

## PARISH NOTICES:

1. Our Parish has been successful in securing a \$30,000 grant under the Safe Places for Faith Communities Grants under the NSW Government. The grant will be spent on the safety & security of our Church & premises.
2. Last *Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March* after the 9:10am mass, a large group of senior Parishioners met together for morning tea with some prayer, sharing and reflection. Our next senior's group will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.
3. **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March- finance committee meeting - 7:30pm in Schoenstatt meeting room**
4. 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
5. **The Way of the Cross continues next Friday following Mass at 7pm and will be led by the Parish Samoan community.**
6. 29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup> March -The Bishops' Good Samaritan Appeal for people suffering in our prisons and hospitals. Envelopes will be available next weekend (22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March)

## Easter Triduum



**HOLY THURSDAY-** Mass of Our Lord's Supper 7:30PM  
**GOOD FRIDAY-** Way of the Cross- 10am - The Passion of Our Lord- 3pm  
**EASTER SATURDAY-** Liturgy of the Hours- 9am  
**EASTER VIGIL MASS-** 7:30PM  
**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES-** 7:30AM & 9AM

### 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 Esqillon; 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 and all other names that appear on the book of remembrance for March.



# SACRED HEART PARISH

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**2nd Sunday of Lent (C) 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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

#### Righteousness

In the [First Reading](#), God promised Abraham that his descendants would be innumerable, and Abraham trusted him and believed the promise. God counted that trust as an act of righteousness on Abraham's part. Then God promised to give Abraham the land around him. In response, Abraham asked, "How am I to know that I will possess it?"

#### **What is the point of God's making the promise of the land in the first place?**

Here is what God did. He had Abraham sacrifice some animals, and then he sent Abraham a terrifying darkness and a vision of fire over the sacrifice. While Abraham was having that vision, God reiterated his promise to Abraham and developed it: God promised to give Abraham the land and told Abraham that his descendants would live in it.

How is this response supposed to allay Abraham's scepticism? It consists just in a repetition of the original promise together with some fireworks—a fearful darkness and a display of power over Abraham's sacrifice....

God's response to Abraham's doubt is like this. Even with the fireworks in the vision, it still requires Abraham to trust God in just the way he wasn't willing to do when he asked, "How do I know that you will give them to me?"

What is the point of God's response then? In fact, what is the point of God's making the promise of the land in the first place? If God wants Abraham to have this land, why doesn't God just give it to him *now*?

The answer to all the questions is implicit in the answer to that last question. God wasn't trying to be Abraham's real estate agent. He was trying to develop a relationship with Abraham. But that relationship required trust in God on Abraham's part. And trust in God came hard to Abraham. No sooner had he managed it, and gotten credit with God for it, then he lost it again, as the story makes clear.

Notice, though, how precious Abraham's trust was to God when Abraham finally did manage it: God counted it for righteousness. When we lament our sins and long for the righteousness God has promised his people, this is a good story to remember.

(Extract from Eleonore Stump from St Louise Jesuits Liturgy website).

**Sunday Masses** Saturday 6.00 pm 2nd Sunday in Lent (C)

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday 9:10am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – **Saint Patrick**  
Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent  
Wednesday 9:10am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – **Saint Joseph**  
Thursday 9.10 am Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of lent  
Friday 9:10am & 7pm- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March- 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent  
Saturday 9.10am Sat 22ns March- 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent

**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](http://sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au)) Tel: 9625 8733

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
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	Lucia Sini Matthias Wong
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> April 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Herminia Villarica Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Antown

**CONFIRMATION FORMATION SESSIONS 2025**

	Session1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Sacred heart Primary School	26 <sup>TH</sup> March 3:15pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 3:15pm	7 <sup>th</sup> May 3:15PM	14 <sup>th</sup> May 3:15pm
Fr Ashton Hall	26 <sup>th</sup> April 4pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 4pm	10 <sup>th</sup> May 4pm	17 <sup>th</sup> May 4pm

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES and BEYOND

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

### This week- Safeguarding the Elderly Project: 18 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 Tuesday 18 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 Friday 14 March. Please contact Maria Kervin (Manager, Prevention, Healing & Support) at: [mariakervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:mariakervin@parracatholic.org) if you would like more information on hosting such a Morning Tea within your own Parish with your Ministry Team.

### Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 23-25 May

Come and join us on 23-25 May at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW .Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

### Positions Vacant

Administration Assistant: Mission Enhancement Team: Risk & Compliance Facilitator: Governance, Risk & Compliance: Administration Assistant: Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://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/](http://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/)

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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
15th and 16th of March 2025

**Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah)** a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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**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



**CHURCH CLEANING- 22nd March – Samoan Community**

