

PARISH NOTICES:

1. There will be no Masses on Wednesday & Thursday 21st & 22nd May as all clergy will be at a conference with the Bishop. There will be a Mass on Friday the 23rd at 7pm instead of the 9:10am Mass. The following Masses in our Diocese are also available during this time:

1. St Nicholas of Myra Penrith on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:30am.
2. St Patrick's Blacktown on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:00am.
3. Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:15am.
4. St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 12:30pm.
5. St Michael's Baulkham Hills on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:15am.
6. 9:15am.
7. St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Wednesday 21 May to Friday 23 May at 9:30am.

2. **Saturday 31st May-** Parish Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt in Mulgoa for the Jubilee Year of Hope. Please add your name, phone number and if you require transport to Mt Schoenstatt to the register list at the back of the church. We will be leaving Sacred Heart Parish around 12 noon if you need transport and return by 5.30PM for the 6PM Mass.

24th/25th May: Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal Thank you.

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. We also remember the 11 people who died in Vancouver Canada at the Filipino Lupu Lupu festival on the 27th April.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of May



SACRED HEART PARISH

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5th Sunday of Easter (C) 18th May 2025



From Fr Marcus' Desk.....

In the first reading we find the basis for one of the Church's most important, practical teachings and arguments for its existence: apostolic succession. We have Paul and Barnabas, themselves not one of the original Twelve Apostles, who are not only doing the work of the Apostles but also extending their presence. As many non-Catholic Christians fail to recognize, this is not just the Holy Spirit selecting Paul and Barnabas, then empowering them, to preach the Gospel or know a lot about the Bible, but the Holy Spirit empowers them to be the presence of the Twelve, and ultimately the presence of Jesus, to the world. This extends then to those Paul and Barnabas appoint just like it was extended to them when the Apostles appointed them.

Though the Psalm was not talking directly about this idea, it applies to the other verses when we consider that God's presence in humanity, first by Jesus taking on human nature and then by the Holy Spirit literally inspiring the Church, was always the Glory of God's Kingdom. In the Old Testament, when this Psalm was written, there was a cloud that held God's presence that descended onto the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies. Now, God's presence descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost and is carried by them to the rest of the world. Instead of staying in one place, the Jewish Temple, now it is covering the whole world.

It is sometimes very confusing to readers when they see Jesus talk like this. It is a reasonable question to ask why he did not, and does not, just stay and be with us like he was then. This way of thinking does not recognize the more profound presence that Jesus has in the world through the Eucharist and through the Church. Jesus's Ascension into heaven completed the ultimate act of worship that he made with the offering of his body. God, being pleased with this offering, sent Himself down to earth as tongues of fire, which is carried in the souls of Christians from their baptism onward.

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm** Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am**

Weekday Masses:

Monday 19th May: 9:10am – Mon of the 5th Week of Easter
Tuesday 20th May: 9.10 am - Tues of the 5th Week of Easter
Wednesday 21st May: 7.00pm- Tues of the 5th Week of Easter
Thursday 22nd May: 9:10am – Thurs of the 5th week of Easter
Friday 23rd May: 9:10am – Fri of the 5th week of Easter
Saturday 24th May: 9:10am – **Our Lady, Help of Christians**

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)**

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

Sacred Heart Primary School: **Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt**

South (sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au) Tel: 9625 8733

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverence, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm : I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, say the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him , bears fruit in plenty , alleluia

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
17 th /18 th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Mary Zore Agenes Polu
24 th /25 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagarajan	Lucia Sini Mark Buhagiar
31 st /1 st June The Ascension of the Lord	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Sangeeta Kumar Nirmala Deni Savio	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
7 th /8 th June Pentecost	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar

Holy Family Parish 60-Year Jubilee Celebration

Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt: 1 June

Join us as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. The celebrations will take place on Sunday, 1 June 2025: Mass at 10:30am with Bishop Vincent followed by a Multicultural Festival and lunch. If you have any memorabilia to share, wish to register for the event, or need more information, please email us at jubilee@holyfamily.org.au.

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Positions Vacant

- Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
- Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta

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

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 to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please

Congratulations to All candidates on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

"Lord, guide and strengthen these candidates as they receive the Holy Spirit. May they grow in faith, love and service, living as faithful disciples of Jesus."



<i>Emmanuelle Balmeo</i>	<i>Hanz Sanchez</i>
<i>Jared Gongon</i>	<i>Jared Centino</i>
<i>Jared Centino</i>	<i>Annabeth</i>
<i>Natasha Goro</i>	<i>Fletcher</i>
<i>Noel Trudgett</i>	<i>Abuk Tong</i>
<i>Rosanna Tong</i>	<i>Ghai Thoc</i>
<i>Zachery Bowman</i>	<i>Felicity Koji</i>
<i>James Richie Cruz</i>	
<i>Zoe Emilie Caippara</i>	



Join us!

**Sacred Heart Parish Pilgrimage
Jubilee Year of Hope
Saturday 31st May**

***See Parish notices for
more details or pick up a
flyer from the back of the
church***

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CHURCH CLEANING- 24th May – Samoan Community

