

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.
4. Please check the times of the Liturgy for the Triduum.

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.

NEW CHURCH Supplies for Sacred Heart Church: Priest's Vestments, Albs, banners, Thurible, altar linen etc. have been donated for **free** to our church. All Church supplies have come from a chapel in the Diocese of Parramatta that has closed.

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; Basiliisa 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; hazel Sprway; Vdo-Jany; Joe Xuereb.



SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt NSW 2770 tel: 98323896

5th Sunday of Lent (B)

17th March 2024



From Deacon Rod's desk God honours those who seek to honour him.

The Greeks in today's Gospel must have been baffled. What has this speech of Jesus got to do with their request to see him?

Perhaps, they accord Jesus a rock star status. They don't even ask to talk to the great man. They want only to see him. And they don't dare come to Jesus directly. They just approach one of his friends, Philip, and they call Philip "Kyrie," that is to say, "Lord."

Jesus' response helps those Greeks to see him—the true Lord, not the rock star the Greeks were looking for. The true Lord did not come to get status and power. He came to lose his life, to fall and die, like a grain of wheat.

The point is made emphatically at the end of Jesus' response to the Greeks. He ends with a prayer: "Father," he prays, "glorify your name." Jesus, the true Lord and not the rock star, came to seek God's glory. He did not come to seek not his own.

The final part of the lesson for the Greeks, and for us, comes in God's response to Jesus' prayer. God honours Jesus by answering his prayer out loud: "I have glorified My name, and I will glorify it again!"

"This voice didn't come for my sake, but for yours," Jesus tells the awed bystanders. God's voice came to finish the lesson: God honours those who seek to honour him.

True glory lies not in rock star status, then, but, on the contrary, in being willing to fall and die like a grain of wheat. It lies in being willing to let go, to lose one's life in this world in love for the glory of God's name.

And so, the Greeks do get what they asked for. In the response of Jesus to them, they, and we, see the true Lord, and with the true Lord the pattern for racing for glory in our lives, too.

Eleonore Stump

Sunday Masses	<u>Saturday</u> <u>Sunday</u>	6.00 pm 7.30 am & 9.00am.	5th 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	St Patrick Solemnity (CS) St Joseph Solemnity Wed 5th Week of Lent Thurs 5th Week of Lent Fri 5th Week of Lent Sat 5th 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		
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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
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 1. Gloria Cardoza 2. Leo Macatangay 3. Pio Vergara 4. Fadi Antown 5. Mary Zore
31st March EASTER SUNDAY		Elija Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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

Confirmation Sessions at Sacred Heart School at 3.15pm:

1. Wed 3rd April.
2. Wed 10th April.
3. Wed 1st May.
4. Wed 8th May.

Parents and candidates MUST attend all sessions.

CONFIRMATION DATE:
Sunday 12th MAY 2024
at 9AM MASS

Church Cleaning:

23rd March: Samoan Community

*Save
the
Date*

PARISH FETE 2024
Sunday 15th SEPTEMBER

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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



MASS TIMES AT SACRED HEART PARISH 2024

CHRISM MASS (Wed 27th March) at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta at 7.30pm. Mass at 9.10am ONLY on Wednesday.

HOLY THURSDAY (Thu 28th March) – Mass at 9.10am.
Commemoration of the Last Supper MASS at 7.00PM.

Confessions after Mass.

8.30pm till 12 midnight: Jesus in the Gethsemane (Altar of Repose) in Fr Ashton Hall – (Chaldean meditation 9pm - 10pm)

GOOD FRIDAY (Fri 29th March)

7.00am Way of the Cross (Samoan Com) in car park.

10.00am. Way of the Cross with Mary in the Church.
Confessions after Stations of the Cross.

3.00PM – Liturgy of the Passion of the LORD

Saturday 30th March

9.00am: Liturgy of the Hours - LAUDS.

7.00pm: Easter Vigil MASS

EASTER SUNDAY: (31st March) 6.00 AM (Chaldean Mass)
7.30am & 9.00am MASS