

Parish Notices.

1. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is on Monday 20th November at 7.30PM in the new meeting room (where new ramp is being installed)
2. 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. Envelopes on the pews.
3. All young adults from 18 to 35 years are invited to join us on Friday 24th November, 7:00pm at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood (12 Richmond Road, Kingswood NSW 2747). Topic: Mary, Ark of the New Covenant by Fr Piotr Kruk
4. The mission families of the Neocatechumenal Way have commenced their visitations of the Parish which will continue throughout the year. If you would like to receive a visit, contact Matthew on 0438049116 or Martha:0450215922

60th Year of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Commemorative Mass: 4 December
Bishop Vincent invites us all to join him in a commemorative Mass to mark the 60th Anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 4 December at 7.30pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes to 0460 037 795 or Hannah Portelli
hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Australian Brandenburg Orchestra St Patrick's Cathedral Concert: 12 December

Reel in the festive season with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir on Tuesday 12 December, 7:30PM at St Patrick's Cathedral for their annual Christmas concert, *Noël! Noël!*. Gather your loved ones and join us for this beloved festive tradition, as the Brandenburg perform stunning choral works and Christmas classics, conducted by Artistic Director Paul Dver.

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; **William Steven Latu.**

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; Felomena 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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33rd Sunday Ordinary Time (A) 19th November 2023



From Deacon Rod's Desk

The Parable of the TALENTS

If we look at just the successful servants, in today's Parable, we miss the most interesting part of all. We miss the fascinating and puzzling story of the third servant. This poor soul did not invest the money at all. **He buried it.** Quite simply, he was afraid of what might happen if he lost it completely. Given the owner's attitude, he may have been right to be afraid.

Having heard the fearful servant's story, the owner then had the man thrown into "the darkness outside," where there would be "wailing and grinding of teeth." Quite an overreaction, it seems. Hadn't the poor servant just wanted to keep the owner's money safe? But there is much more to it.

The monetary unit "talent" in Jesus' time was not a small amount. Even one talent could be worth more than a labourer would earn in a lifetime. And the owner entrusted a lot more than just money to the servants—he left them all his possessions, everything he had. In fact, the owner took a great risk, and he wanted them to do the same, not leave the investment decaying somewhere. That is the story.

There is one thing I know of that will go away if it is buried, but which gets greater if you use it. **Love.** Think about it. If fear closes the door tightly against love, guess where the unloved one will be: in the darkness outside the door, wailing and gnashing those teeth. Without love. If we close doors to others by not loving them, that is when God gets "angry".

God always has compassion upon us. God waits for ages to see if we will accept just a bit of the love God offers to us in order to invest it in other people. When we receive love, we cannot bury it. Do not be afraid, to invest it in others.

God Bless. Deacon Rod

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time (A)**
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am.**

Weekday Masses & Communion Services (CS)

Monday 9.10 am Mon 33rd Week in Ordinary Time (CS)
 Tuesday 9.10 am Presentation of the Blessed Mary
 Wednesday 7.00pm St Cecilia
 Thursday 9.10 am Thurs 33rd Week Ordinary Time
 Friday 9.10 am St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

Confessions Saturday: 9.45-10.15 AM & 5.00-5.30 PM

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

Sacred Heart Primary School: [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt](http://SacredHeartPrimarySchool|MtDruitt)

[South \(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au\)](http://South(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au)) Tel: 9625 8733

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia. Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
18/19 th November 33rd Sunday OT	Hermينيا 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
2nd/3 rd December 1 st Week of Advent	Pio Vergara Gloria Cardoza	Vinod Nagaraja Grace Bondoc	Aloysius Wong Leo Macatangay
9 th /10 th December 2 nd Week of Advent	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Joaquim Mendes Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Sr Agnese

Advertisements: 1. **Chrysalis law Group.** Wills, Power of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship. Wills Hotline: 0493780719; francis@chrysalislegal.com.au

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

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

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services

Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you



CHURCH CLEANING:

Sat 25th Nov: Legion of Mary Jn.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

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

Br Barry Donaghue Preparing for Advent Series: Starting 29 November.

Br Barry Donaghue cfc is offering 90-minute Advent presentations held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm to 9pm for 4 weeks, beginning 29 November until 20 December. Each presentation will be scripture based and have time for questions, reflection and small group conversation. The presentation will be held at Mary Rooms at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Please contact 0478 408 337 or bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org for enquiries.

'Eugene Stockton: Blue Mountains Hermit' Book Launch: 3 December

The Blue Mountain Education & Research Trust cordially invite you to our Book Launch of 'Eugene Stockton: Blue Mountains Hermit' on 2pm Sunday 3 December at Mid Mountains Community Centre, 9 New St Lawson. Additional books at \$20 for contributors can be ordered in advance and picked up on the day or posted. Please direct any enquiries to contact@bmert.com.au. We hope to see you at the launch.