

Parish Notices.

1. Bishop's Christmas Appeal this weekend at all Masses. 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.
2. The mission families of the Neocatechumenal Way have commenced their visitations to the Parish which will continue throughout the year. If you would like to receive a visit, contact Matthew on 0438049116 or Martha:0450215922
3. Deacon Rod will be away for one week from this Monday to Sunday 3rd December inclusive. All enquiries please direct them to Fr Marcus while he is away. There will be a Mass this Monday at 9.10am instead of Communion Service.
4. Carols under the stars on Saturday 16th December at the Sacred Heart car park by the different choirs of the parish from 7-9pm. If it rains it will take place in the Church. Bring rugs and chairs. Free sausage sizzle.
5. This Friday the usual Mass at 7pm for the Devotion of the Two Hearts followed by all night adoration. Saturday 2nd December, we have the Mass of the Sick at 9.10am.
6. Sunday 3rd December – Devotion of the Divine Mercy at 3PM.

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 email: hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. 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/>

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; Haizel Sprway.

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; Bonifacia.

Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.



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CHRIST THE KING Solemnity (A) 26th November 2023



From Fr Marcus's Desk

The readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King Year A tell us that the kingship of Christ is one of a caring master who longs for us to live together in harmony in his kingdom. The first reading tells of the Lord gathering in his flock and tending to them. The second reading reminds us that everything is subject to Jesus Christ, including death. And in the gospel Jesus tells of the Judgement of the Nations, where those who served him in this life are separated from those who did not.

Final Judgment: The gospel describes the final judgment of all nations, indicating a day of accountability for actions during earthly life.

Moral Responsibility: The criteria for judgment are based on acts of kindness or neglect, emphasizing the importance of moral and ethical conduct.

Corporal Works of Mercy: Feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and clothing the naked are highlighted as virtuous deeds, stressing the spiritual value of compassion.

Identification with Suffering: Jesus says that acts done to “the least of these” are done to him, suggesting a deep spiritual connection between God and those who suffer.

Universality: The passage refers to “all the nations,” suggesting a universal scope for these spiritual principles.

Social Justice: The emphasis on helping the marginalized connects with themes of social justice and activism.

Epiphany Pilgrimage and Fiesta 2024

Commit the first fruits of your new year to Christ with the 2024 Epiphany Pilgrimage (2 - 9 Jan 2024). Enjoy 7 days of bushwalking, fellowship and prayer as we journey from Emu Plains to the top of the Blue Mountains, experiencing the wonderful hospitality of parish communities along the way. Day 1 is a family-friendly day, with the option for a children's pilgrimage finishing with the 'Finnies' Fiesta at St Finbar's Glenbrook. For more information and to register for all or part of the journey, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm Christ, King of the Universe (A)**
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am.**

Weekday Masses & Communion Services (CS)

Monday 9.10 am Mon 34th Week in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tues 34th Week in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday 7.00pm Wed 34th Week in Ordinary Time
 Thursday 9.10 am St Andrew Apostle
 Friday 9.10 am Fri 34th Week in Ordinary Time
 7.00pm MASS – Devotion of the Two Hearts
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 34th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

Resident Priest: **Fr Marcus Hazelman:**
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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

Sacred Heart Primary School: Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt

South (sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au) Tel: 9625 8733

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon. The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
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	Gloria Cardoza Edna Gemzon	Vinod Nagaraja Grace Bondoc	Aloysius Wong Leo Macatangay
9 th /10 th December 2 nd Week of Advent	Pio Vergara Jeric Salazar	Joaquim Mendes Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Agnes Polu
16 th /17 th December	Herminia Villarica	Thomas Merjudio	Mary Zore

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 2nd Dec: Nelson & Lydia

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

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.

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 3rd December at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Fr Tom Green**, who will talk about and lead discussion on Religion and Politics. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship. If you have any questions please call Mark on 0477004687.