

PARISH NOTICES

1. **Thankyou to everyone who attended Carols under the Stars on Friday night. A joyous night was had by all.**
2. Please do not use the pews that have been taped off due to issues with the flooring in that space. Thankyou.
3. **On the 29th of December which is the Feast of the Holy Family, a newly renovated statue of St Joseph will be blessed and placed into the church before the 9am Mass.**
4. Thank you to all who have supported the Catholic Care's Houses to Homes through the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. We have now raised \$1415!
5. **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE Sumer Edition out now! Grab a copy from the back of the church.**



CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION & MASS TIMES



Reconciliation

Saturday 21ST December- 10-11am & 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 24th December -Christmas Eve-10-11am & 6-7pm

Reconciliation not available outside these times during this period.

Mass Times:

Tuesday 24th December- CHRISTMAS EVE

Carols 7pm and Mass 7:30pm & Chaldean Mass at 9:30pm

Wednesday 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass: 7:30am & 9am & Chaldean Mass at 11am

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:

Theresa Lobo; Sulpicio Jun Santelices Jr; Anthony Giaquinto; Cynch Velecina; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida; Norma Labrador; Nieves Arela Empleo
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Villarica; Gertrudes Dela Cruz; Epifania Salazar; Edilberto Salazar; Pacita Gonzales; Crescenlina & Jerry Monterio; Louis Pereira; Ivila Pilat; Lorenza Umbao; Jonny Mcleod; Gladly Heift; Ana Taateo; Peter Fia; Sheila Harrington; Librada Quijada; Doris Daly; Olive Daly; Clarence Daly; Gordon Hayden; Marie Heift; Letticia Murray; Francis Farquharson; Anthony Fernandez; Vivian Farquharson; Patrick Hamilton; Denis Rule; Mary Brunt Ah-Kau; Allysa Marie Cruz; Johnny Tan; Magdalena Puque.



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Third Sunday of Advent (C) 15th December 2024



From Deacon Rod's desk

Tough Joy

Preaching good news was first of all Isaiah's way of talking about the coming of God in power, when “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” The Baptist made it clear that the coming of God in the person of Jesus would mean good news to those whose lives were “fruitful” in ways that show repentance ... and bad news to those whose lives did not produce such fruit.

When questioned by the crowds as to what precisely “fruitful” living entailed, he replied concretely: don't cheat, don't extort, don't falsely accuse, be content with your wages, and share food and clothing.

And how is that good news? To paraphrase again: Under the reign of God, your life and what you do with it matter. Whatever your role—tax collector, soldier, butcher, baker—live it justly, and the world will be a better place, and your destiny will be not the trash heap but the granary.

At the end of the day, the liturgy's exhortation to rejoice has little to do with mood and much to do with waking up to the good news of the incarnation.

The way of life revealed in Jesus is both consoling and demanding. While most of us do not face exile or imprisonment, we do face the challenges of living justly and sharing with the needy.

Extract from Dennis Hamm, SJ article.

Sunday Masses Saturday 6.00 pm Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses & Communion Service (CS)

Monday 9:10am Mon of the third week of Advent (CS)
Tuesday 9.10 am Tues of the third week of Advent (M)
Wednesday 7.00pm Wed of the third week of Advent (CS)
Thursday 9.10 am Thurs of the third week in Advent (M)
Friday 9:10am Fri of the third week in Advent (M)
Saturday 9.10am Sat of the third week in Advent (M)

Confessions: Saturday: On request 5.30-5.45 PM

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out for joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
14th/15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Leo Macatangay Bethany Buhagiar
21st/22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Phil Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong
24th/25th December The Nativity of the Lord	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Matthias Wong Mary Zore
28th/29th December The Holy Family	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Phil Tonks Elijah Merjudio	Agnes Polu Fadi Antown



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Love Tenderly, as we accept all those who come to the Diocese of Parramatta from all walks of life, cultures and abilities.

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Christmas Mass Times around the Diocese

There are many ways to celebrate the Christmas Season across the Diocese. At parracatholic.org you can find Christmas and New Year Mass times, Reconciliation and Adoration Near Me, and Christmas Carols and Nativity plays. Go to: parracatholic.org/connect/find-a-mass/

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol, please take a flyer from the back of the church and return it to Deacon Rod .

MET Natural Fertility Creighton Model Introduction Session: 19 February

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore the Creighton Model Fertility *Care* System – a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. This free session will be held on Wednesday 19 February from 7:15-8:15pm via Zoom and is valued at \$125. To register or for more information, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

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.

THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF MT DRUITT

Invite you to a

Free Christmas Day Lunch

Don't spend Christmas Alone

25 DECEMBER 2024 from 11AM

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH HALL

11 EMERT PARADE EMERTON

RSVP-JOHN 0422 402 021/ mtd.christmas@gmail.com

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intentions for December

For pilgrims of hope

"We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope."



CHURCH CLEANING-21st December – Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala

