

## Parish Notices:

1. A meeting for the upcoming Parish Fete will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 10am in the Fr Ashton Hall. All store holders and volunteers involved in the day are encouraged to attend.
2. Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm in the Schoenstatt room.
3. A Novena will be held from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health. Please see flyer for further details.
4. Registration for the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion are open. Please take a Sacrament of Initiation enquiry form from the back of the church. Forms are also available by emailing [mountdruitsouth@parracatholic.org](mailto:mountdruitsouth@parracatholic.org)
5. If you know of a business/shops/school near you, where they can advertise our upcoming Fete, please take a poster from the back of the church.
6. The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal will be held on the weekend of the 31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September.

## The countdown is on, with less than 1 month until our Parish Fete!

*A last call out for any last-minute donations of the following;*

- Glassware, chinaware, dinner sets etc.
- New toys (trucks, dolls, puzzles), crafts, books, blankets, doonas, clean clothing, etc.
- Tools in working order.
- 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; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario; Mila Moser; Dalveno Bronsan; Leonie Baybay

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bishop Kevin Manning DD; Jovencio R Linguete; Giuseppe Silvestri; Robert John Byrne; Dorothea Leah Sheen; Vincent Sammut; Tualalesa Puletini Tuala; Leulua'i Tofiga Fa' afea; Damien; Sulpicio Jun Santelices Jr.

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary & Anatolio Plan; Rita Hawkins; Manuel Tionloc; Mariano Funelas SR; Julia Salazar; Vincent Sant; Frank Healy; Jaime Bal; Trevor John Hune; Reynaldo Villarica SNR; Gloria Fraser; Yvonne Turner; Giovanni Palmeri; Francesca Monteleone; Girolamo Palmeri; Dorotea Palmeri; Calogero Monteleone; Gerardo Gonzales; Stephanie Francis; Fransisco & Mario; Landy Hoyek; Beato Ave Ariel; Luis Sr; Julia Gutiza Ching; Jose Sr/JR Loretta Vidal; Cordovilla Descalzo; Johnes Aycardo; Uyang Asiselo Justuna; Feliza Perfecto; Ophelia D. Yu Cristobal; Luisa, Natividad Martin Buendia; Rosita Remy; Renato Olivia ;Suan Ferras; Maria & Louis Pereira; Gerry & Alex Monteiro; Fred Sunbun Kerwin; Fedelino Tenorio Biscocho; Adora Anonnevo Batarao; Jolanda Pavlovic; Carmen Buttigieg; Marcelina Vergara; Agapito De Leon; Allan Samuels; Lourdes & Rodogilio Jalandria.

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





## SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

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

**18th August 2024**



### **From Deacon Rod's Desk.**

#### **The Eucharist, the Ambiguity of Bread and Wine.**

Bread and wine are ambiguous, both in life and in the Eucharist. On the one hand, bread is perhaps our primary symbol for food, health, nourishment, and community: Give us this day our daily bread! Let us break bread together! Bread is a symbol for life and coming together.

Few things speak as wonderfully about life as does the smell of fresh bread. The fragrance of fresh bread is the smell of life itself! Yet there is another story to bread. Out of what is bread made? Kernels of wheat that had to be crushed in their individuality to become something communal, flour, which then had to endure fire to be baked into the substance that gives off the smell of life. Bread must be baked too in a fierce heat. Bread then speaks of both joy and pain.

Wine too speaks in this double way: On the one hand, it is a festive drink, perhaps our foremost symbol for celebration. Wine has nothing to do with basic nourishment or necessity. It is not a protein needed for health, but an extra that speaks of what lies beyond the hard business of making and sustaining a living. Wine speaks of friendship, community, celebration, joy, recreation, victory. We celebrate everything, not least of all love, with wine. But, like bread, wine has another side: Of what is wine made? Crushed grapes. Individual grapes are crushed, and their very blood becomes the substance out of which ferments this warm, festive drink. No wonder Jesus chose it to represent his blood. It is helpful to keep this ambiguity in mind whenever we participate in the Eucharist. Bread and wine are held up to be blessed by God and to become the flesh and blood of Christ, and they are held up precisely in their ambiguity. On the one hand they represent everything in life and in the world that is healthy, young, beautiful, bursting with energy, and full of colour. The Eucharist too gives off the smell of fresh bread.

But that's the half of it. The Eucharist also holds up, in sacrifice, all that is being crushed, broken, and baked by violence. The wine, fittingly, is also blood. At the Eucharist, we hold up both, the world's health and its achievements along with its depressions and failures and ask God to be with us in both.

What we see in the Eucharist, the goodness and joy of life and the pains and shortcomings of that same life, is the same tension that we need to hold up each day within our ordinary lives. In John's Gospel, water becomes wine and wine becomes blood and blood and water both eventually flow out of the pierced side of Jesus. That happens too in the Eucharist, and it happens in our lives. The task is to hold them both in our hands, as happens at Eucharist, and then offer them up to God.

**Sunday Masses** **Saturday 6.00 pm 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**  
**Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am**  
**Weekday Masses & Communion Service (CS)**

Monday 9:10am Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (CS)  
 Tuesday 9.10 am **Saint Bernard**  
 Wednesday 7.00pm **Saint Pius X (CS)**  
 Thursday 9.10 am **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Friday 9:10am Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (CS)  
 Saturday 9.10am **Saint Bartholomew**

**Confessions:** Saturday: 5.00-5.30 PM  
**Pastoral Director:** **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**  
**Resident Priest:** **Fr Marcus Hazelman**  
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**Parish Chairperson:** **Teresa Samuels**  
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**Baptisms & Weddings:** By arrangement only  
**Sacred Heart Primary School:** [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South \(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au\)](http://SacredHeartPrimarySchool|MtDruittSouth.sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au) Tel: 9625 8733

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your eyes O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat this bread and drink my blood live in me and I live in them says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> August 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	Pio Vergara Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Leo Macatangay Agnes Polu
24/25 <sup>th</sup> August 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in OT	Luisito Villapana Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Matthias Wong Aloysius Wong
30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> August 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Phil Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> September 23rd	Luisito Villapana Hermina Vilarica	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong



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**Luddenham-Warragamba Parish**  
**Youth Connect evening: 18 August**  
**Sacred Heart Parish,**  
**hosted by the Youth Mission Team at Holy Family Church,**  
**Luddenham from 6pm to 8pm. For more information or to register call**  
**Alicja on 0438 776 945. Light meal provided.**

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

If you have not already taken a raffle ticket book to sell now is the time!

**LOOK** at the great prizes up for grabs...

Price: 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5 or 1 booklet for \$30

### Prizes

- 1st: Captain Cook Sunset Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise for 4 people
- 2nd: Reni's Bar & Grill \$200 voucher
- 3rd: Coles Grocery \$150 voucher
- 4th: City Cave Sauna + Float

### **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 our Parish** and returning to OLOR. Register at- [www.trybooking.com/CTRME](http://www.trybooking.com/CTRME)

### **ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement Launch: 20 August**

All are warmly invited to attend the official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday 20 August from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Please RSVP your attendance via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>



Last Sunday, **17 Holy Spirit Seminarians, priests, and parishioners from the Diocese of Parramatta** pounded the pavement in the 14km **City2Surf**. Thanks to you, our faith community, for so generously supporting their efforts to raise awareness of priestly vocations and funds to support or seminarians' spiritual development. If you haven't had a chance to spur them on their path to the priesthood, please scan the QR code or donate @ [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations).

### **Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church**

On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality)

### **Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr Chris del Rosario: October 2024**

**Final few places are available** to join Fr Christopher del Rosario on a breathtaking pilgrimage on the footsteps of some of Italy's most well-known saints. Follow their paths etched into our faith heritage, from the great Christian centre of Rome to sacred towns made famous by Padre Pio, St Francis, St Clare, St Catherine and St Anthony. Pilgrimage commences 21 October 2024. For more details, visit [www.harvestjournneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/](http://www.harvestjournneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/).



**CHURCH CLEANING: 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST -SAMOAN COMMUNITY**

