Parish Notices:

- 1. Names of those with anniversaries occurring in August can be added to the memorial book located at the back of the church
- 2. Mass for the Devotion of the Two Hearts will be on Friday 2nd August at 7pm
- 3. New EFPTOS machine for 1st and 2nd 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. 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.
- 5. Registration for the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion are open.
- 6. Save the date! Bethany Pilgrimage Saturday 7th September 2024. Ladies 18+ are invited to participate in a walking pilgrimage from OLOR Parish (St Mary's) visiting four parishes along the way (including Sacred Heart Parish) and returning to OLOR. Theme is "Joys of Our Lady". More details to come.

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 in fast approaching on the 15th 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; Leonie Baybay.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bishop Kevin Manning DD; Jovencio R Linguete; Giuseppe Silvestri; Robert John Byrne; pansy Leah Sheen; 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 Farguharson; Vesna Marie; Iva Sabyie; Catherine Caruana; Carlos

Villanueva' Alyssandra Villanueva; Doloros Starcic; Vince Zammit; Albert Antown; Virgen Antown; Eddie Llave; Danilo Castro; Estrella Castro, David & Elizabeth Portelli; Jose Santa Ana;

Ronaldo Vitug; Tony Aisbett; Pansy Pereira; Sheila Glennon; Teodoro Vergara



SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

28th July 2024



From Deacon Rod's Desk. Bread and Fish

The people are fed with bread and fish. John specifies barley loaves. Barley was the most common grain after wheat. It manages to survive extreme heat, as well as water shortages, much better than wheat. Moreover, it ripens in less time. Since the feast of Passover coincides with the barley harvest, the presence of barley loaves in this story makes plausible sense.

The Greek word for "fish" here derives from another word that means "food that is cooked and eaten with bread." The idea is that the fish is not fresh but already prepared, or, more correctly, processed. Rabbinic sources indicate that fish were processed for preservation and transportation in a variety of forms: cured, pickled, salted, or dried. And wine would sometimes be mixed in with fish-brine. In John's story, the fish are most likely dried or preserved.

Scholars wonder why Jesus should single out Philip to ask, "where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" Philip indicates that he is not unaware of the challenge because in his experienced judgment, two hundred days' wages couldn't buy enough loaves to feed the crowd. Philip was from Bethsaida, which was the capital of Gaulanitis. Located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, the village's name means "fishing village" (Mk 6:45). Therefore, if this scene takes place in Bethsaida (as Luke suggests), then Philip is exactly the one to ask. He would be most familiar with local conditions.

Background information about synagogue lectionaries, local geography, and food and fish help contemporary believers to appreciate how much they need to know about ancient culture in order to begin to interpret the Scripture respectfully.

PARISH FETE: SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2024 from 10am till 3pm. Book in your diaries and tell your friends.

Sunday Masses Saturday 6.00 pm 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses & Communion Service (CS)

Monday 9:10am **Saints Martha, Mary & Lazerus** (CS) Tuesday 9.10 am Tues 17th Week in Ordinary Time (CS)

Wednesday 7.00pm St Ignatius of Loyola

Thursday 9.10 am **St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori**Friday 9:10am Fri 17th Week in Ordinary Time (CS)

Saturday 9.10am **St Dominic** (CS)

Confessions Saturday: 5.00-5.30 PM

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

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Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has

visited his people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
20 th /21 st July	Pio Vergara	Thomas Merjudio	Agnes Polu
16 th Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza	Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown
27 th /28 th July	Luisito Villapana	Phil Tonks	Mark Buhagiar
17 th Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica	Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar
3 rd /4 th August	Edna Gemzon	Thomas Merjudio	Jovita Bugayong
18 th Sunday in OT	Jeric Salazar	Joaquim Mendes	Mary Zore
10 th /11 th August	Pio Vergara	Phil Tonks	Jovita Bugayong
19 th Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio	Fadi Antown



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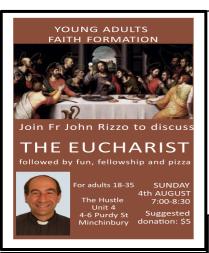
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COLLECT YOUR PLAN GIVING ENVELOPE

Please take your plan giving Envelopes from the back of the church. Sign on the list if you have taken it.

For new parishioners please take the next vacant number available, write your name and phone number so that we can identify you when you give your donation.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES





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



Sacrament of First HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 20th October 2024 11am MASS

Sacrament of Penance: Sat 12 October @ 5pm



BISHOP KEVIN MANNING FUNERAL DETAILS

The funeral Mass for Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, will be held on Friday **2 August at 11am** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel. A vigil service will be held [information will be provided in coming days]. Bishop Manning will then be interred on Monday 5 August in Coolah, NSW. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly

life. To register your attendance, please visit parracatholic.org/bishopmanning.

MET Worship Serving at the Altar Seminar: 3 August The Office for Worship are hosting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) on "Back to Basics of Serving at the Altar" on Saturday 3 August from 9.30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Chris Ohlsen will present the seminar, which will revisit some of the basic principles in serving at the altar. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 31 July, please contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

Glenbrook Parish Universal Sisterhood Women's Retreat 17 August

Universal Sisterhood is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday 17 August from 8.45am to 5.15pm at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. This retreat is open to all women 18+ who want to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and are searching for an authentic relationship with the Lord and with other like-minded women. Registration is \$100. To register, please visit:

https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1171377. All enquiries, call 0403 962 181.