

PARISH NOTICES:

1. This Sunday is the Presentation of the Lord and the rites of blessing of candles. You are welcome to bring your candles from home to be blessed during the weekend Masses.
2. **Sunday 2nd February**-Devotion of the Divine Mercy -**3pm** in the church.
3. **Friday 7th February**- First Friday of the Month. Extra mass at **7pm** followed by Devotion of the Two Hearts.
4. Welcome to our Parish community Brad Dickinson who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on the 9th of February at 7:30am Mass.
5. Reconstruction work on the confessional will continue on the weekend of the 8th of February.
6. **10th February**- Pastoral council meeting in Schoenstatt room 7:30pm.
7. Two new air conditioner systems have been installed in the Fr Ashton Hall this week.
8. Repair work & painting commences on the 3rd of Feb to the outside of the office and Mt Schoenstatt room
9. Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 18th May. Registrations are now open. Please take a registration form from the back of the church and return to the Parish office.

PARISH PICNIC LUNCH- SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

BUNGARRIBEE PARK- Dyanmila Picnic

Starts at 11:30am - Please bring a plate of food to share

BYO drinks & picnic chairs/blankets (tables and chairs at shelter are limited)

Please write what type of food you plan to bring on the list at the back of the church

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK: Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario; Dalveno Bronsan; Leonie Baybay; Aida Aniscol; **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anthony Giaquinto; Cynch Velecina; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida; Norma Labrador; Nieves Arela Empleo; Wai Yee; Oliva Rodriguez; Cesar Dela Paz. **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Grace Tomacic; Wai Yee Wong; Virginia Hawkins; Corazon Bunag; William John Hardy; Beato & Ave Toledo; Luis Sr & Julia Gutiza Ching; Jose Sr/Jr Loreta Vidal C. Descal; Johnes Aycardo; David Newton & Sunand; Irene Frank & Anjela Barglik; Michael & Maria Paulinski; Emmanuel Mante & E. Nacua; Turi TeWhata; Analor Mendoza; Candida Funelas; Josef & Anna Melzer; Marjorie Tonks; Pedro Quntaoa Sr; Apolonio Dela Cruz; Eleseo Abelando; Gwendoline Barboza; Florence Andrews; Plaridez Delos Angeles; Owen Davoren; Ester Obra Blando; Promitivo Obra; Octavio Ferrer; Efren Ferrer; Octavino Ferrer; Paula E. SARmenta; Pioscoro Sarmenta; Juana Bringera; Alvin Bringera; Elpipio Bringera Sr; Eddie Llave; Helen Relevo; Armie Osbual; Oliva Galicia; Walter Roberts Snr; Espilita Roberts; Josef & Anna Melzer.



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The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February



From Deacon Rod's Desk.....

Thoughts from the Early Church Feast of the Presentation of the Lord from Timothy of Jerusalem.

“The just live forever and their reward is in the Lord and their hope in the Most High.” Time will not suffice for us to recount the virtues of all the saints, so let us consider for the moment the last of the righteous men of old. Whom do I mean? Simeon, whose name is given in the gospel according to Luke. He stands both first and last, being the last to live under the law and the first to live by grace. In observance he was a Jew, in thanksgiving a Christian; by training he was a lawyer, but by knowledge of God an ambassador.

This Simeon, whose story has just been read to us, was plucked from the ill-fame of the Pharisees like a rose from thorns and became the first to win renown through the gift of grace. Because of his righteousness God revealed to him, while he was still in the body, that he would not depart this present transitory life until his own arms had enfolded life eternal, our Lord Jesus Christ. Simeon the righteous, who before the incarnation had longed to see the Lord, saw him incarnate, recognized him and took him in his arms. Then he cried for release from the prison of his body, calling as a servant on the Lord of all who appeared as a child, in the words you have just heard: “Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace as you promised, for my eyes have seen your salvation.”

I have seen, allow me to leave, do not keep me here. Let me depart in peace, do not keep me in distress. I have seen, let me go: I have seen your glory, seen the angels dancing, the archangels praising you, creation leaping for joy, a way made between heaven and earth. Now let me depart, do not keep me here below.

Sermon on Simeon: PG 86/1, 239-42

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm** The Presentation of The Lord
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:10am Monday 3rd Feb- 4th week in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 4th Feb- 4th Week in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday 7.00pm Wednesday 5th Feb- Saint Agatha
 Thursday 9.10 am Thurs 6th Feb-Saint Paul Miki and Companions
 Friday 9:10am Friday 7th Feb- 4th Week in Ordinary Time
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 8th Feb-4th Week in Ordinary Time

Confessions: Saturday: 9.45am -10.15am & 5.00pm-5.30 pm

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

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Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all your peoples.

READERS	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
1st/2nd February Presentation of The Lord	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Matthias Wong Fadi Antown
8th/9th February 5th Sunday in O/T	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Jovita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar
15th/16th February 6th Sunday in O/T	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong
22nd/23rd February 7th Sunday in O/T	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Matthias Wong Mary Zore

Australian Catholic Historical Society

'Tragedy and farce: The Sister Liguori story' -16 February

The next Australian Catholic Historical Society event is on Sunday, 16 February, at 2:00 PM in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill. Jeff Kildea, Barrister and Historian, will present *Tragedy and Farce: The Sister Liguori Story*. All are welcome, no charge.

Visit <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/> for details and resources.

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for all diocese news and safeguarding resources visit -www.parracatholic.org

THIS SUNDAY-Solemn High Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord and World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: 2 February

Join us for Mass at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and a special celebration of Consecrated Life. Jubilee candles for each Order or Congregation will be blessed during a short ceremony in the Cathedral courtyard then carried in procession

Music for Lent Workshop: 13 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday 13 February from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. Registrations are essential, please RSVP by 11 February via parracatholic.org/music-workshop

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email met@parracatholic.org

Women's Lenten Retreat at Mount Schoenstatt: 21-23 February

Join us at Mount Schoenstatt for a reflective retreat inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. The retreat runs from 7pm on 21 February to 4pm on 23 February. Costs are \$240 per person for a shared room, \$290 per person for a single room (limited availability), or \$60 per person per day for day attendance. Accommodation and meals are included, or lunch for day attendees. Register by 12 February by contacting Sr M Elizabeth Foley at bookings@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338. For more events happening at Mount Schoenstatt please visit: Schoenstatt.org.au



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**World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes
With the Rite of Anointing of the Sick
Tuesday 11th February
11am
St Patrick's Catholic Church Blacktown**



CHURCH CLEANING-8th February – Jerry & Gloria

