

# PARISH NOTICES

1. Faith Formation for Adults. The University of Notre Dame Australia presents a series of short courses. Join us in Fr Asthon Hall via a group zoom to learn more about Jesus and His Church; to study; to discuss and to ask questions. Third session will be held on THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30pm -8.45pm. FREE for parishioners.

2. The 2024 Catholic Mission Church Appeal is on this weekend 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not already, please take a donation envelope from the pews and return next weekend.



***Congratulations to all the children who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday.***

*Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.*

**Safeguarding Corner:** For volunteers of our parish - Is your safeguarding training up to date? Renewal training (Cycle 2) is to be completed 2 years after your first initial training (cycle 1) If you are unsure about when your renewal is due, please call the office or email: [mountdruitsouth@parracatholic.org](mailto:mountdruitsouth@parracatholic.org).

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

**SICK:** Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario; Mila Moser; Dalveno Bronsan; Leonie Baybay

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Sulpicio Jun Santelices Jr; Anthony Giaquinto; Cynch Velecina; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida.

### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Elejo Chua; Geoffrey Wilding; Diosdado Bela Cruz; Rodela Valencia Mijarus; Harry McLeod; Dominica Francis; Ravello Tomale; Mamita Tomale; Estilita Dela Sala; Guilrarmo Dela Sala; Amado Montes; Damon Dela Sala; Bozica Bukovac; Marie Novak; Frantisek Pavlicek; Arsenia Domingo Jayier; Catalino Baldivia; Robert Dacey; Imelda Christopher; Viki Taula; Enrique Bondoc; Daniel Quijada; Stefonia Zore; Sister Magdalena; Sister Virginia; Sister Elinda Abueg; Naty llave; Rob Hillerman; John Bell; Mother Maria Margolan; Mother Maria Lintgard; Mother Maria Caronation; Mervyn Murray; Mother Maria Reina; Mother Mary Paz; Plaridel Delos Angeles; Consoncia, Casagon; Mariano Bunga.



## SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT



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**29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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

#### **Jesus, Lay High Priest**

Jesus was a layman. In his public ministry he did not present himself as a priest, nor would anyone has taken him for a priest. Priests, *kohenim*, came from the tribe of Levi. They were the Sadducees up at the Jerusalem Temple, the ones who performed the sacrifices, and from whom a new high priest was appointed each year. The high priest was the only one who could enter the Holy of Holies, once a year, to mediate for the whole people of Israel on the Day of Atonement.

Jesus was not one of those priests. And yet Jesus is the only one among his group (teacher and disciples) to whom the name "priest" is applied in the New Testament. And this bold appellation occurs only in one document, the letter to the Hebrews, from which today's Second Reading is taken. In that document Jesus of Nazareth is called not simply priest but high priest. This is a powerful image which draws upon the Israelite institution of priesthood to make a profound assertion about Jesus as mediator of atonement.

Jesus' human experience of suffering puts him in full solidarity with humanity and especially qualifies him as mediator.

You can picture how the high priest functioned in the ritual for the Day of Atonement. The curtained-off, gilded, cube-shaped room at the western end of the sanctuary, the Holy of Holies, stood for heaven. The rest of the sanctuary was earth. In his annual move into the Holy of Holies with the blood of the Atonement sacrifices, the high priest was understood to be acting as a go-between for the community, mediating between the people and God and between God and the people. Spatially, his movement through the curtain from the one room to the other represented mediation between the heavenly and earthly realms.....

For, as the patristic writers never tired of repeating, being both human and divine qualified Jesus as the best possible mediator and reconciler between the human and the divine.

*(Extract from Dennis Hamm, SJ – St Louis Jesuits Liturgy website)*

**Sunday Masses**      **Saturday**    **6.00 pm**    **29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

**Sunday**      **7.30 am & 9.00am**

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

Monday      9:10am    Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday      9.10 am    Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday    7.00pm    Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (CS)  
Thursday      9.10 am    Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Friday      9:10am    Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time ( F)  
Saturday      9.10am    Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (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 South \(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au\)](http://SacredHeartPrimarySchool|MtDruittSouth(sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au))    Tel: 9625 8733

**Entrance Antiphon:** **To you I call; for you will surely hear me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** **Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia alleluia! The son of man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** **Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T</b>	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Leo Macatangay Aloysius Wong
<b>26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T</b>	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Phils Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Matthias Wong Agnes Polu
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup> Week in O/T</b>	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Mary Zore Fadi Antown
<b>9<sup>th</sup>/10 November</b> <b>32<sup>nd</sup> Week in O/T</b>	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Phils Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Jovita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar



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**Campion College Festival:**  
**26 October**

10am-4pm FREE entry  
Austin Woodbury Place,  
Toongabbie  
Market stalls, rides, car show, book sale & campus tours

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

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

Positions Vacant: Administration Assistant – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair – Applications close 31 October. For more details and for other positions available visit: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

### **THIS SUNDAY-20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER- Mt Schoenstatt Foundation Day and Crowning Jubilee:**

Join us as we celebrate Mt Schoenstatt's Foundation Day and Crowning Golden Jubilee on Sunday 20 October. The family festival will begin at 10.15am, with Mass celebrated at 11am followed by a procession to the Shrine. There will be BBQ, food stalls, jumping castle, face painting and more activities for the whole family. For more information, follow the Shrine on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa/>

### **30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER -Diocesan Delegation for Sydney Alliance Convention**

As a member of the Sydney Alliance, the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to be part of our delegation at the 2024 Sydney Alliance Convention. It will be an opportunity to come together from across faith-, community- and union-based organisations that reflect the diversity of Greater Sydney. The Convention will build momentum for affordable housing, clean energy, and action on climate ahead of the 2025 Federal Election: 30 October 2024, 6pm-8:45pm, Bowman Hall in Blacktown. Find out more and register online at [tinyurl.com/sa-convention24](http://tinyurl.com/sa-convention24)

### **20 NOVEMBER-MET Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture:**

You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 20 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### **9-10 NOVEMBER -Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 9-11 November, with future dates in February and May 2025. For further information and to register, visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au/](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au/)

### **Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office**

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).



**CHURCH CLEANING 26<sup>th</sup> October: Jerry & Glory**

