

## **Parish Notices.**

1. At the Parish Pastoral Council meeting last Monday, the name of the Hall has been confirmed to be: "Fr Ashton Hall" and the meeting room will be called: "Schoenstatt Meeting Room."
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.
4. Death anniversaries for the month of **MARCH ONLY** can be written on the **Family Book of Remembrance** at the back of the Church.
5. Easter Raffle tickets are available for sale: \$5 for 3 tickets, \$2 for one ticket. Write your phone number at the back of the ticket to know who to ring if you are the winner. Volunteers needed after each Mass to sell the tickets at the doors.
6. The Parish Office have moved to the new premises: 9 Ropes Creek Road. The phone number will remain the same.

### **Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue 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.

**Email from Fr Martin author of 3<sup>rd</sup> Cuppa Reflections:** *"Just a short message to thank you and the wonderful community at South Mount Druitt for your wonderful support last weekend. Nearly \$2,000 was raised and this is outstanding! Blessinas".* **Fr Martin.**

## **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 Felicisima; Rudy Fernandez; Antonio Leonila; John Llave; Mary Mallett; Michael and Christine; Rosarie Mhay; Marie Paul; S. Prakash; John Quattromani; Naruso Reyes; Jose Rommel; Eseta Seualuga; Augusto Santo; Vincente & Aurea Villapana;

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



# SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt NSW 2770 tel: 98323896

2nd Sunday of Lent (B)

25<sup>th</sup> February 2024



**From Fr Marcus's desk .....**

## **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

In Mark's account of the Transfiguration (9:2-10), there are many aspects to the scene. Dazzling whiteness signals the heavenly (divine) status of Jesus. The appearance of two prophetic figures, Elijah and Moses, conversing with him affirms his messianic role.

However, in continuity with the theme emerging from the earlier readings, I think it is best to interpret it in close connection with what Jesus has insisted on in the episode just before (Mark 8:27-38).

In response to Jesus' question, 'Who do you say that I am?', Peter has, correctly, confessed him to be the Christ. But when Jesus went on to detail what kind of Messiah he will be – namely, one who will suffer and die in Jerusalem, working salvation by entering into the pain and suffering of this world, Peter protested, earning a sharp rebuke (Mark 8:29-38).

In the Transfiguration itself, along with the messianic witness of Elijah and Moses, the Father's voice, affirms the status of Jesus: 'This is my Son, the Beloved', but goes on to add, 'Listen to him!' – listen, that is, to what he has been saying about going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Being God's 'beloved Son' does not exempt Jesus from suffering but in fact draws him to it as part of the divine plan of salvation. The disciples, and all of us, as we continue on our Lenten journey, are invited to enter ever more deeply into this mysterious blend of divine love and suffering that lies at the heart of the Paschal Mystery.

**JOB ADVERTISEMENT:** The Sacred Heart Parish Mount Druitt South and Diaconate Office is seeking an administration Assistant, working 10 hrs per week (Mondays and Thursdays preferably) and 4hrs per week for the Diaconate Office. Reporting to the Pastoral Director or delegate, the Administration Assistant will provide administrative services to the Parish and the Diaconate Office of the Diocese of Parramatta. To apply or to receive a copy of the complete role description please email [parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org](mailto:parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org) Closing dates for applications is 11 March 2024 at 10.00pm



## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

**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.

### **Diocesan Lent & Holy Week Scripture Reflection Evening: 20 March**

Looking for a way to reflect on your experience of Lent as we enter Holy Week? Interested in praying with the Scripture readings for Holy Week? Register for the Diocesan Lent & Holy Week Scripture Reflection Evening Wednesday 20 March 2024 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### **Church Cleaning:**

2<sup>nd</sup> March: **Gerry & Gloria**

*Save  
the  
Date*

PARISH FETE 2024  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER

### **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](mailto:laura@stbernadette.org.au)

### **Synod 2023 Update: Decree issued and Development of Diocesan Plan Begins**

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August. Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod)

### **Catholic Youth Parramatta 2024 LIFTED Launch: 29 February**

**LIFTED Launch 2024 is here!** Join young people from across our Diocese for an evening of faith, live music, formation, and announcements. Learn about ways you can meet, connect and 'walk with' other young people | West HQ Rooty Hill, 29 February 2024, 7pm to 9:30pm. Register

[www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch](http://www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch)

**Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults** invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or [rrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:rrita@schoenstatt.org.au)