

Parish Notices.

1. \$850 collected for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal (for Seminarians) last weekend. Envelopes are at the back of the Church if you still would like to donate.
2. Please check the remaining sessions for Confirmation preparation.
3. We wish the best for our young adults who are participating in LIFTED SPORTS DAY this weekend at Parramatta Marist High School.
4. Death Anniversaries for May can begin to be added to the Remembrance Book, located at the back of the church.
5. The Caldean community will be celebrating a Mass in our parish every day during the month of May at 5PM. All are welcomed.
6. On Monday and Thursday evenings for 6 weeks starting on the 29th of April, The Neocats will be holding their annual Catechesis at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners welcome.
7. **MOTHERS DAY** volunteers needed to help run our Mother's Day stall in the parish hall after each Mass starting the weekend of the 4th/5th May and Mother's Day weekend (11th & 12th May) Please see Deacon Rod if you can help.

Support our seminarians
to "go out into the deep."



Sacrament of Confirmation

Session	Sacred Heart School 3:15pm	Parish Hall 4pm
3	1st May	4 th May
4	8 th May	11 th May

Parents and candidates **MUST** attend all sessions.

CONFIRMATION DATE:

WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2024 at 7 PM

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; Jolanda Pavlovic; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario; Mila Moser; Dalveno Bronsan; Dorothea Leah Sheen

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 Liwanes; Rowena Cacanindin; Sr. Emanuela Betham; Fr. Bill "Vilo" Betham; Eufrogino Caguioa Jnr; Nathan Gopaio; Jasmine Stanborough

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Cherry Avicaga; Johnes L. Aycardo; Aurelio Batarao; Evgenia Virgina B. Bell; Philomena DÇruz; Josephat D, Cruz; Anthony D'Souza; Bradly D'souza; Marciana De Chavez Uy; Rosita Escaro; Olivia Galicia; Denzel Grant; Irene Hnonyevo; John Woon King-Sing; Archbishop Alapati Lui Mataéliga; Gwedoline McLeod; Jackie McLeod; Virgilio Manalac; Agostino Melodia; Enone N. Ortega; Perfecto S. Mendiola; Gregorio Merjudio; Evelyn Merjudio; Dorothy, John & Joyce Mithous; Paulina Osbual; Macaria Payonga Yong; Louis & Maria Pereira; Dallas Roberts; Sharmilee Rao; Doming Romero; Hegino Salazar; George Fredrick Sheen; Dolores Starcic; Willy Sultana; Manuel Terrado Snr. Berna Undan; Frances Voilet Wise; Rev. Fr. Peter Yang

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

Fifth Sunday of EASTER (B) 28th April 2024



From Deacon Rod's desk

Be Fruitful and Multiply

The first command God gave to human beings was “be fruitful and multiply” ([Gen.1:28](#)). In the [Gospel](#) Reading, there is a kind of reiteration of this command. At any rate, the text describes the bad things that happen to people who are not fruitful.

In Genesis, the fruitfulness has to do with reproduction. It comes from union between a man and a woman, and it multiplies God's image in the production of children. The fruitfulness at issue in the [Gospel](#) comes from connection too, but connection with Christ. It comes when Christ is in you, and you are in him. Love unites you and your beloved without either one of you losing your identity. The union of love is not a fusing; it is a mutual indwelling. In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Christ says that he always remains in his own. So, if we yield to Christ in love, we have what is needed for the mutual indwelling of love. We are our beloved's, and he is ours. ([Song of Songs 6:3](#)) There is joy in this love, because Christ is so much with us that he is in each one of us. There is peace, too, because there is rest for the heart in having my beloved with me.

Our sins and the storms of life retain their power to afflict us. But we can more easily put up with things, even our own troublesome self, if our beloved is ours and we are his. In that mutual indwelling, then, there is love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering. But these very things are fruits of the Holy Spirit. When they grow in us, we are bearing fruit.

Hence, If I have the fruits of the Holy Spirit in me, I will multiply God's image in others too. And so, by remaining in Christ, I am doing what will make me be fruitful and multiply.

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm 5th Sunday of Easter (B)**
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am**

Weekday Masses

Monday	9.10 am	Mon 5 th Week of Easter
Tuesday	9.10 am	Tues 5 th Week of Easter
Wednesday	7.00pm	Wed 5 th Week of Easter
<u>Thursday</u>	9.10 am	Thu 5 th Week of Easter
<u>Friday</u>	9.10pm	Fri 5 th Week of Easter
Saturday	9:10am	Sat 5 th Week of Easter

Confessions Saturday: 5.00-5.30 PM

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**
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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only
Sacred Heart Primary School: [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South \(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au\)](http://SacredHeartPrimarySchool|MtDruittSouth.sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au) Tel: 9625 8733

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine, and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
27th/28th April 5th Sunday of Easter	Luisito Villapana Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Thomas Merjudio	Matthias Wong Mary Zore
4th/5th May 6th Sunday of Easter	Gloria Cardoza Jeric Salazar	Elijah Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Leo Macatangay Agnes Polu
11th/12th May The Ascension	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Vinod Nagarajan Phil Tonks	Bethany Buhagiar Jovita Bugayong
18/19th May Pentecost	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Mark Buhagiar

Grace & Silence Retreat for Young Women: 5 May

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite single women aged 20 to 40 discerning a vocation to marriage and family, single life or consecrated life to a silent retreat day on Sunday 5 May 9.30am to 4.30pm at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Remaining session is on 2 June. Cost is \$25 per day or \$90 for the full series. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to each event. For details, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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.

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 Smart Loving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email marriage@parracatholic.org or Marisa on 0412 280017.

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life?

How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly rsj on Wednesday 15 May 2024 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. via met@parracatholic.org

CCD Formation Opportunities: May and June 2024

SRE catechists and all members of our faith communities are invited to participate in a series of formation opportunities organised by the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Delve into St John's Gospel with a scripture expert, Dr Laurie Woods, over 5 weeks on 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 May. Continue your Journey of Faith for 5 weeks with Marilyn Hancock (Head, CCD) on 7, 14, 21, 28 June and 5 July.

All sessions will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 1.30pm. For SRE Catechists to be accredited with Level 3 training, they must attend both sessions. Morning Tea will be provided. Enrol for one or both sessions via parracatholic.org/events or email ccd.training@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, for Modules 4 and 5. More training opportunities will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Young Adult Faith Formation: 5 May

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 5 May at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is Stephen Buhagiar who will talk about and lead discussion on 'Male' and 'Female' – a social construct? Why our bodies matter. 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.

CHURCH CLEANING:

3rd May: Nelson & Lydia