the Christ' shall be called 'Master.' Apart from this very minimal hierarchy - one Father, one Master - all members of the Christian community relate to one another as 'brothers' (Matthew 23:8); this is in keeping with the metaphor of God as Father: the Christian community is the family of God. In this egalitarian model greatness is measured by service and humility is a mark of honour.

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm** **31st Sunday Ordinary Time (A)**
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am.**

Weekday Communion Services (CS)

Monday 9.10 am Mon 31st Week in Ordinary Time (CS)
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tues 31st Week in Ordinary Time (CS)
 Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 31st Week in Ordinary Time (CS)
 Thursday 9.10 am The dedication of **Lateran** Basilica
 Friday 9.10 am **St Leo the Great (CS)**
 Saturday 9.10am **St Martin of Tours (CS)**

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: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia. You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
4/5th November 31st Sunday OT	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Grace Bondoc Philip Tonks	Bethany Buhagiar. Aloysius Wong
11 th /12 th November 32nd Sunday OT	Jeric Salazar Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Vinod Nagaraja	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
18/19 th November 33rd Sunday OT	Herminia Villarica Edna Gemzon	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Mark Buhagiar Mary Zore
25/26 th November Christ Our King	Wendy Faquharson Luisito Villapana	Grace Bondoc Philip Tonks	Matthias Wong Sr Agnese

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 2. **Mathematics Tuition** available for Year 7 - Year 12. Contact: 0469078225

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: 17 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 11 – 12 Nov

For further information and to register visit

www.engagedencounter.org.au/

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024?

Visit

www.parracatholic.org/pmp

to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org

Parramatta Street Feast: 11 November

You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday 11 November 2023. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30AM to 1:30PM. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

Celebrating Catholic Unity: Inside the Diocese of Parramatta's Historic First Synod!

Our Diocese concluded its first-ever Synod over the weekend of 13 – 15 October 2023. It was a momentous event that brought together 280 faithful from across Western Sydney, the Blue Mountains, and beyond to discuss the future of the local Church. Experience the historic culmination of our Diocese's inaugural Synod in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PltRCgSPLng>. Want to know more about what's next? Visit parracatholic.org/synod2023 to stay updated.

Local World Youth Day and Leaders

Commissioning Mass: 26 November

Catholic Youth Parramatta invites all youth leaders, new school leaders and young people to the annual Local World Youth Day & Leaders Commissioning Mass, which will be held on Sunday 26 November (Feast of Christ the King) at 3.30pm at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. The Youth Mass will give thanks for the Youth ministry year so far and bless all leaders for their 2024 ministry year. Family, friends and community members are all invited to join in this celebration. For catering purposes, please RSVP to met@parracatholic.org.

CHURCH CLEANING:

Sat 11th Nov: Jerry & Gloria