

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

1. Please welcome Tony McMahon & his wife Nicole to our Parish. Tony has been placed at our Parish as part of his ongoing formation towards ordination as a Deacon in the Parramatta Diocese.
2. First Holy Communion- Sunday 31st August. *Registrations for this sacrament closes this weekend.* Please take a registration form from the back of the church and return completed form to the Parish office.
3. New plan giving envelopes for this year can be picked up from the back of the church. Your name is on the set of envelopes. If you do not want to continue the plan giving envelope, contact Deacon Rod or the Office.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
FORMATION SESSION SACRED HEART SCHOOL	30 TH JULY 3:15PM	6 TH AUGUST 3:15PM	13 TH AUGUST 3:15PM	20 TH AUGUST 3:15PM
FORMATION SESSION FR ASHTON HALL	2 ND AUGUST 4PM	9 TH AUGUST 4PM	16 TH AUGUST 4PM	23 RD AUGUST 4PM

SACRED HEART PARISH FETE SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

We are asking for donations of food items to make up prize hampers

Items may include; tin foods, biscuits, cereals, spreads, chocolates and other sweets,
dressings, snack foods, drinks etc (please check use by dates)

Please leave donations in the baskets at located at the back of the church. **Thankyou**

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: Ivy Chua, Charlotte Nebriaga ; Delia Caruso; Adoracion Corpin; Maria Roelita Agorto; Gloria Molina; 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; Cheryl Anne Barit; Kim Alexander;

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



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SOUTH MT DRUITT

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

20th JULY 2025



From Deacon Rod's desk.....

Theme: Balancing Service and Contemplation

Abraham's warm welcome to three divine visitors shows us the holiness of hospitality. His eagerness to serve leads to a promise of new life—Sarah will bear a son. This reminds us that God's blessings often follow acts of generous love.

In the Gospel, Martha is busy serving while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening. Jesus gently affirms Mary's choice, teaching us that being present to God is the "better part." Service is important, but it must be rooted in spiritual attentiveness.

St. Paul speaks of his sufferings as part of his mission to reveal the mystery of Christ: "Christ in you, the hope for glory." His words encourage us to embrace our trials with faith, knowing they can be redemptive when united with Christ.

Reflection

These readings challenge us to live a life that integrates active service with contemplative listening. We are called to welcome others with open hearts, listen deeply to God's word, and persevere in our spiritual journey with hope.

Reflection Questions

- Do I make time to sit quietly with God?
- Is my service rooted in love or driven by obligation?
- How can I better balance action and prayer in my daily life?

Sunday Masses Saturday 6.00 pm 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 21st July: 9:10am – Mon of Week 16 in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday 22nd July: 9.10 am – **St Magdalene**
 Wednesday 23rd July: 7.00pm- Wed of Week 16 in Ordinary Time
 Thursday 24th July: 9:10am – Thurs of Week 1 in Ordinary Time
 Friday 25th July: 9:10am – **St James, Apostle**
 Saturday 26th July: 9:10am – **St Joachim and Anne**, parents of BVM

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

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

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Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
 I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm : The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
19 th /20 th July 16 th Sunday in OT	Luisito Villapana Gloria Cardoza	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagarajan	Maria Fe Verceluz Mary Zore
26th/27th July 17th Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Herbie Cruz	Agnes Polu Lucia Sini
2 nd /3 rd August 18 th Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza Luisito Villapana	Sangeeta Kumar Nirmala Deni Savio	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
9 th /10 th August 19 th Sunday in OT	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Vinod Nagarajan Phil Tonks	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong

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Bishop Vincent presents Mauricio López: 23 July

One of Latin America's most influential lay leaders, Mauricio López Oropeza, will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series. Mauricio will offer powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission in a changing world. The free public lecture will be held on Wednesday 23 July at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register and learn more, please visit parracatholic.org/lopez

Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults): 2 August

A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community, and be inspired on their journey. To be held on Saturday 2 August (12:30pm – 6pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Register by 26 July: <https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

Diocesan Homelessness Week Memorial Service – Wrapped in Love: 8 August

You're warmly invited to a Memorial Service during Homelessness Week on **Friday 8 August 2025, 6:30pm–7:30pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Together, let us honour and remember those who have died while experiencing homelessness or hardship, through prayer, reflection and a spirit of compassion. Whether you want to commemorate a friend or stand in solidarity, all are welcome. This heartfelt gathering is hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta, St Patrick's Cathedral, Catholic Care, and other community partners. You can find more information at parracatholic.org/events/homeless-memorial-service

Food and clothing: Catholic Care

Our social welfare agency, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, offers food and clothing collections from its three community drop-in centres. The closest to our Parish is;

Emerton: OzHarvest food hampers each Thursday (3pm-4.30pm)

Visit Catholic Care to learn more.

Catholic Catechism and Spiritual Warfare: 16 August

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be hosting a talk by Fr Jose Francisco Syquia from the Archdiocese of Manila on a variety of Catholic topics on Saturday 16 August 2025 at 3:30 pm. The talk will be followed by the Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm which will be celebrated by Fr Syquia. For further information and to RSVP, please click on the link: <https://forms.gle/KBGM6qjt2DsdG8uS7>.

CHURCH CLEANING 26th July – Samoan community