

# It's Fete Time - Come One, Come All!

Our Parish fete is this SUNDAY! 10am-3pm

Offering a day filled with fun, food and fellowship. Enjoy delicious multicultural food, raffles with loads of great prizes, various stalls selling a range of items from homewares to plants with a jumping castle and face painting for the children. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with friends and family as we come together to build a Parish community who cares for each other.

- The safety of all on this day is our top priority.
- Please supervise your children at all times and if you see anything that needs attention please notify someone working in the stalls or Deacon Roderick.
- Please know where the First Aid stand is, should it be required.
- Eftpos is available at the following stalls; sausage sizzle, Filipino food, Samoan Food & cake/coffee stand. Eftpos is also available at the central point where you can purchase "credit voucher" to use at all other stalls instead of cash.
- We require helpers to stay behind after the fete finishes at 3pm to help pack up stalls and clean up the grounds
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**HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AT THE FETE!**

## Parish Notices:

1. The Spring 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available. Please take your copy from the back of the church.
2. **Financial Audit for financial year ending 2024; Total income \$196,436.00, total expenditure \$130,281, net profit \$66,155.**

## **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; Cynch Velecina

### **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 SR; Irene Britto; Jesus Alvarez- Gonzales; Purisima Acuna Africa; Mosilyn Farquharson; Vincent Nio.



# SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT



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**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)      15th September 2024**

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

### **Mediterranean Personality**

In the Middle East, people are urged to focus primarily on the family and forge their identity according to the family. Simon Peter is known as son of Jonah; Jesus is the carpenter's or Mary's son. Middle Easterners depend upon the family for everything. Indeed, the rule is "take care of family first." People in these cultures always feel the need of forming a coalition to achieve anything. No one dares to dream of personal initiative.

A Western person who hears these biblical exhortations to take up one's cross and deny oneself generally initiates a personal and individual plan of asceticism and penitential behaviours. The Mediterranean person who hears these same exhortations, like Jesus' immediate disciples and his medieval disciple Francis of Assisi, will sever ties with blood relatives but seek to join another group. Mediterranean people simply cannot exist without a group of one kind or another.

By leaving his family and village and travelling from place to place (Mk 1:38), Jesus effectively rejected the honour ascribed to him by birth (Mk 6:1-6). His teaching and healing activities and other behaviour deviated from what his culture might expect from someone of his origins.

Summoning twelve followers (Mk 3:13-19), Jesus created a new fictive family group around himself. Then Jesus redefined the family by asserting, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Mk 3:31-35). The questions Jesus poses to his followers in today's Gospel (Mk 8:27-30) are an effort to learn his new honour status both among the general public and among his new kin. The answer (Messiah) reconfirms his status and authority to proclaim the reign of God.

Against this background, Jesus' exhortation to sever ties with other groups and become loyally attached to him and his group is powerfully impressive.

***Abstracts of article by John J. Pilch***

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday**    **6.00 pm**    **24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

**Sunday**      **7.30 am & 9.00am**

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

Monday      9:10am    **Saint Cornelius and Cyprian ( M ) (CS)**  
Tuesday      9.10 am    Tues 24th Week in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday    7.00pm    Wed 24th in Ordinary Time (CS)  
Thursday\_    9.10 am    Thurs 24th Week in Ordinary Time  
Friday      9:10am    **Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong  
Hasang & companions ( M ) (CS)**  
Saturday      9.10am    **Saint Matthew (CS)**

**Confessions:**    Saturday:    On request 5.30-5.45 PM

**Pastoral Director:**    **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

**Resident Priest:**      **Fr Marcus Hazelman**

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**Parish Chairperson:**    **Teresa Samuels**

**Parish Secretary:**      **Donna Gauci (Wed & Thurs Only)**

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**Baptisms & Weddings:**    By arrangement only

**Sacred Heart Primary School:** [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt  
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Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people in Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T</b>	Pio Vergara	Phil Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
<b>21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T</b>	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong
<b>28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T</b>	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
<b>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T</b>	Edna Gemzon Wendy Farquharson	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong



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**Preparation Lessons for the  
Sacraments of Penance & First Holy  
Communion-**  
**Sacred Heart School- Wednesdays-**  
**3:15pm- 18<sup>th</sup> September & 16<sup>th</sup>  
October**  
**Fr Ashton Hall- Saturdays-4pm-28<sup>th</sup>  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October**

## DIocese OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

for all diocese news visit -[www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)

### 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)

### From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am with You Always

"Our journey has only just begun. As we move forward, we endeavour to institutionalise best practice in communal discernment, decision making and governance, which would enhance the authority of the ordained and the rightful participation of the faithful..." – Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv (Pg. 4, 'Behold, I am with you always' Pastoral Plan).

Read more and share in our diocesan vision at [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).

### Positions Vacant:

- Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.
- Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta
  - Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 3 October More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

Welcome to

*Alicia Caroline Fraser*

who was

Baptised into our

Parish

community on

the 7<sup>th</sup> September

### Campion College Early Christianity Symposium

27 – 28 September

Campion College is delighted to announce an upcoming symposium, "Shepherd at the Crossroads: Converging Traditions in Early Christianity," to be held on September 27-28, 2024, at the college campus in Toongabbie. Two-day tickets are available for \$120 per person while a one-day ticket will cost \$70 per person. Concession pricing is available. To purchase tickets and learn more about the event, visit <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/early-christianity->

### MET Worship Ministry to the Sick and Dying Formation: 19 October

Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying in the Diocese of Parramatta?

If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 19 October from 9.30am - 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October, please contact Hannah on [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>



**CHURCH CLEANING: Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala**

