

PARISH NOTICES:

- 1 The Way of the Cross continues next Friday following Mass at 7pm and will be led by the Legion of Mary community.
2. Envelopes for the Bishops' Good Samaritan Appeal for people suffering in our prisons and hospitals are available on pews and at the back of the church. Please return next weekend (29/30th March). Our quota is \$1800.
3. Confirmation formation sessions will begin at Sacred Heart Primary School this coming Wednesday 26th March at 3:15pm
4. Catholic TV will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of 5/6th April to promote their programs.

An Introduction to Pastoral Care Course-

People go through tough times and ask "Where is God"

This course beginning in May which is run by Nepean Hospital Chaplains, will endeavor to help you to be a powerful presence during these times. For more information call Neil on 47 34 2052 or email: Flyers are available at the back on the church.

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.



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3rd Sunday of Lent (C) 23rd March 2025

From Fr Taliai's Desk.....

Luke 13: 1-9 Theme:

"Give me time to dig round it"

The term *μετάνοια* (metanoia) is predominantly found in the New Testament, signifying a significant transformation of both mind and heart. This transformation is often linked to the act of turning away from sin and redirecting oneself towards God. It encompasses an acknowledgment of one's misdeeds, genuine remorse, and a dedication to altering one's conduct in accordance with divine will. This notion is fundamental to the Christian doctrine of salvation and is frequently associated with faith and conversion. Jesus, allow these unfortunate events to awaken you from your state of complacency. Let these occurrences serve as a challenge for you to engage in repentance. May they act as a clarion call, urging individuals to reflect on their lives to avoid facing a far graver calamity during the time of God's judgment, which is inevitable.

This leads us to today's Lenten symbol: the unproductive fig tree. The parable of the unproductive fig tree serves as a cautionary tale, reminding us that we cannot indefinitely evade *μετάνοια* (metanoia). A time of accountability will eventually arrive. The vineyard owner possesses a fig tree that has not borne fruit for three consecutive years. The owner commands that it be cut down, questioning its purpose for occupying space. However, the gardener interjects, "Sir, allow it one more year. Permit me to cultivate the soil around it and fertilize it." There is an opportunity for repentance, yet it cannot be delayed indefinitely.

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm** 3rd Sunday in Lent (C)

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:10am Monday 24th March – 3rd Week of Lent
Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 25th March – **Annunciation of the Lord**
Wednesday 9:10am Wednesday 26th March – 3rd Week of Lent
Thursday 9.10 am Thursday 27th March – 3rd Week of lent
Friday 9:10am & 7pm- Friday 28th March- 3rd Week of Lent
Saturday 9.10am Sat 29th March- 3rd week of Lent

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

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirota**

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Fr Taliai Hausia: 0404 322 560

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

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

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me. For I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord is kind and merciful

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The Sparrow finds a home, and the swallow an nest for her young: by your alters, O'Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your home for ever singing your praise.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
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	Vinod Avinash Sangeeta Kumar	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore
5 th /6 th April 5 th Sunday in Lent	Herminia Villarica Wendy Farquharson	Nirmala Deni Savio Elijah Merjudio	Fadi Antown Jovita Antown
12 th /13 th April Palm Sunday	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Agnes Polu Matthias Wong

CONFIRMATION FORMATION SESSIONS 2025

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

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES and BEYOND

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

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 3 April

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Thursday 3 April at St Aidan's Parish Centre, Rooty Hill for Cycle 2 (Modules 4-5). More training opportunities will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Office of Tenebrae: 14 April

All are welcome to attend the annual Office of Tenebrae at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 14 April at 7:30pm. The Office of Tenebrae is a Holy Week reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets and will feature the Cathedral Choir. As the Diocese and the global Church prepares for Holy Week, the Tenebrae service is a reminder of the eternal light and hope brought into the world through Christ's Resurrection. Catholics are invited to attend the Office of Tenebrae at least once in their life.

Positions Vacant

Administration Assistant: Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair

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

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions

continue on Sunday 6th April 2025 at the

Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is **Rev Dr Paschal Corby OFM Conv** who will talk about and lead discussion on **St Anthony of Padua**. 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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Third Sunday of Lent
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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CHURCH CLEANING- 29th March – Samoan Community

