

## Parish Notices:

1. Funeral Mass for Vincent Sammut is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at St Aidan's Church Rooty Hill at 10.30am.
2. Finance Committee meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm in Schoenstatt Meeting Room.
3. New EFPTOS machine for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collections replacing Quest. Just choose from \$10, \$15 or \$20 donation and tap your credit card. For other donations, just press the 'other' tab, put your amount you want to donate and tap. A more prominent stand will be available next month.
4. July Anniversaries can be added to our Memorial book, located at the back of the church.
5. Raffle tickets for the Parish fete are now on sale after each mass. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$ 5 or 1 booklet for \$30.

**Do you have the following items in your house that are in good condition and that you are no longer using?**

- Glassware, chinaware, dinner sets etc.
- New toys (trucks, dolls, puzzles), crafts, books, blankets, doonas, clean clothing, etc.
- Tools in working order.

**If so, our Parish Fete is fast approaching on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September and we are in need of your donations to sell at the fete. Other items that can be donated are:**

- Nonperishable food such as canned fruit & veg, pasta, rice, biscuits, snack foods, spreads, dried fruit, Cereals, wine, cordials, drinks (always check expire date).
- Gift cards

**There are baskets located at the back of the church for donated items to be placed into.**

**\* Thanks to those who have already donations items \***

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Vincent Sammut; Tualalesa Puletini Tuala; Leulua'i Tofiga Fa' afea; Damien; Sulpicio Jun Santelices Jr

### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

Fr Carl Ashton; Rita Schembri; Christina Rakic; Lourdes M.Mendiola; Blanche & Jimmy Tonks; Kiong Loc Teng; Lolita Perez; Modesta Delos Angeles; John Vella; George Hazelman; Crescenvina Monteiro; Pedro Mendania; Ernesto Aniceto Abat; Luzonica de Guzman; Patricia Dubier; Father of Antoinette Mifsud; Dazelle Duomo; Wally Kanzler; Pelenio & Emelia Perez Toledo; Freddy Farquharson; Vesna Marie; Iva Sabyie; Catherine Caruana; Carlos Villanueva' Alyssandra Villanueva; Doloros Starcic; Vince Zammit; Albert Antown; Virgen Antown; Eddie Llave; Danilo Castro; Estrella Castro.

**death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.**



## SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

14th July 2024



### From Deacon Rod's Desk

#### Called and Sent

Our very familiarity with the great figures of the Bible - Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Peter, Paul - causes us to regard these figures with a certain reverence. Larger than life, each seems to fill his hallowed niche naturally and deservedly. But when we read the biblical text carefully, we could well ask, 'Why did God call him?' None of them was great or noteworthy when called. In fact, each was rather ordinary.

Take the case of Amos in this Sunday's first reading. Here he is - a relative nobody - standing in one of the royal sanctuaries of the King of Israel, confronting the chief priest there. According to his own description, Amos is a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees. The latter job is clearly a seasonal occupation.

Clearly, the King of Moab is no poor, rootless shepherd. Which leaves us puzzled about Amos: was he a migrant worker? an average shepherd? a wealthy sheep owner? We don't know, nor is it important. Amos tells us what he thinks is important: he was not a professional prophet. He did not earn his bread hawking God's word, as it were; he earned his livelihood by working a regular job. What authorised him to come to the King's shrine to speak seditious words was the call of God.

And this is the point: Amos is not called because he was great; **he is great because he was called**. Or more precisely, he is great because he responded to the call and did as God commanded. God called him for a purpose: 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Those whom God calls, God also sends on a mission. In just this way those whom Jesus called - none of them great, famous, or powerful when they were called - are also sent. Their eventual greatness lies in their fidelity to the mission of Jesus.

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday**      **6.00 pm**      **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

**Sunday**      **7.30 am & 9.00am**

**Weekday Masses & Communion Service (CS)**

Monday      9:10am      **Saint Bonaventure (CS)**  
Tuesday      9.10 am      Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday      7.00pm      Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Thursday\_      9.10 am      Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Friday      9:10am      Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Saturday      9.10am      Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Saturday:      5.00-5.30 PM

**Confessions**

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**Teresa Samuels**

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**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By arrangement only

**Sacred Heart Primary School: [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt](https://sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au)**

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**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

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

| <b>Readers</b>   | <b>6.00pm</b>                      | <b>7.30am</b>                     | <b>9.00am</b>                     |
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| <b>13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b> | Jeric Salazar<br>Luisito Villapana | Joaquim Mendes<br>Vinod Nagarajan | Aloysius Wong<br>Matthias Wong    |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July</b><br><b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b> | Herminia Villarica<br>Edna Gemzon  | Phil Tonks<br>Elijah Merjudio     | Leo Macatangay<br>Mary Zore       |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b> | Pio Vergara<br>Gloria Cardoza      | Thomas Merjudio<br>Joaquim Mendes | Agnes Polu<br>Fadi Antown         |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b> | Jeric Salazar<br>Luisito Villapana | Vinod Nagarajan<br>Phil Tonks     | Mark Buhagiar<br>Bethany Buhagiar |

**CHRYSALIS  
LAW GROUP**

**WILLS, POWER OF ATTORNEY, ENDURING  
GUARDIANSHIP, ADVANCED HEALTH CARE &  
DIRECTIVE  
FRANCIS ALPHONSE  
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**Sydney Alliance Renters Forum: 24 July**

*The Sydney Alliance and the Tenants' Union of NSW in partnership with the NSW Rental Commissioner will be organising a face-to-face forum to listen to the perspective of renters around access to and quality of rental properties, cost of living, energy and climate resistance. The forum will be held on Wednesday 24 July at the Blacktown Senior Citizens Centre from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Please register via <https://events.humanitix.com/renters-forum-sydney-northwest>*

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### UPCOMING THIS WEEK:

#### **Holy Hour for Vocations: 19 July**

Holy join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown with Fr Tom Green on Friday 19 July from 6.30pm, followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email galbert.albino@parracatholic.org

#### **Jesuit Refugee Services Refugee Showcase Evening: 19 July**

*In the spirit of Refugee Week, please join us for a special event featuring a showcase by leaders with lived experience from the JRS Australia Refugee Leadership Program. The event will be held on Friday 19 July in the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall from 6pm. Attendance is free, and all are welcome. An optional \$30 donation is available for those able to contribute. RSVP to secure your place at <https://events.humanitix.com/refugee-week>*

**If you would like to discover more of what is happening in our Diocese, visit <https://parracatholic.org> for all Diocesan news and upcoming events**



**CHURCH CLEANING:  
20<sup>th</sup> July  
Samoan Community**

#### **ACBC Absent from the Table Survey**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass. The survey, for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday, is anonymous and will close on 20 August. The survey and information about the project can be found at <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

#### **Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11 August**

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. Thankyou for getting #Active4Vocations



**Calling all Parish musicians and members of our parish communities who create slides and booklets for our masses.** Mr Eric Grella will be holding a workshop on THE IMPORTANCE OF COPYRIGHT. Bring all your questions to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on 30 July or to St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on 1 August at 7pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship> or email [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org).

#### **Peace, Justice and Ecology Table Talk – Housing for Everyone: 3 August**

Many people in our communities struggle to find a home, due to high prices to rent or buy, lack of availability, or lack of social housing. At this Diocesan Table Talk, you are invited to hear and discuss inspiring stories from people affected and insightful information from an expert: 3 August 2024 from 7pm – 9:30pm (after Mass) at The Good Shepherd Parish, 130-136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton. Light dinner will be included. Please register at [tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24](https://tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24)