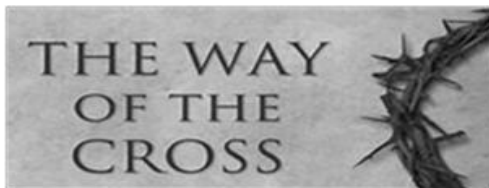


PARISH NOTICES:

1. *Tuesday 11th March* after the 9:10am mass, Senior's group is starting in the Schoenstatt meeting room. We welcome you for a cuppa and some social time with your fellow parishioners.
2. **11th March- finance committee meeting- 7:30pm in Schoenstatt meeting room**
3. As an act of Almsgiving this Lent, please take a Project Compassion donation box home or see below for other ways to donate to Caritas Australia
4. **The Annual LIFTED sports Day is back! Sunday the 15th of March! At Parramatta Marist High School.** We are looking for both male and female participants between the ages of 13 to 35 years old to join our team for the following events. Soccer, Touch Football, Basketball and Volleyball. This is our fifth year in the competition. We won the championship for the first two years and again last year. All those who are interested, please call Mitchell Farquharson on 0422 643 160
5. **CONFIRMATION 18TH 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@parrcatholic.org.au. Formation session begin 26th March or 26th April



Each Friday during Lent
After 7pm mass
All welcome



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; Edgardo Penafiel; Leo Salazar; Ramir Cabuhat; Ana Esquillon; Santiago & Litty D'Souza; Mamita Tamale; Rosello Tomale; Amado Montes; Estillita Deza Sala; Guillermo Dela Sala; Ramon Dela Sala; Neville Pentony; Zenaida Bal; Domingo Penales; Neelam Dwivedi; Thressiamma Devasia.



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1st Sunday of Lent (C) 9th March 2025



From Fr Marcus Desk.....

“The desert plays a significant part in scripture; it is a place of both discovery and of getting lost. You may recall that Moses encountered God in the wilderness when he hears a voice from the burning bush.”

He discovered something vital to us all that day. God points us in a direction we may not choose for ourselves. Later however, Moses and his people are *lost* in the desert for 40 years. We read the finale of that story in today’s first reading.

First Australians have also had an intimate connection with the desert. Many indigenous cultures danced in time with the desert for countless generations. When the so-called *Pintupi Nine* made “first contact” after emerging from the Gibson Desert in 1984, they were in excellent health. The same desert could kill Europeans in 36 hours or less.

In today’s Gospel, we learn that the Spirit led Jesus to a lonely place. Up to this point in Luke’s Gospel, we have seen Jesus as a member of his family and community. We have met Mary & Joseph & Elizabeth & Simeon & Anna & John the Baptist. Now Jesus must stand on his own and decides what really matters in life. Is he going to rely on material things? Is he going to want power at any price? Is he going to put himself rather than God at the heart of his decision making? These are the temptations of the devil.

Lent presents us with the same choice. Are we going to find our direction or just be lost in the swirling confusion of choices with which life presents us? Project Compassion helps us to find direction by offering us the opportunity to *Unite against poverty*. Are we content for the world to become more and more fragmented. Or would we prefer to stand up against voices of opportunism and exploitation? Every year Caritas Australia is overwhelmed and grateful that our Catholic communities are so clearly on the side of justice and life.

(From Caritas Australia Project Compassion Parish Booklet)

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm** 1st Sunday in Lent (C)

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:10am Monday 10th March - first week of Lent
Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 11th March - first week of Lent
Wednesday 9:10am Wednesday 12th March - first week of Lent
Thursday 9.10 am Thursday 13th March - first week of Lent
Friday 9:10am & 7pm- Friday 14th March- first week of Lent
Saturday 9.10am Sat 15th March- first week of Lent

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

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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**

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: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
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
22 nd /23 rd March 3 rd Sunday in Lent	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Lucia Sini Matthias Wong
29 th /30 th March 4 th Sunday in Lent	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore

Global Mission: No age limit!+

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT.

Palms is celebrating Seniors Week with a special [online session](#)

Venue: Online via Zoom- register at palms.org.au/events or call 9560 5333

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025 Time: 11am-12pm

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES and BEYOND

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

This coming Tuesday-MET Celebrating Holy Week Liturgies: 11 March

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for the Easter Triduum on Tuesday 11 March 2025 from 7pm to 9pm 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 online by 6 March <https://parracatholic.org/events/music-easter-triduum/> All enquiries please contact ofw@parracatholic.org | 0488 000 211.

This coming Thursday-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

Positions Vacant

- Administration Assistant: Mission Enhancement Team
- Risk & Compliance Facilitator: Governance, Risk & Compliance

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Nominations open for the 2025 Papal & Diocesan Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals and groups—both religious and lay—who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 31 May 2025. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

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First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



Please donate today.

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Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413