

PARISH NOTICES

1. CONGRATULATIONS to Gloria Akok from Sacred Heart Primary who has been awarded 1st place in Category A by the Judges in the 2024 Diocese of Parramatta Kids Voices Art Competition. Congratulations to Tuil Tuil also from Sacred Heart Primary who has been awarded an encouragement award. *View Gloria's and Tuil's art work at the back of the church.*
2. Evaluation of 2024 Parish Fete- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to giving constructive feedback on the fete. If you would like to offer your feedback and service for next year's fete, you can email the parish at moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org or speak to Theresa Samuels or Deacon Roderick.
3. If you would like to order a copy of the 2025 Daily Mass Book by Liturgy Publications, please write your name on the list at the back of the church. The cost is \$28.00 each.
4. **Friday 4th October-** 1st Friday of the Month. Extra mass at **7pm** followed by Devotion of the two Hearts.
5. **Saturday 5th October** -Sacrament of the Sick will take place at the morning mass at **9:10am**
6. **Sunday 6th October**-Devotion of the Divine Mercy **3pm** in the church.
7. Preparation Lessons for the Sacraments of Penance & First Holy Communion:
Sacred Heart Primary School - Wednesday 3:15pm- 16th October (last session)
Fr Ashton Hall - Saturdays 4pm - 5th, 12th & 19th October.

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; Betty Masilang.

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; Mariano Bunag; Raymond Hawkins; Stephen Wilding; Gregoria Batarao; Teodoro Batarao; Felomena Mendania; Meding & Loyocer; Matez Kozumplk; Jiri Kozumplk; Irwin Lobo.



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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 29th September 2024

From Deacon Rod's desk.....

Psychic Surgery?

Jesus' teaching turns from the complaint to the complainer, the petulant Joshua or John within us all, as if to say, "If you want to practice some decisive exclusion, attend to yourself. Instead of cutting people out of the action, maybe you have some personal cutting to attend to." Jesus communicates this idea in some famously stark images: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire."

We do not like the picture, but who could argue with the general principle? We act on it all this time in the world of health care. Better to amputate the gangrenous member than to mortally infect the whole body. Better to cut through the abdominal wall and repair the hernia than to risk infection from a strangulated intestine. But how does this principle apply to the life of discipleship? Is Jesus really advocating cutting off hand or foot or plucking out the eye? Nothing in his healing ministry suggests this. But there is a workable principle here: be decisive, even radical, in your choices, when it comes to your journey toward the reign of God.

For example, in the context of the Christian covenant, commitment to a spouse means you need to cut off any other sexual relationship. If alcohol is addictive for you, drop it entirely. If the television threatens to vitiate normal family communication, put it out of the living room. If the job compromises your conscience, and the boss will not hear of any changes of policy, maybe you need to quit.

If today's Gospel reading seems to join very diverse and disconnected sayings, they may come together like this: we are challenged to be inclusive with regard to people we perceive as encroaching "outsiders" (be brother to the other; sister to the visitor). At the same time, we are encouraged to take some of our instinct for decisive exclusion and address it to aspects of our lives that may need that kind of radical surgery if our life with God is to be preserved and enhanced.

Extract by Dennis Hamm, SJ (St Louis Jesuits Website)

Sunday Masses **Saturday** **6.00 pm** **26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am**

Weekday Masses & Communion Service (CS)

Monday 9:10am **Saint Jerome**(M) (CS)
Tuesday 9.10 am **Saint Therese of the Child Jesus** (M)
Wednesday 7.00pm **The Holy Guardian Angels** (CS)
Thursday_ 9.10 am Thurs 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday 9:10am **Saint Francis of Assisi**
 7.00pm Mass followed by Devotion of Two Hearts
Saturday 9.10am Sat 26th Week in Ordinary Time (CS)

Confessions: Saturday: On request 5.30-5.45 PM

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

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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: All that you have done to us O'Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! Your word O Lord is truth: make us holy in the truth . Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant O'Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
28th/29th September 26th Sunday in O/T	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
5th/6th October 27th Sunday in O/T	Edna Gemzon Wendy Farquharson	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
12th/13th October 28th Sunday in O/T	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Phil Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
19th/20th October 29th Sunday in O/T	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Leo Macatangay Aloysius Wong



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World Day of Migrants & Refugees: 29 September

This Sunday, Catholics around the world celebrate the annual World Day of Migrants & Refugees (WDMR). The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year is **“God Walks with His People”**. The Church throughout the world walks with the most vulnerable, with those in whom she encounters the Risen One. You can access inspiring resources coming from the Vatican and the “Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office”, including a message from Pope Francis and a beautiful WDMR song, at linktr.ee/met.pje

“...God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation. .. Pope Francis

St Marys St Clair Parish menALIVE Retreat Weekend: 12 – 13 October

The Men’s ministry groups of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys and Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair-Erskine Park, invite men of all ages to attend the upcoming menALIVE weekend on 12-13 October at the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, St Marys. The weekend will feature talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect. Cost is \$50. To register, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1265196>. For enquiries, please contact Steve Buhagiar (St Marys) on 0415 600 290 or Vasco Gil (St Clair) 0414 396 643.

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 13th October 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is Christian Stephens who will talk about and lead discussion on **Is Evolution Compatible with Faith?** 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 0477 004 678.

Catholic Care Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day commemoration: 15 October

To commemorate Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Day, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains and White Lady Funerals are holding a memorial service on Tuesday 15 October from 11am at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to place a plant in memory of your loved one in the Garden of Remembrance. Please RSVP to Lisa on 0439 917 129 or Christy at White Lady Funerals 02 4731 4385.

Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 27th October at 11am. Couples and their families invited to a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall after Mass. Please register attendance by 20th October at Marriage@parracatholic.org or phone 8838 3460



CHURCH CLEANING 28th September: Samoan Community

