

Parish Notices.

1. This Sunday at 3pm, Divine Mercy devotion and Adoration.
2. Young Adult Faith Formation sessions this 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.
3. Confessions during Lent have increased to include Wednesday and Fridays between 6pm & 6.45 pm before the 7pm Mass. **NO MASS at 9.10AM** on Fridays during Lent.
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.
7. Looking for more volunteers to clean the church and the Parish Hall. (One hour per month). Let Deacon Rod know.
8. Catholic Weekly on sale for \$2 at the back of the Church. Please leave donation in the box provided.

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
Closing date for applications is 11 March 2024 at 10.00pm

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; 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: Lily Abneo; Jesus Alvares; Purisima Acuna; Zenaida Bal; Estefania Chua; Leslie Herft; Marciano Payongayong; Neville Pentony; Domingo Penales; Eduardo Penafiel; Arnela Plan; Turi TeWhata; Conchita Roberts; Ivan Sablic; Leo Salazar; Janja Soldo; hazel Sprway; Vdo-Jany; Joe Xuereb;



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3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

3rd March 2024



From Deacon Rod's desk

You may think that all four Gospels are the same. I invite you this week to read each version on its own merit of Jesus cleansing the temple. The biggest surprise is found in today's Gospel as compared to the other three Gospels.

Whereas in Mark the incident occurs during the final week, John introduces the episode early, right after the wedding feast at Cana. And John's description is far more dramatic. In this version, Jesus makes a whip out of cords, and we hear not simply of doves but of sheep and oxen. We witness a veritable stampede of livestock scarcely suggested in Mark's version. And Jesus utters no quotations from the prophets but a direct command, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace" (Gospel).

We recognize that it is from John that most of us get our picture of the cleansing of the Temple. But John is being more than pictorial. The point is not drama but symbol. In this Gospel Jesus replaces, one by one, all of the major Israelite institutions. His life, death, and resurrection definitively fulfil the meanings of Temple, feasts, and Torah. And here John shows Jesus acting out the full Easter meaning of his life: he can drive out the animals of the Temple sacrifice because his own self-offering on the cross will permanently fulfil the purpose of Temple sacrifice. And instead of Jesus citing Isaiah and Jeremiah, we hear his disciples applying a line from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." We are meant to hear a typical Johannine double-meaning: Jesus' own zeal for his Father's house will consume him, and the authorities' misguided zeal will bring about his death.

Finally, there comes an utterance: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The authorities misunderstand, but the evangelist hastens to explain that he was speaking of the temple of his body, a meaning that would become evident after Easter. Recall that this is the Gospel that begins with a prologue announcing that the divine Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us.

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| Sunday Masses | <u>Saturday</u> <u>Sunday</u> | 6.00 pm 7.30 am & 9.00am. | 3rd Sunday of LENT (B) |
| Weekday Masses | Monday Tuesday <u>Wednesday</u> <u>Thursday</u> <u>Friday</u> Saturday | 9.10am 9.10 am 7.00pm 9.10am 7.00pm 9.10am | Mon 3rd Week of Lent (CS) Tues 3rd Week of Lent Wed 3 rd Week of Lent Thurs 3 rd Week of Lent Fri 3rd Week of Lent Sat 3rd Week of Lent |
| Confessions LENT) | <u>Saturday:</u> | 9.45- 10.15 am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm (during | |
| Pastoral Director: | Deacon Roderick Pirotta | | |
| Resident Priest: | Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902 email: marcus.hazelman@parracatholic.org | | |
| Parish Chairperson: | Teresa Samuels | | |
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| Website: | https://southmountdruitt.org.au | | |
| Baptisms & Weddings: | By arrangement only | | |
| Sacred Heart Primary School: | <u>Sacred Heart Primary School Mt Druitt South</u> (sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au) | | |
| | Tel: 9625 8733 | | |

| Readers | 6.00pm | 7.30am | 9.00am |
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| 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 |
| 16 th /17 th March 5th Sunday of Lent | Edna Gemzon Gloria Cardoza | Elijah Merjudio Philip Tonks | Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong |
| 23 rd /24 th March Palm Sunday | Jeric Salazar Wendy Farquharson | Grace Bondoc Thomas Merjudio | Bethany Buhagiar Aloysius Wong |

Entrance Antiphon: When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory. God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you,

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

Church Cleaning:

9th March: Volunteers pls

*Save
the
Date*

PARISH FETE 2024
Sunday 15th
SEPTEMBER

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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 srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Glenbrook Parish Lenten Biblical Studies: 12 and 19 March. St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting two Biblical Studies sessions on the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark on Tuesday 12 and 19 March at the parish hall from 7.30pm. Parish Priest Fr Joseph Lam OSA will lead the sessions. To RSVP and for more information, please contact: secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation 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 marriage@parracatholic.org or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Women in the Gospels Retreat: 3 – 10 May

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are hosting a *Women in the Gospels Retreat* with Elizabeth Dowling RSM from 3-10 May. The retreat will explore a selection of stories from across the Gospels, focussing on the characterisation of women in these stories. Women's discipleship, faith and initiative will be highlighted. The venue is the Santa Casa retreat centre at Queenscliff in Victoria. For more information and to download a flyer, click [here](#). Register before 5 April with spirituality@goodsams.org.au