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**P A R I S H N O T I C E S:**

1.This Sunday at 3PM, we have the Divine Mercy Chaplet and adoration.

2. Diocesan Mass for Pope Francis at St Patrick’s Cathedral this Sunday at 11am.

3. *Expressions of Interest* for new members of Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. Please see Deacon Rod.

**4. Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers on Tues 13th May at 7:30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta.**

**5. Autumn edition of the Catholic Outlook is out. Please collect your free** magazine

6. Devotion of the Two Heart this Friday at 7pm, followed by Adoration. Also, Sacrament of the Sick on Saturday 9.10am Mass.

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**HOLY PLACES COLLECTION**:  
**$1750.00**

**PROJECT COMPASSION:**

**$4308.10**

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ANNUAL PARISH FETE

SUNDAY 28TH September

**CONFIRMATION FORMATION SESSIONS 2025**

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|  | Session1 | Session 2 | Session 3 | Session 4 |
| **Sacred heart Primary School** |  |  | **7th May**  **3:15PM** | **14th May**  **3:15pm** |
| **Fr Ashton Hall** |  | **3rd May**  **4pm** | **10th May**  **4pm** | **17th May**  **4pm** |

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**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

**SICK:** Bayani Baybay, 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; Leila Serrano Kempski; Cheryll Anne Barit

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Let us remember all those whose names appear in the memorial book for the month of April**

**Parish Audit for financial year July 2023- June 2024:**

Total income- $196,437; Total expenditure- $130,282; ***Net Surplus-$66,155.00***

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**Divine Mercy Sunday (C) 27th April 2025 March 2025**



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***From Fr Taliai Desk ……***

In John’s gospel, the risen Lord first appears to Mary of Magdala on Easter Sunday morning. Then, on the evening of that same day the Lord appears to the disciples who, out of fear, are gathered behind closed doors. He says to them, “Peace be with you,” and shows them his hands and his side. Thomas is not with the disciples when Jesus appears to them on Sunday evening. Thomas is told that Jesus is risen and has appeared to the disciples, he refuses to believe unless he can see and touch for himself.

Eight days later Jesus again appears to the disciples, and once again he imparts his blessing of peace. He then turns to Thomas, oﬀering to fulfil all his conditions, and urging him to cease his doubting and believe. Then, Thomas voices the most sublime acknowledgement of Jesus in the gospel: “My Lord and my God.” Thomas’ confession is first and foremost the supreme Christological pronouncement of John’s Gospel. It takes us back to the very beginning of the Gospel: “In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God".

In the words of St Anselm of Canterbury, we have faith seeking understanding, *fides quaerens intellectum*. That is, we first believe and then we seek to understand the truths that we believe. But more often than not, we want to do that in the reverse order. We want to understand first, and then, maybe, we will believe. St Augustine of Hippo sets us right: *“Ergo noli quaerere intelligere ut credas, sed crede ut intelligas*.” Therefore, seek not to understand so that you may believe, but believe so that you may understand.

**Young Adult Faith Formation** on Sunday 4th May 2025 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt at 7pm. The speaker is Fr Matthew Dimian who will talk about and lead discussion on Blessed (St?) Carlo Acutis. 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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| **Sunday Masses** **Saturday 6.00 pm**  Divine Mercy Sunday (C)  **Sun day 7.30 am & 9.00am**  **Weekday Masses:**  Monday 28th April: 9:10am – St Peter Chanel  Tuesday 29th April: 9.10 am- St Catherine of Siena  Wednesday 30th April 7.00pm- 2nd Week of Easter  Thursday 1st May: 9:10am – 2nd Week of Easter  Friday 2nd May: 9:10am – St Athanasius  7.00 pm  Saturday 26th April: 9:10am – St Philip and James.  **Confessions:** Saturday: 9.45am -10.15am & 5.00pm-5.30 pm  **Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta**  **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)**  **Church Office:** 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt. Druitt Ph: 98323896  **Email:** [**mountdruittsouth@parracatholic.org**](mailto:mountdruittsouth@parracatholic.org)  **Website:** **southmountdruitt.org.au**  **Baptisms & Weddings:** By arrangement only  **Sacred Heart Primary School:** [**Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt South (sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au)**](https://www.sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au/) Tel: 9625 8733 | |
| **Entrance Antiphon:** Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.  **Responsorial Psalm :**  Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!  **Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | LECTORS | 6PM | 7:30AM | 9AM | | 26TH/27TH April  Divine Mercy Sunday | **Jeric Salazar**  **Luisito Villapana** | **Joaquim Mendes**  **Phil Tonks** | **Mark Buhagiar**  **Lucia Sini** | | 3rd/4th May  3rd Sunday of Easter | **Wendy Farquharson**  **Edna Gemzon** | **Vinod Nagarajan**  **Sangeeta Kumar** | **Fadi Antown**  **Jovita Bugayong** | | 10th/11th May  4th Sunday of Easter | **Herminia Villarica**  **Gloria Cardoza** | **Phil Tonks**  **Nirmala Deni Savio** | **Aloysius Wong**  **Matthias Wong** | | 17th/18th May  4th Sunday of Easter | **Pio Vergara**  **Wendy Farquharson** | **Elijah Merjudio**  **Thomas Merjudio** | **Mary Zore**  **Agenes Polu** | | |
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**Study of Luke’s Gospel with Dr Laurie Woods: Fridays 2–30 May**

Join us for an enriching study of Luke’s Gospel, led by Dr Laurie Woods and hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Sessions will take place each Friday in May from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information or to RSVP by 30 April, contact [**ccd.training@parracatholic.org**](mailto:ccd.training@parracatholic.org)

**Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 13 May**

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 13th May 2025, at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance and guests please visit [parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/](https://parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/)

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES and BEYOND**

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

**Mount Schoenstatt Marian May Devotions**

 Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine to pray, sing and honour the Blessed Mother daily in the month of May. All are welcome to join the sisters for half hour May Devotions in the Shrine on Sunday to Friday at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 5.15pm. Learn more about the May devotions on their website https://schoenstatt.org.au/ or Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa/.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

**Psalm:**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Communion Antiphon:**

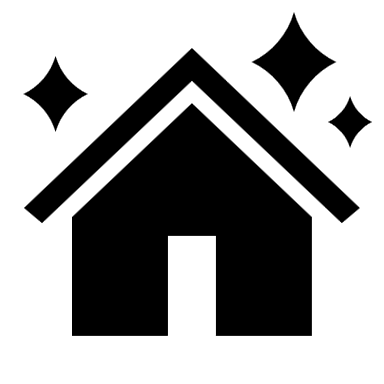
**Ministry of Care Courses: 4- 25 June**

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held every Wednesday evening at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you. Please visit [parracatholic.org/events/OFW](https://www.parracatholic.org/events/OFW) to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.

The **Diocesan Mass for Pope Francis** will be held this Sunday, 27 April (the culmination of the Easter Octave) at the 11am Solemn Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. All are warmly invited to attend, and we ask that you share this news with your parish, school, agency, or ministry networks.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Mass, and all clergy are invited to concelebrate if your Parish Mass schedule allows. The Mass will also be livestreamed on St Patrick’s Cathedral YouTube channel.

For anyone wishing to write condolence messages, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is organising a condolence book to pass onto the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, who was appointed Nuncio by Pope Francis in 2022. Please email your message to [condolencebook@catholic.org.au](https://thedioceseofparramatta-my.sharepoint.com/personal/mountdruittsouth_parracatholic_org/Documents/Documents/Bulletins/condolencebook@catholic.org.au)

**CHURCH CLEANING- 3rd May –** Volunteers please

**Music Workshop ‘Exploring Music for the Solemnities’: 8 May**. 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.

**C H R Y S A L I S**

**LAW GROUP**

**Wills, Power of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship, Advanced Health Care & Directive**

**FRANCIS ALPHONSE**

***Principal Solicitor- 02 8046 7666***