

PARISH NOTICES:

1. **Welcome to our Parish community Brad Dickinson who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation this weekend**
2. Parish Picnic this Sunday at Bungarribee Park Dyanmila Picnic shelter all welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share, drinks, picnic chairs, blankets etc. Please take a map from the back or side of church to assist you in finding your way.
3. **Farewell to Fr. Bartholomew who has been assigned to minister at St John XXIII Parish Stanhope Gardens. Thank you. May God be with you as you continue your journey in Australia**
4. Welcome to Fr. Taliai Hausia who will be residing in our Parish Presbytery from the 11th of February. Fr Taliai is the Chaplain for the Tongan community in the Parramatta Diocese.
3. **Change of date - Pastoral council meeting- 17th Feb in Schoenstatt room 7:30pm.**
- 4.. Repair work & painting has started to the outside of the office and Mt Schoenstatt room
5. **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.**
6. Anniversaries for the month of February can be written in the book of remembrance which is located at the back of the church



Word of God Sunday: 9 February

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Visit catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday for more information and resources.

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:** David Wood; Esther Award; Jessie Vella; Victor Darmanin; Sarah Wood; David Wood; Leota Baker; Savio Francis; Sean Vaz; Mary Gay; Peter Fancis; Fauí DeSilver; Henry Fares; Maria Lina Rueda; Alfred Schembri; Moises Chua; Arnela Flan; Nieves Mazcelino; Nelly Aquino; Expedito Socorro; Josph Lia Fave.



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 9th February



From Fr. Bartholomew's Desk.....

WHO WILL BE MY MESSENGER

From time immemorial, it has always been the ardent desire of God to communicate himself to mankind, in this way he makes known his will, ordinances and intentions encapsulated in his Divine Word to them. Succinctly this divine will must have a medium as well as a harbinger, thus the role of the Gospel-Bearers. In their bewilderment and naivety, they are summoned, in their imperfections they function, and grace is poured abundantly to their unflinching and unwavering effort.

For the messenger a voice must be heard. A calling/invitation too. But then, could it be the same voice as in the garden of Eden which summoned our First Parents Adam and Eve to the Divine Jury and left humanity in penury or the voice heard by Moses in the hot desert to untie his sandals which could be perceived as belittling for some since he was a leader of Israel or the voice which disrupted the quietude and tranquillity of Samuel and Elijah in their slumbers. How about the vindictive voice which Saul heard or the confirmatory voice of Sonship in the River Jordan and many others? Are they not voices? Are they all from God?

It is God who calls at different occasions and situations. The motive, tone and nature of the voice from God must be ascertained by the messenger who is called. The caller is always clear and distinct and has reasons for every invitation. Care must be taken so as not to misrepresent. Often times, the qualified are not called but naïve, unqualified and mundane persons are. He calls the unqualified and in His own way qualifies them, the imperfect he perfects to be perfected, The message and its contents is undiluted and must be announced as one.

Have you been called before? Did you answer? If yes, what was the message? Were you ever fruitful and impactful? If No, you must begin today. Your state of nature, status quo and cultural background or disposition does not count absolutely, but one's readiness. On the contrary how much work we do or who works hardest is not all that paramount, but that work is done and, in His name, for we can do the entire work in the world but when not in his name nothing happens, we still remain not credible.

Child of God, lover of God, arise and get started, commence the fishing work, never relent to work unworthy though you may be, even without the necessary paraphernalia or fishing tools. Just begin. You have a divine backup. Every day, strive your hardest to be a Good Messenger. Be a good listener. Be resilient and open to the spirit and decipher at each moment what God expects of you. What does the voice say to you today and in this week?

GO, FORGIVE AND FORGET, RELENT, PRAY, LAUGH, PEACE, PREACH, DON'T RETALIATE, AVOID EVIL, DO GOOD etc.

Are you ready to act? Act Now, DELAYS ARE ALWAYS DANGEROUS.

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:10am Monday 10th Feb- Saint Scholastica(M)
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 11th Feb- 5th Week in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday 7.00pm Wednesday 12th Feb- 5th Week in Ordinary Time
 Thursday 9.10 am Thurs 13th Feb-5th Week in Ordinary Time
 Friday 9:10am Friday 14th Feb- Saints Cyril and Methodius(M)
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 15th Feb-5th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirota**

Assistant Priest: **Fr Taliai Hausia 0404 322 560**
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Parish Chairperson: **Teresa Samuels**

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

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Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! Come follow me , says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let him thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

READERS	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
8 th /9 th February 5 th Sunday in O/T	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Jovita Bugayong
15 th /16 th February 6 th Sunday in O/T	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Leo Macatangay
22 nd /23 rd February 7 th Sunday in O/T	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Matthias Wong Lucy Cini
1 st /2 nd March 8 th Sunday in O/T	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Mary Zore Agnes Polu

Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita: 16 February

All are welcome to attend the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on Sunday 16 February at 12:30pm. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Australia and worldwide and thank God for the gifts that the South Sudanese and Sudanese communities contribute to our society.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES and BEYOND

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THIS COMING TUESDAY- Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals.

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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Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of each month. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a light supper. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Find the event on Facebook, or for questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.

 **CHURCH CLEANING- 15th February – Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala** 