

PARISH NOTICES:

1. Deacon Rod will be away at a Deacon's conference from the 26th of February and will return on Friday the 7th of March. For any parish enquiries, please see Fr Marcus.
2. Commencing Tuesday 11th March and on every second Tuesday of the month, a Senior's group will be starting in the Schoenstatt meeting room. We welcome you for a cuppa and some social time with your fellow parishioners.
3. There will be an extra mass on Fridays during lent, starting on the 7th March at 7pm. Followed by The Way of the Cross which is a traditional devotion in honour of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. All welcome to attend
4. Registrations forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation (18th May) are now available on our website along with dates and times of the formation sessions
5. Please take a copy of the parish bulletin home.
6. Catholic weekly newspaper available at the back of the church \$2 each.



MASS TIMES:

5TH MARCH

6AM - 9:10AM - 7PM

Save the date - Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 24th August 11am

For details of formation sessions, please visit our website: southmountdruitt.org.au

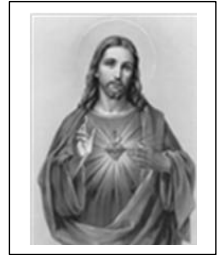
PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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; Jospheh Lia Fave; Naty & Max Llave; John Llave; Eddie Llave; Rudy De Leon; William John Hardy; Suzanne Phyllis Stent; Jess Pamplona; Bonifacir Gertrudes Atingan; Fortunato Padil; Esperanza Duzong; Perfectoo, Feliza; Banzion; Manuela; Basilisa Nueles Nunez Dayton; Beato Aseselo; Justina, Justiniano Granachino Todelo; Pelenio, Emelia Perez; Sedash Adaada, Flor, Bibiano, Adelina, Salvador Oasia Todelo, Margarita, Renato Quiocho; Ave Toledo; Dalores; Lilia Grageda; Nehia, Jase Toledo; Rex Fernandez *and all those whose names appear in the remembrance book for February.*



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 23rd February 2025

From Fr Marcus' Desk.....

The French Revolution of 1789 and the Russian Revolution of 1917 are two classic examples of many past and present upheavals that sought dramatic change in all aspects of those societies. The French Revolution was aiming for the downfall of the aristocracy which they also see the Catholic Church as part of it. For Russia, the people wanted a socialist society that all people will share goods. Alas, great intentions, but they created more hostility and despair in which the revolutions only resulted in the original but more worse societies. The Novel "Animal Farm" (1945) by George Orwell in his political satire shows that the seek of power and change will only result in greed and comfort with it. In the novel, the pigs who stood for change in the farm became more cruel and more living like dictators. Jesus in the Gospel of this Sunday, says to us to *love our enemies*; which it can be possible if we firstly *change our own hearts first*. The revolutions that occurred, there was no change of hearts from within, but to break hearts of many.

Our readings of today is very challenging to us all because enemies make us weary, fearful, resentment and the worse...to hate. Jesus strikes us with his teaching about *loving* and *not judging* others. Of course, it is almost impossible to follow this, but it come from firstly *change our own hearts first*. David had every reason to kill King Saul, but he with clear heart despite his followers' objection, not to harm God's *anointed one*. For David he stands for right and justice. The Second reading speaks to us about the resurrection from the second Adam which is Jesus. The First Adam was the cause of our downfall but with God's grace we have been gifted and given another holy opportunity with the Lord. So rightly the Psalm says, *The Lord is kind and Merciful*. Let's pray for the conversion of our own hearts first in order to understand clearly what Jesus is saying to us today.

God Bless Everyone.

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:10am Monday 24th Feb -7th Week in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 25th Feb- 7th Week in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday 7.00pm Wednesday 26th Feb- 7th Week in Ordinary Time
 Thursday 9.10 am Thurs 27th Feb-7th Week in Ordinary Time
 Friday 9:10am Friday 28th Feb- 7th Week in Ordinary Time
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 1st March- 7th Week in Ordinary Time

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

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

Sacred Heart Primary School: **Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South (sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au)** Tel: 9625 8733

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms in your name, O Most High.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
22 nd /23 rd February 7 th Sunday in O/T	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonk	Matthias Wong Lucia Sini
1 st /2 nd March 8 th Sunday in O/T	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
8 th /9 th March 1 st Sunday in Lent	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
15 th /16 th March 2 nd Sunday in Lent	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer service: 7 March

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian laywomen, observed annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Join us on Friday, 7 March, at 10am at Penrith Uniting Church (15 Evans Street, Penrith – behind the Fire Station). All denominations are warmly invited to participate. Morning tea will be provided after the service. For more information, please contact Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly on 0409 925 607.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES and BEYOND

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

NEXT WEDNESDAY: FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 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. The final session is on 26 February at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife>

NEXT THURSDAY: LIFTED Launch: 27 February

Join us for LIFTED Launch on Thursday, February 27th, from 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM at West HQ, Rooty Hill! Get a sneak peek at exciting events we have planned for young Catholics, including the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics. Register now: parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/

Join the Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage

Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. Express your interest today at parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025

Young Adult Faith Formation on St Therese of Lisieux: 2 March

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions recommence on Sunday 2 March 2025 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is Simon Carrington who will talk about and lead discussion on St Therese of Lisieux. 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.



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CHURCH CLEANING- 1st March – Nelson & Lydia

