

Parish Notices.

1. Young Adult formation (18-35 yrs) is meeting on Sunday 4th February at the Hustle Minchinbury. Topic: 'The Principles of Catholic Moral Thinking' by Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz.
2. Sunday 4th February at 3pm there will be one hour adoration and Divine Mercy devotion.
3. Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday 5th 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 17th 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: 12th 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 14th Feb. Masses at 9.10 am and 7pm. Please start bringing last year's olive and palm branches.

At 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 Demark; Teresita de Guzman; Savio Francis.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Jeffery Atoa; Florence Andrews; Arthur Austin; Esther Blando; John Clift; Owen Davoren; Akenese Malia Faamausili; Rudy Fernandez; Olivia Galicia; Geraldine Jansen; Maximo Llave ; Angelo Merjudio; Nora Meue; Marie McLeod; Amelia Osual; Xzavier Uini Paulo; S. Prakash; Alfred Schembri; Gina Tomicic; Marjorie Tonks, Sean Vaz;

Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.



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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 4th February 2024



From Fr Marcus's desk

The themes for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B collectively offer a rich and multifaceted insight into Christian life, emphasizing the balance between personal spirituality and communal engagement, between human struggle and divine grace, and between active service and contemplative prayer.

- **The Power of Jesus' Ministry:** The Gospel reading showcases Jesus' authority over illness and evil forces, underlining the theme of the transformative power present in Jesus' ministry. It shows the inauguration of a new era of divine action in the world.
- **Solitude and Prayer:** Jesus seeking solitude for prayer, despite the demands of his ministry, emphasizes the importance of prayer and communion with God. This theme is a reminder of the need for spiritual nourishment and reflection in the midst of active service.
- **The Role of the Community in Faith:** The interactions between Jesus and those he heals, as well as the actions of the disciples, highlight the theme of community in the Christian journey. It shows how faith is lived and experienced within a community, and how the community plays a role in supporting, nurturing, and participating in the mission of the Church.

Church Air Conditioners Appeal: The two front air conditioners in the Church are not working, and no spare parts are available to repair. Donations to install two new aircons are welcomed. Quotes are in. When we get the funds, we will install them. **Thank you in advance.**

Sunday Masses	Saturday	6.00 pm	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
	Sunday	7.30 am & 9.00am	
Weekday Masses	Monday	9.10am	St Agatha (CS)
	Tuesday	9.10 am	St Paul Miki and Companions
	<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00pm	Wed 5 th Week in Ordinary Time
	<u>Thursday</u>	9.10am	Thurs 5 th Week in Ordinary Time
	<u>Friday</u>	9.10am	Fri 5 th Week in Ordinary Time
	Saturday	9.10am	Sat 4 th Week in Ordinary Time
Confessions	<u>Saturday:</u>	5.00pm - 5.30pm	

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Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
3 rd /4 th February 5th Sunday OT	Luisito Villapana Jeric Salazar	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Agnes Polu Matthias Wong
10 th /11 th February 6th Sunday OT	Pio Vergara Sara Mandonca	Vinod Nagaraja Philp Tonks	Mary Zore Leo Macatangay
17 th /18 th February 1st Sunday of Lent	Herminia Villarica 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

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

***NEW DATE** Music for Lent Workshop: 8 February**

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday 8 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 lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795 by 6 February 2024.

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 13, 20 and 27 February! Registration and more dates and details via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=fai thlife>

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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 or visit our website to enrol:

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

MET Natural Fertility Sympto-Thermal Method Introductory Session: 13 February

This year, MET Natural Fertility will be holding Initial Instructions and Introductory Sessions for our three methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) available in the Diocese of Parramatta. These sessions will set you up to chart your cycle immediately to help achieve your family planning goals. The first session on the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 13 February from 7pm to 8pm. To book your place or for further information, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or on 0400 427 605. Save the date Creighton: 20 March and Billings: 23 April

CHURCH CLEANING:

10th February: Gerry and Gloria