

Parish Notices.

1. Take a Project Compassion box to support vulnerable people around the world. Bring them back on Holy Thursday Mass.
2. On Fridays during Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7PM followed by the Way of the Cross. There will be **NO MASS at 9.10AM.**
3. Fr Marcus will be running a Lenten program on Sundays during Lent at 6PM in the Parish Hall.
5. This weekend Marissa will be selling the 3rd new Cuppa Time Reflections by Fr Martin Maunsell.
6. Parish Pastoral Council will meet tomorrow Monday 19th February in the meeting room.
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. All parishioners are welcomed to visit our new office, new meeting room and toilet facilities after each Mass this weekend.
9. Catholic Care is offering a free supported playgroup which operates on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on (02) 8843 2506.



Project Compassion Sunday

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



10 & 11 February

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sheila Glennon; Fracia A. Florido; Manuel Escaro; Roy Stephens; Francisca Fronda; Antonio Lapuz; Vesna Demark; Teresita de Guzman; Savio Francis; Baby Faith.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Younan, Jamil and Jack Alamadi; Irene Brunt; Mary Brunt-Ahkau; Jose Canlas; Frances Chircop; Moises Chua; Romuel Cuentas; Santiago D'Souza; Henry Fares; Mario Felicissima; Rudy Fernandez; John Llave; Mary Mallett; Michael and Christine; Marie Paul; S. Prakash; John Quattromani; Naruso Reyes; Eseta Seualuga; Augusto Santo; Vincente & Aurea Villapana;

Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.



SACRED HEART PARISH

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1st Sunday of Lent (B)

18th February 2024



From Deacon Rod's desk **More than Ashes.**

While ashes upon our foreheads serve as a stark reminder of our mortality, they symbolise much more. They mark the beginning of Lent, a 40-day journey towards Easter, but more importantly, they invite us to embark on a deep cleaning and 'pruning' of the soul.

Lent is like spring cleaning prompting us to dust off the cobwebs within. It's a time to shed old habits, confront our shadows, and cultivate a deeper connection with ourselves and our higher purpose. This isn't just about giving up chocolate or social media; it's about intentionally evaluating our thoughts, words, and actions. Where do we harbour negativity? What judgments cloud our perception? What habits drain our energy or hinder our growth?

This introspection may not always be comfortable, but it's vital. Decluttering our inner world opens us to joy, peace, and a renewed sense of purpose. Perhaps this Lent, instead of simply adding restrictions, we prioritise adding intentionality. Let's dedicate time to prayer and meditation, nurture relationships that uplift us, engage in acts of service that bring meaning, and choose activities that feed our souls.

Yes, ashes remind us of our earthly limitations, but it also whispers the promise of transformation. Just as a seed buried in the winter soil blossoms in spring, our intentional efforts during Lent can cultivate within us a renewed spirit, a more compassionate heart, and a deeper connection to the divine.

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 3rd March 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is Monica Doumit who will talk about and lead discussion on 'How to speak about Hot Topics in the public sphere'. 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.

Sunday Masses	Saturday	6.00 pm	1st Sunday of LENT (B)
	Sunday	7.30 am & 9.00am	
Weekday Masses	Monday	9.10am	Mon 1 st Week of Lent (CS)
	Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues 1 st Week of Lent
	<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00pm	Wed 1 st Week of Lent
	<u>Thursday</u>	9.10am	Chair of St Peter, Apostle
	<u>Friday</u>	7.00pm	Fri 1 st Week of Lent
	Saturday	9.10am	Sat 1 st Week of Lent
Confessions	<u>Saturday:</u>	9.45- 10.15 am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm	(during LENT)

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Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
17 th /18 th February 1st Sunday of Lent	Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Sr Agnes	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
24 th /25 th February 2nd Sunday of Lent	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Joaquim Mendes Thomas Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Aloysious Wong
2/3 rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Philip Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Matthias Wong Leo Macatangay
9 th /10 th March 4th Sunday of Lent	Herminia Villarica Wendy Farquharson	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Mary Zore Agnes Polu

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

MET FaithLIFE

Scripture Short Course: Tuesday Evenings 13, 20, 27 February

Looking to learn more about the Bible? Wanting expert guidance on interpreting Scripture for life & faith? Interested in the theme of women in the Bible through the Gospel of Matthew? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Scripture short course with Dr Debra Snoddy on Tuesday evenings 20 and 27 February! Registration and more dates and details via

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=fai thlife>

Celebrating Holy Week: Formation for Ministers of the Altar: 9 March

The Office for Worship presents 'Celebrating Holy Week' – a workshop for current Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar presented by Chris Ohlsen. It will be held on Saturday 9 March from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To register or for more information, please contact

lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call (02) 8838 3456 by 5 March 2024.

Youth Mass Round the Diocese: 25 February

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Mass Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, on Sunday 25 February at 6pm. For more information, please contact Laura on laura@stbernadette.org.au

Mount Schoenstatt Young Women's Lenten

Reflection Day: 25 February

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite young women to a Lenten Reflection Day on Sunday 25 February from 10.30am to 8.30pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$25 including afternoon tea and dinner. BYO lunch. Register by ringing Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Lent & the Scrutinies Evening for RCIA Teams: 28 February

RCIA Coordinators and team members are invited to attend an RCIA Lenten workshop on Wednesday 28 February from 7pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Deacon Rod Pirotta will present the workshop and discuss Lent and the Scrutiny Readings. To register or for more information, please contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call (02) 8838 3456 by 27 February 2024

CHURCH CLEANING:

23rd February: Nelson & Lydia