

## **Parish Notices:**

1. Your last chance to promote our fete. If you have not already taken a **bundle of Fete flyers** to letterbox drop around your street, please do so. There is a list at the back of the church, put your name and write the street/s that you can letterbox drop at. **THANKYOU!**
2. Please return sold raffle tickets with collected money to the nominated containers near the back and side door of church. **THANKYOU**
3. **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September Mass** will be held at **6pm** for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health & The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary. This Mass does not replace the regular Sunday Mass. This is an extra Mass for this Feast.
4. **Thank you to everyone** who donated to the Bishop's Father's Day appeal. **Our Parish raised \$916**



## **1 WEEK TO GO - ITS FETE TIME!**

**It's not too late to get involved on our Parish Fete!**

**Some ways you can get involved are:**

1. Donate plants for the plant store
2. Get into the kitchen and get baking! We need donations for our cake store- please label all with all ingredients for possible allergies.
3. We need volunteers from 10am-1pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> ( the day before the Fete) to help setup. Please wear closed in shoes.
4. We will have many culture food stalls at the fete – chat with your respective cultural coordinator to ask how you can assist by preparing food prior to the fete
5. Be vigilant on the day for any behaviours of children and/or adults that are concerning or unacceptable.
6. Volunteer to be a store helper
6. Bring your family, friends and some money and come and have a fun day !
7. Last and certainly not least, pray for the success of the fete!

### **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:**

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; Anthony Giaquinto.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Godofredo Gonzales; Felix Prudenile Jr; Bernabe Funelas Sr; Felise Laugutu Faleono; Maxima Gemzon; Juan Castro; Gregoria Castro; Ester Abelardo; Andrew Gove; Verginia Sant; Basilia Chua; Victor Hawkins



# SACRED HEART PARISH

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**23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)      8th September 2024**



## **The Mute Will Sing**

The passage from Isaiah 35, is the perfect First Reading to prepare us to understand Mark's account of Jesus healing the deaf-mute of Decapolis. Mark's choice of a rare word to describe the man's speech impediment, "*mogilalos*" ("mute, incapable of speech"), demonstrates that he wants us to remember Isaiah 35 when we read his account of this healing. That word appears only twice in the whole Bible: in the passage from Isaiah quoted above (Isa 35:6, Greek version) and in this account of Mark.

This narrative is a parade example of the way all the evangelists view the accounts of Jesus' healing, that is, from two perspectives:

- (1) They describe Jesus' healing the physically disabled, and
- (2) they also symbolize the power of the risen Lord to heal from spiritual blindness, lameness, deafness, and muteness.

Mark's context helps us understand both of these dimensions. The symbolic dimension in this Sunday's Gospel (healing from spiritual deafness and muteness) comes in the next chapter, at Mk 8:17-18, where Jesus asks his disciples, "Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear?" This is followed immediately by the healing of blind Bartimaeus.

Persons who are born deaf rarely learn to speak, and then only with great difficulty. It is not hard to catch Mark's application of this experience to the life of faith. The summons to the life of faith usually comes through a word that is heard. Proper hearing of that word requires healing from spiritual deafness, being freed up to receive the message fully and deeply. That reception, in turn, enables us to communicate to others what we have heard. It is difficult to speak unless we hear.

There is probably no time in our life when we should not ask for the healing of the blindness of our hearts. It is likely, too, that any time is a good one to ask the risen Lord to bless us with the prayer, "ephphatha" ("be opened!"). The better we can hear the Gospel, the better we can speak it.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FOR THE FEAST OF



**OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH  
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September*

**6PM Mass with Fr Neil**

followed by the Rosary & Novena  
and a light supper

(please bring a plate of food to share)

**Please note: This Mass does not replace the regular Sunday Mass**

**Young Adult Faith Formation sessions** continue on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is Fr Tom Green who will talk about and lead discussion on How not to be a proselytizer. 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 0477004678.

**Winbourne The Aramaic Lord's Prayer Reflection Day: 28 September**

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on 'The Aramaic Lord's Prayer' on Saturday 28 September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Returning to what Jesus said is a truly enlightening and prayerful experience. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org)

**Positions Vacant:**

**Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.**

**Parish Secretary – Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere.**

**Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta –**

**Applications close 25 September**

**Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund**

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. Please scan this code or visit <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>. Applications close 18 October



**Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 September**

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields on Friday 20 September 7pm to 8pm. Deacon Menard Gaspi will be leading adoration and giving a short talk about vocations to the priesthood. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. Join us afterwards for refreshments. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9626 3326 or email [parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au)



**CHURCH CLEANING: Jerry & Glory**

