

PARISH NOTICES:

1. End of summertime this weekend. The clock will go backward for 1hr between Saturday and Sunday.
2. Sunday 6th April, devotion of the Divine Mercy at 3pm in the Church.
3. **Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 6th April 2025 at Fr Ashton Hall at 7pm. The speaker is Rev Dr Paschal Corby OFM Conv and will speak about St Anthony of Padua.**
4. The Way of the Cross continues next Friday following Mass at 7pm. Fr Marcus and Deacon Rod will be leading this devotion.
5. **The collection for the Bishops' Good Samaritan Appeal for people suffering in our prisons and hospitals amounted to \$1,510. An incredible achievement. Thank you for your support. Envelopes are available on pews and at the back of the church if you did not have the opportunity to donate.**
6. Senior Group will be meeting this Tuesday 8th April after the Mass. Please bring a plate.
7. Autumn edition of the Catholic Outlook is out. Please collect your free magazine.

CONFIRMATION FORMATION SESSIONS 2025

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Sacred heart Primary School			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

CONFESSIONS: Every Day after Mass on HOLY WEEK AND before/after each Liturgy.

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 April



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5th Sunday of Lent (C) 6th April 2025

From Deacon Rod's Desk.....

Jesus As Judge

In [John 8:15](#), Jesus claims: "I judge no one," yet in [John 8:26](#) he states: "I have much to say about you and much to judge." Scholars recognize these two statements as stemming from two different traditions separated by a considerable amount of time. The question in this story of the woman caught in adultery is: why did the Pharisees and scribes bring her to Jesus? How was he perceived to be competent to judge? The most likely answer is that Jesus was definitely perceived by others as a prophet and therefore competent to pronounce God's judgment. An editorial comment in [John 8:6](#) tells us of their base motive: it was to trap him so that he could be brought to trial.....

The trap is a dilemma. If Jesus urges that the woman be released, he clearly violates the Mosaic Law and proves himself to be an irreligious person. He is certainly no prophet. If he orders that she be stoned, he is in trouble with the Romans, who have taken the *right for capital punishment* away from the Judeans. Jesus, as usual, is clever in wiggling out of the dilemma. He buys time for himself by doodling on the ground, a common custom among Mediterranean peasants when distraught. Finally, in response to the continual badgering by his opponents, Jesus challenges this overzealous lynch mob to examine their motives: "Let the one among you who is without sin—let that one be first to cast a stone at her? "

This is not an argument against capital punishment. It rather questions the motives of the accusers. Perhaps the wronged husband has cynically prearranged to have his wife caught instead of trying to win her back with love (after the pattern of [Hosea 2:14-15](#)). Perhaps the scribes and Pharisees are not interested primarily in the Law of Moses and its principles, or the woman's life situation, but rather in trapping Jesus.

Jesus the prophet, the one who speaks the will of God for the here-and-now, reminds them—and all zealots—to strive for purity of motive as they pursue their righteous goals.

John J. Pilch

Sunday Masses Saturday 6.00 pm 5th Sunday in Lent (C)

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9:10am Monday 7th April – 5th Week of Lent
Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday 8th April- 5th Week of Lent
Wednesday 7 pm Wednesday 9th April- 5th Week of Lent
Thursday 9.10 am Thursday 10th April – 5th Week of lent
Friday 9:10am & 7pm- Friday 11th April- 5th Week of Lent
Saturday 9.10am Sat 12th April- 5th week of Lent

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

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Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart return to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
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
3 rd /4 th May 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Vinod Nagarajan Sangeeta Kumar	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius 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 Herminia Villarica Luisito Villapana Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Philip Tonks Joachim Mendez	Agnes Polu Bethany Buhagiar

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THIS SUNDAY- 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.

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.

Music Workshop 'Exploring Music for the Solemnities': 8 May

Musicians from the Diocese of Parramatta and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. The workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Bring any music related questions along on Thursday 8 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown at 7pm. Please RSVP by 2 May via parracatholic.org/events/OFW.

For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.



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