

PARISH NOTICES:

1. Our next Bishop's Appeal will take place on the **weekend of 6-7 September**. This Father's Day Appeal supports the retired and unwell priests in our Diocese – the spiritual fathers of our community.
2. Reminder that there is no morning Mass at our Parish on Wednesdays. Only evening Mass at 7pm.



Congratulations to the 7 children who are being Baptised this Sunday.
Alowoung(Faith) Awen-Malual, Guljok Jalen (Juju) Awen-Malual
Ezekiel Koor Awen-Malual, Adeline(Achol) Awen, Mel Awen
Abukie Noha Awen & King Josiah Dawo.
Welcome into our Parish family!

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR OUR PARISH FETE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND.



**PLEASE KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING IN
FOR THE FETE RAFFLE HAMPERS**

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 Anisco;

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 Kempinski; Cheryll Anne Barit; Kim Alexander; Maria Silvestri;

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



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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

17th August 2025



From Fr Marcus' desk.....

The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C are not easy to hear. Jesus speaks clearly. He says he did not come to bring peace, but fire. He warns that even families will be divided because of Him. His words are bold and direct. This may be hard to accept, but it is true.

Jeremiah lived this out. In the first reading, he is thrown into a cistern for speaking the truth. People wanted him gone. But God sends someone to help him. Jeremiah did not stop trusting God, even in the mud.

The second reading from Hebrews reminds us to keep going. We must stay strong. We should look to Jesus, who faced the cross. He did not give up. Neither should we.

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C asks us to be honest. Are we ready to follow Jesus, even when it brings trouble? Are we willing to stand with Him, even when others turn away? This Sunday helps us look at our own faith with clear eyes.

These themes from the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us that following Jesus requires courage and endurance. The readings encourage us to stay faithful, even when it is difficult.

Jesus' words about fire and division highlight the cost of discipleship. In the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, this reminds us that following Him may bring conflict, even within families. Luke's Gospel often shows how choosing Jesus means putting God's kingdom first, above comfort or human approval.

This passage fits Luke's larger theme of decision and urgency. Jesus calls people to a choice that may divide but leads to true life. His mission demands courage, as God's kingdom overturns worldly values.

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 18th August: 9:10am – Mon of week 20 of Ordinary Time

Tuesday 19th August: 9.10 am – Tues of week 20 in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 20th August: 7.00pm- **Saint Bernard(M)**

Thursday 21st August: 9:10am – **Saint Pius X (M)**

Friday 22nd August: 9:10am & 7pm– **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday 16th August: 9:10am – Sat of Week 20 in Ordinary Time

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

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

Assistant Priests: Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902

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Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, my sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him there is plentiful redemption.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
16 th /17 th August 20 th Sunday in OT	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Maria Fe Verceluz Bethany Buhagiar
23 rd /24 th August 21 st Sunday in OT	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Lucia Sini Ange's Polu
30 th /31 st August 22 nd Sunday in OT	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Mary Zore Maria Fe Verceluz
6/7 th September 23 rd Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Vinod Nagarajan Phil Tonks	Nirmala Deni Savio Fadi Antown

CHURCH CLEANING- 23rd August- Samoan Community

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Feast of Our Lady of Velankanni:

Novena starts on 30th August till the 8th of September. There will be Masses at 7pm in the evenings followed by Rosary and Novena. We conclude on the 8th of September, Nativity of Our Lady, with Mass at 7pm followed by light supper. Masses for the Novena over the weekend will be at our regular vigil mass time of 6pm and Sunday 6pm.

**Blacktown Council
Travelling Plant
Giveaway from
9am till 1PM
13 September
2025, Blacktown
Showground,
Richmond Road,
Blacktown
20 September
2025, Lynwood
Park, Allen Road,
Blacktown
2 plants per
resident. Take your
council rates with
you.**

Catholic Healthcare Spiritual Care Series: From 19 August
Catholic Healthcare Mackillop House, Norwest, is hosting an **8-week *Spiritual Care Series*** training throughout **September and October**. The *Spiritual Care Series* is a globally respected program that equips individuals with practical skills to provide meaningful Pastoral and Spiritual support to older individuals throughout the ageing journey. Experience the deep fulfilment that comes from giving back and walking alongside others on their life journey. For more information contact Adrian 0421 407 270 or complete the registration form '*Spiritual Care Series*' (at the bottom of the page) at: <https://www.catholichealthcare.com.au/volunteers>

Fr Joseph Lam book on Pope Leo XIV

Fr Joseph Lam, Parish Priest at the Parish of Baulkham Hills, has produced a new book that explores the traces of St Augustine in the words and messages of the successors of St Peter since 2005: Benedict XVI, Francis and Leo XIV. The book is \$45, with proceeds to help the renovation of the old heritage building at Baulkham Hills. To pre-order the book, please contact admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au.

Volunteers needed at Catholic Care's Mamre Creche

Are you great with young kids? Catholic Care is looking for friendly, caring volunteers to support staff during crèche sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. If you enjoy spending time with young children (aged 0–5) and have a few hours to spare, we'd love to hear from you. Volunteers will need to obtain a Working with Children Check and Police Check. To help make a difference in the lives of local families, call Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500.

Positions Vacant

- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
 - Facilitator – Family Engagement: Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta
 - Parish Secretary: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville
- More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/