

Parish Notices.

1. Thank for your generosity and gifts for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal in aid of Catholic Care. Our parish collected the sum of \$905.
2. 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, chairs, some nibblies and fluids.** Free sausage sizzle will be available after Mass.
3. Note Christmas Mass times. Confessions available on Saturdays from 9.45am and from 4.30pm during Advent period and every day after the morning Masses.
4. Renovations of the new parish office. Work has started to eventually move the Parish office in the early part of the New Year from 22 Ropes Creek Road (current in the Presbytery) to the rooms where Fr Carl used to live (access through the new ramp). Volunteers to assist in the cleaning and painting are needed. Speak to Deacon Rod if you have some spare hours.



SUNDAY 24th December

4th Sunday of Advent

Usual Masses at 7.30am & 9am

CHRISTMAS EVE:

8PM Family MASS

10PM Samoan Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY:

7.30am & 9.00 AM MASS

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: 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: Eduardo David; Wilhemina & George Lavis. Jess Garcia jr; Epifania & Edilberto Salazar; Lorenza Umbao; John Marjorie William; Aurther and Edith Holmes; Peggy Wheatley; Thomas & Patricia Wiggins; Margaret Smith; Sr Mary Stephen, Marija Blazevic; Jack & Joseph Staszak; Vicenta & Domingo Perales; E. Perafiel; Irene Alfonso; Efipania Flojo; Luis Perales; Teodoria Alfonso; Narciso & Juana Reyes; Elisa & Manuel San Jose; Jesus, Teresa, Edgardo & Antonio Miguel; Pat Oliver Freemay; Linda Camba; Jerry Meyer.

Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.



SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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2nd Sunday of ADVENT (B)

10th December 2023



From Fr Marcus's desk

In this year of challenges, there is a greater sense of looking forward to celebrating of the coming of Jesus. There is more activity in our lives as we continue to connect with more people and prepare for Christmas day itself. At the same time our Advent season guides us to recognise the deeper meaning and significance to our Christmas celebration. It is to be aware of the needs and hopes of the human heart. This is especially so when we can sense incompleteness and dissatisfaction within us. At a deeper level of the human heart, we can be lost. We can be so immersed in the Christmas rush that we find ourselves skipping over those deeper longings that also need to be listened to with a receptive heart.

Our scripture readings speak to the depths of our human need. A voice is heard, full of consolation and hope filled. It is the voice that speaks of the Lord's coming to be close to us with his mercy and kindness. The One who is proclaimed comes to rescue us and renew our lives. John the Baptist proclaims and gives witness to the Lord's coming.

In the business of this time, we must have the courage to take this opportunity to be still and hear the voice of John saying "Prepare a way for the Lord!" It is to recognise the true gift that is being offered to us. The Lord gently seeks to speak to the deeper needs of the human heart, inviting us to acknowledge as the only One who can truly offer us his healing and mercy. It is indeed to welcome and prepare for this feast of Christmas, knowing that it is about experiencing the joy of God's consoling love.

Fr Marcus

Sunday Masses	Saturday	6.00 pm	2nd Sunday of ADVENT (B)
	Sunday	7.30 am & 9.00am	
Weekday Masses	Monday	9.10 am	Monday 2nd week of Advent. (<i>Com. Serv</i>)
	Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues 2 nd Week of Advent
	<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00pm	Wed 2 nd Week of Advent
	<u>Thursday</u>	9.10am	Thurs 2 nd Week of Advent
	<u>Friday</u>	9.10am	St John of the Cross
	Saturday	9.10am	Sat 2 nd Week of Advent
Confessions	<u>Saturday:</u>	4.30pm - 5.30pm (during Advent)	

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Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
9 th /10 th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	Pio Vergara Jeric Salazar	Joaquim Mendes Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Agnes Polu
16 th /17 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Herminia Villarica Wendy Farquharson	Thomas Merjudio PhilipTonks	Mary Zore Fadi Antown
23rd/24th December 4 th Sunday of Advent	Edna Gemzon Luisito Villapana	Sr Agnese Grace Bondoc	Jovita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar
CHRISTMAS EVE	8.00pm Grace Bondoc Gloria Cardoza	CHRISTMAS DAY Joaquim Mendes Thomas Merjudio	CHRISTMAS DAY Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong

Entrance Antiphon:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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

Glenbrook Parish Christmas concert: 10 December

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, invite you to their annual Christmas concert event on Sunday 10 December at 7.30pm in the parish church. The evening will include choir and musical performances alongside themed readings for Christmas. Suggested donations for entry are \$15 for individuals and \$35 for families. For enquiries, please contact 0421 105 017.

Music for Lent Workshop: 12 February 2024

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Monday 12 February 2024 from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. To RSVP, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org by 5 February 2024.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Thank you for giving comfort, faith, and hope to distraught people this Christmas.

Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised **\$905.00** which will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. 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 or phone Marisa on 0412 280 017

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 10 February 2024

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

CHURCH CLEANING:

16th December: Nirmala, Ingrid & Irene