

Parish Notices.

1. 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.
2. Catholic Weekly on sale for \$2 at the back of the Church. Please leave donation in the box provided.
3. Please note the readers for the Triduum. If you cannot be present for the Liturgy, let deacon know.

Catechists NEEDED. What is an SRE Catechist?

SRE Catechists are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

New volunteer SREs will be given support, training and teaching materials.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in finding out more about becoming an SRE Catechist.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT: Administration Assistant (part-time) - Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South and Permanent Diaconate community – Applications close 10pm Monday 11 March. More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

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; Teodora Luna Liwanas

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Lily Abneo; Jesus Alvares; Virgen Antown; Purisima Acuna; Zenaida Bal; Eugenia Bell; Estefania Chua; Lourdes Cruz Zabala; Carmelita David; Isaac & Antonia Delmonte Nazal; Ana Esquillon; John Fraser; Leslie Herft; Nafeba & Balto Korial; Julia Lumbao; David Newton; Connie Nawmanea; Basilisa Nueles Nunez; Marciano Payongayong; Neville Pentony; Domingo Penales; Eduardo Penafiel; Arnela Plan; Domingo Romero; Irene & Salvacion Stewart; Turi TeWhata; Jovy Reyes; Conchita Roberts; Ivan Sablic; Leo Salazar; Janja Soldo;



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4th Sunday of Lent (B)

10th March 2024



From Fr Marcus' desk Laetare Sunday.

Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent. This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon Laetare (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-coloured vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

The Church's liturgy, on this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the conversion between Jesus and Nicodemus. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ.

- First Reading - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23: Judah's betrayal of faith led to their exile as Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. God's warnings were ignored, resulting in captivity. Fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy, the exile lasted until Cyrus of Persia decreed the rebuilding of the temple, marking the beginning of the return.
- Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137: In Babylon's captivity, we wept for Zion, unable to sing our sacred songs in a foreign land. Forgetting Jerusalem would be my greatest loss, my joy silenced without its memory.
- Second Reading - Ephesians 2:4-10: God, in His mercy, made us alive with Christ, saving us by grace through faith, not by our deeds, to display His grace in Christ. We are created for good works, predestined by God.
- Gospel - John 3:14-21: Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus and references Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness as a foreshadowing of his own crucifixion and the salvation that it would bring. Jesus emphasizes the importance of believing in him as the Son of God in order to receive eternal life and highlights the judgment that will come to those who do not believe.

Sunday Masses	<u>Saturday</u> <u>Sunday</u>	6.00 pm 7.30 am & 9.00am.	4th 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 4th Week of Lent (CS) Tues 4th Week of Lent Wed 4th Week of Lent Thurs 4th ^d Week of Lent Fri 4th Week of Lent Sat 4th Week of Lent
Confessions	<u>Saturday:</u>	9.45- 10.15 am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm	(during LENT)
Pastoral Director:	Deacon Roderick Pirotta		
Resident Priest:	Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902 email: marcus.hazelman@parracatholic.org		
Parish Chairperson:	Teresa Samuels		
Church Office:	9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt. Druitt Ph: 98323896		
Email:	moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org		
Website:	https://southmoundruitt.org.au		
Baptisms & Weddings:	By arrangement only		
Sacred Heart Primary School:	Sacred Heart Primary School Mt Druitt South (sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au)		
	Tel: 9625 8733		

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
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
Maundy Thursday 28th March	7.00pm Herminia Villarica Thomas Merjudio	Good Friday 3PM Wendy Farquharson Jeric Salazar	Easter Vigil 7.00PM Gloria Cardoza Mary Zore Pio Vergara
31st March EASTER SUNDAY		Elija Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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

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

Church Cleaning:

16th March: Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala.

*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

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Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 29 March

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. Make your donation this Holy Week via the envelopes in your parish or donate directly via Commissariat of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St. Waverley NSW 2024 or holyland@franciscans.org.au.

Penrith Parish Stations of the Cross for Cancer Patients, Families and Survivors: 22 March

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, warmly invites cancer patients, survivors and families who have lost loved ones to cancer to participate in an Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Friday 22 March at 7pm at the Parish. You can bring along a small cross / candle along with their names to be prayed for or join us to carry the big wooden cross. For further details, contact the parish office on (02) 4721 2509.