

## PARISH NOTICES:

1. **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March-Devotion of the Divine Mercy -3pm in the church.**
2. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March-Young Adult Faith Formation on St Therese of Lisieux:- Fr Ashton Hall- 7pm
3. **This weekend is Project Compassion Sunday, please take a project compassion donation box home or see below for other ways to donate**
4. 5<sup>TH</sup> March-ASH WEDNESDAY- Masses at 6am, 9:10am & 7pm
5. **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March- First Friday of the month. Extra mass at 7pm followed by " The Way of the Cross "and Devotion of the Two Hearts**
6. Commencing Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.
7. **11<sup>th</sup> March- finance committee meeting- 7:30pm in Schoenstatt meeting room**
8. Book of remembrance- anniversaries for the month of MARCH of those faithfully departed can now be added .

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** | **PROJECT COMPASSION**  
**Project Compassion Sunday**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**UNITE**   
**AGAINST**  
**POVERTY**  
this Lent  
Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.



5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Mass times:

6AM

9:10AM

7PM

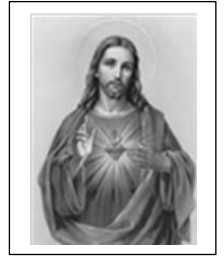
## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**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:** Estefania Chua; Rodrigo Dejesus; Victor Hawkins Jr; Carmelita David.



## SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT



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**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time ( C ) 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

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

#### **Talking The Walk**

A cluster of traditional sayings exists, underscoring the insight that the character of a person shows itself most truly in deeds more than in words. "Talk is cheap," we say, meaning that what a person does is far more important than the promises that person makes. "She doesn't just talk the talk; she walks the walk," we say, meaning that the woman lives out what she professes. These sentiments are particularly strong during political campaign!

This is true enough, and there are plenty of biblical passages to show that the insight is perennial. But the first and last of this Sunday's readings focus on another aspect of our "talk life"—the utter importance and power of our words. Talk may well be cheap in the case of an empty promise or sly flattery. But both Sirach and Jesus give us words today that remind us that some of our most significant deeds are in fact the words we say.

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For better or worse, our speech reveals who and what we are. Sirach demonstrates this in three sharp images. The act of speech is like sifting wheat through a sieve: as the sifting sorts out the husks, so our speech exposes the otherwise hidden faults of our character. And just as the hot fire of a kiln tests the craft of the potter, so the give and take of conversation tests the integrity of the interlocutors. Finally, just as the quality of a fruit tree indicates the care of its cultivator, so our speech reveals everything that has gone into our formators.

One could meditate on that imagery and draw the fatalistic conclusion, "well, you are what you are, and your speech is going to show it no matter what you try to do about it. Maybe it's best to keep quiet."

**Sunday Masses** **Saturday 6.00 pm** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
**Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am**

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday 9:10am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March -8<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March- 8<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
**ASH WEDNESDAY** 6am, 9:10am & 7.00pm  
 Thursday 9.10 am Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March- Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
 Friday 9:10am & 7pm- Friday after Ash Wednesday ( 1<sup>st</sup> Fri OM)  
 Saturday 9.10am Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March- Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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

**Pastoral Director:** **Deacon Roderick Pirota**

**Assistant Priests:** **Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902**

**Fr Taliai Hausia: 0404 322 560**

**Parish Chairperson:** **Teresa Samuels**

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

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**Website:** [southmountdruitt.org.au](http://southmountdruitt.org.au)

**Baptisms & Weddings:** By arrangement only

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia. Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psams to the name of the Lord Most High.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> March 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong

Palms International Volunteering invites you to Our Encounters program: *Timor-Leste from July 8-19, 2025* and *Samoa from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October*. This is an opportunity to understand how Australians can contribute to reducing global poverty while experiencing the genuine warmth and richness of Timorese and Samoan culture. For more information, please visit <https://palms.org.au/encounters/> or call us on (02) 9560 5333.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES and BEYOND

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

### **THIS SUNDAY: 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 Druiitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druiitt) 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.

### **This Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March-FaithLIFE Lenten Scripture night by Dr Michele Connolly RSJ**

Are you looking to read the Bible during Lent but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE Diocesan Lenten Scripture Night guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Monday, 3 March. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown NSW 2148 – Mary Queen of the Family parish. RSVP via [parracatholic.org/events/lenten-scripture-night/](http://parracatholic.org/events/lenten-scripture-night/) OR email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### **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](http://parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025)

### **Safeguarding the Elderly Project: 13 March**

Are you interested in sharing and listening to ideas about how we can meet the needs of older people in our Parish communities? You are invited to 'Share a Cuppa' on Thursday 13 March from 10am-12noon at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Those involved in ministries such as Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Pastoral Care Groups, are invited to share their experiences and reflections. RSVP by Monday 3 March with any dietary requirements to: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### **CHRYSALIS LAW GROUP**

**Wills, Power of Attorney, Enduring  
Guardianship, Advanced Health Care  
& Directive**

**FRANCIS ALPHONSE**

**Principal Solicitor- 02 8046 7666**

### **CONFIRMATION 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Registrations forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now available on our website along with dates and times of the formation sessions. Forms are also available at the back of the church. Please complete and return to Parish office or email to

[moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org.au](mailto:moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org.au)



**CHURCH CLEANING- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Jerry & Gloria**

