

PARISH NOTICES:

- 1 The Way of the Cross continues next Friday following Mass at 7pm and will be led by the Handmaids of the Lord group.
2. The Bishops' Good Samaritan Appeal for people suffering in our prisons and hospitals is to take place this weekend. Envelopes are available on pews and at the back of the church. Please give generously. Our quota is \$1800.
4. **Friday 4th April**- Mass for the Devotion of the two Hearts will take place after The Way of the Cross.
5. **Saturday 5th April**- Sacrament of the Sick will take place during the 9:10am Mass.
4. **Sunday 6th April**-devotion of the Divine Mercy at 3pm in the Church.
5. Catholic TV will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of 5/6th April to promote their programs.

CONFIRMATION FORMATION SESSIONS 2025

	Session 1	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

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:** Let us remember all those whose names appear in the remembrance book for March



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4th Sunday of Lent (C) 30th March 2025

From Fr Marcus' Desk.....

One of the most beautiful expressions in the Bible comes from the prophet Ezekiel (Ezk 11:19). "Thus says the Lord, I will take their hearts of stone and give them hearts of flesh." It is a call to be tender and compassionate.

You would need a heart of stone not to be affected by the stories we encounter today. Most of us have heard the story of the two sons in today's Gospel over and over. The brilliance of the way Jesus tells stories is that it still goes under our skin. Here are two young men who think they can live on their own terms. One has a sense of entitlement and demands his share of his father's estate which he then squanders. He is finally prepared to eat humble pie and find his way home. The other son has a different sense of entitlement. He believes that his hard work and reliability should provide him with a greater share of his father's love. At different times in our life, we can relate more to one or other of these people. Jesus implies that they both need to grow. They have both been dead and now must come to life.

The story we encounter this week is also deeply moving. Irene, aged 25 lives in the Kongolo region in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Her father was killed during a war and Irene lived with her mother on very meagre resources, often going hungry for extended periods of time. Irene first became pregnant as a teenager and later had to raise her 2 children on her own, with the support of her mother. As a single mother, it was challenging for Irene to care for her two sons without a stable income.

Irene's life changed after she participated in the Youth Capacity Strengthening program, run by Caritas Australia partner, Caritas Kongolo. Through the program, she undertook training in sewing and livestock farming, enabling her to generate income to support her family.

Our part is to reach out in compassion and love to heal the wounds of the whole human family. Let us all UNITE AGAINST POVERTY as pilgrims of hope in this Year of Jubilee. (*Caritas Australia Project Compassion Parish Booklet 2025*)

Sunday Masses Saturday 6.00 pm 4th Sunday in Lent (C)

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:10am Monday 31st March – 4th Week of Lent
Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 1st April- 4th Week of Lent
Wednesday 7 pm Wednesday 2nd April- 4th Week of Lent
Thursday 9.10 am Thursday 3rd April – 4th Week of lent
Friday 9:10am & 7pm- Friday 4th April- 4th Week of Lent
Saturday 9.10am Sat 5th April- 4th week of Lent

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

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Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm : Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: You must rejoice my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
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

LECTORS FOR HOLY WEEK 2025

LORD'S SUPPER 7:30PM	GOOD FRIDAY 3PM	EASTER VIGIL 7:30PM	EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 AM	EASTER SUNDAY 9 AM
Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Vinod Avinash Sangeeta Kumar	Mary Zore Bethany Buhagiar

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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.

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

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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



CHURCH CLEANING- 5th April-Nelson & Lydia

