

## **Parish Notices.**

1. Young Adult formation (18-35 yrs) are meeting on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at the Hustle Minchinbury. Topic: 'The Principles of Catholic Moral Thinking' by Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz.
2. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February during the 9.10am Mass we will have the Sacrament of the Sick. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm there will be 1 hour adoration and Divine Mercy devotion.
3. Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the new meeting room.
4. **Safeguarding:** Cyle 1 Modules 1-3 will be held in our parish Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 from 10am -3pm. If you are new to Parish Ministry, all volunteers in religious ministry are Mandatory Reporters.
5. Confirmation 2024 at Sacred Heart: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long.
6. **Liturgical Ministry Course returns in February 2024.** We need more ministers of the Altar and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist for the sick.
7. Death anniversaries for the month of **February 2024 ONLY** can be written on the **Family book of Remembrance** at the back of the Church.
8. Ash Wednesday on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Masses at 9.10 am and 7pm. Please start bringing last year's olive and palm branches.

In the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, it was proposed that on the 1st death anniversary of Fr Carl's, we will name our Parish Hall in honour of him. Hence the Hall will be named:

"Fr Carl Ashton Hall".

The new meeting room will be named:

"**Schoenstatt Meeting Room**", to acknowledge the pioneers of this parish.

**Any comments or ideas of alternate names are welcomed.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY**

**SICK:** Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; Maureen Farquharson; Jolanda Pavlovic; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sheila Glennon; Fracia A. Florido; Manuel Escaro; Roy Stephens; Francisca Fronda; Antonio Lapuz; Vesna Damanl

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Jeffery Atoa; Florence Andrews; Esther Blando; John Clift; Owen Davoren; Akenese Malia Faamausili; Olivia Galicia; Geraldine Jansen; Maximo Llave ; Angelo Merjudio; Marie McLeod; Amelia Osbual; Xzavier Uini Paulo; Alfred Schembri; Gina Tomicic; Marjorie Tonks.

**Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.**



# SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

28th January 2024



## **From Deacon Rod's desk .....**

### **Where does Jesus' Authority come from?**

Authority is a major problem for Jesus' contemporaries. No one denies the mighty deeds of power that Jesus performs. What troubles them is the source of his authority. Is it God? (Mark, of course, has already told this to his listeners and readers a number of times.) Or is it the world of the other, lesser gods and spirits?

The people in the synagogue at Capernaum have not yet decided. The fact, however, is very clear. Jesus the artisan from Nazareth has authority and effective power to do what He does. He behaves not shamefully, out of alignment with his status, but rather quite honourably. And this is why Mark concludes by noting: "At once his reputation [honour] began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee."

This final note affects the honour of both Jesus and the healed man. The gossip network proclaims a new honour status for Jesus (teaches with authority; has power over unclean spirits) that contrasts with his status "of Nazareth." It also restores honour to the man now released from the power of unclean spirits. He can reclaim his rightful place in the community.

The Western tendency to rationalize the ancient understanding of spirits is rooted in the fact that Westerners have much more power over their lives and circumstances than the ancients believed that they for their part had. Today's reflection invites us to consider how wisely or imprudently we use power to the benefit of ourselves or others?

**Church Air Conditioners Appeal:** The two front air conditioners in the Church are not working and beyond repair. Donations to install two new aircons are welcomed. Currently we are getting some quotes.

**Thank you in advance.**

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.30 am &amp; 9.00am</b>	
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Monday</b>	9.10am	Mon 4th Week Ordinary Time (CS)
	Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues 4th Week Ordinary Time
	<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00pm	St John Bosco
	<u>Thursday</u>	9.10am	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time
	<u>Friday</u>	9.10am	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
	Saturday	9.10am	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time
<b>Confessions</b>	<u>Saturday:</u>	5.00pm - 5.30pm	

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Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> January <b>4th Sunday OT</b>	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Grace Bondoc Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Aloysius Wong
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> February <b>5th Sunday OT</b>	Luisito Villapana Jeric Salazar	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Agnes Polu Matthias Wong
10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> February <b>6th Sunday OT</b>	Pio Vergara Sara Mandonca	Vinod Nagaraja Philp Tonks	Mary Zore Leo Macatangay
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> February <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Sr Agnes	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **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](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) by 5 February 2024.

### **Bishop Vincent presents a conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik: 12 February**

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on Monday 12 February at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/> to register.

### **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](mailto:mary.gale@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](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to enrol:

[www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry](http://www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry)

### **Glenbrook Parish Aspects of the Eucharist Talks: 21 and 28 February**

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a series of talks exploring the fundamental aspects of the Eucharist with Chris Ohlsen on Wednesday 21 and 28 February at 7.30pm at the parish. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please email [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)

CHURCH CLEANING:

2<sup>nd</sup> February: Nelson and Lydia