

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. Keep your generous donations coming in for our Parish Fete raffle!
3. Tickets for the fete raffle are on sale this weekend. Please ensure that you are writing your name and mobile number on EACH and EVERY ticket
4. We are looking for a small group of Parishioners to clean the church on the 5th Weekend of the month. If you can spare an hour or so to clean our church, please see Deacon Rod.
5. On the 8th of September, Nativity of Our Lady; please bring a plate of food to share after Mass in the Fr Ashton hall.



Parish Fete
Sunday 28th September

**Invite your
family & friends for a great day out!**

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: Diogenes Orantia, 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; 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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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

24th August 2025



From Fr Talia's desk.....

In today's Gospel Luke describes Jesus' journey with his disciples to Jerusalem. That pilgrimage is not just about a journey from Galilee in the North to Jerusalem in the South. It is also an inner journey. Jesus is taking the opportunity to teach his disciples about life in God's kingdom. And there is an urgency about Jesus' teaching. So, the questioner in today's gospel is asking Jesus for a response. Jesus doesn't answer the question directly; he refuses to speculate on a matter that is best left to the wisdom and mercy of God. In so many words Jesus seems to be saying, "All you need to concern yourself about is your own salvation".

He does this by using the image of a door - in fact the image of two doors. Firstly, that of the narrow door, and then that of the locked door. One door is difficult to enter; the other is impossible because it has been locked. So, entry into the kingdom is not a walk in the park. In other words, there is no room for fence-sitters in the kingdom of God. There are no privileged entry-permits to the eternal life which Jesus offers. You are either a player or a spectator; you are an actor in the drama of salvation, or you're a member of the audience.

We are outsiders if:

- the Gospel message has become little more than an amusing and harmless part of the show.
- we have become mere spectators on the journey of faith.
- the practice of our faith vaccinates us against a true change of heart.
- we spend our life talking about the river, fearful of ever taking the plunge.
- we are reluctant to set the world ablaze with our faith.

Strive to enter by the narrow door. Amen

Fr Tali

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 25th August: 9:10am – Mon of 21st week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 26th August: 9.10 am – Tues of 21st week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 27th August: 7.00pm- **Saint Monica**
Thursday 28th August: 9:10am – **Saint Augustine, Bishop**
Friday 29th August: 9:10am & 7pm– **The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist**
Saturday 30th August: 9:10am – Sat of Week 20 in Ordinary Time
Confessions: Saturday: 9.45am -10.15am & 5.00pm-5.30 pm

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Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have Mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the good news Gospel

Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the way, the truth, and the life says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
23 rd /24 th August 21 st Sunday in OT	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Lucia Sini Angeles 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
13 th /14 th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Luisito Villapana Jeric Salazar	Sangeeta Kumar Herbie Cruz	Jovita Bugayong Aloysius Wong

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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.

Mass for Musicians: 24 September

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite all those involved in Music Ministry across the Diocese to join us for our Mass for Musicians. Join us on 24 September, 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We ask that you arrive at 7pm and are seated by 7:15pm. To register your attendance and the number of guests you are bringing, please RSVP via our website by Friday, 19 September. If you are unable to register via the form, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

Catholic Care Memorial Service for Those We Have Lost: 11 September

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, together with White Lady Funerals, invite you to a memorial service to remember loved ones who have died by suicide or tragically lost their lives. The service will be held on Thursday 11 September from 10am to midday at Mamre House and Farm, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to plant a rose bush in our Garden of Remembrance. Counsellors and a Chaplain will be present throughout the event to offer support if needed. Kindly RSVP by Monday 8 September to Lisa, Catholic Care: 0439 917 129 or (02) 8843 2500 or Christy, White Lady Funerals: (02) 4731 4385

Campion College Study Camp

For Year 11 and 12 students, designed to help them focus on their studies while enjoying community life on our peaceful Toongabbie campus. 📅 8-10 October 2025 📖 6-8 hours of quiet study time each day 🏠 On-campus accommodation & all meals included 💰 \$400 per student – save \$40 with code PARISHDISCOUNT
More information and registration: www.campion.edu.au/event/study-camp/

Catholic Care Sewing and Crochet classes

All are welcome to join Catholic Care's weekly sewing and crochet classes every Thursday during school terms, 10am-1pm at Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. To register, contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au.

There are multiple positions available throughout our diocese. Please visit parracatholic.org/about/jobs/ for current job vacancies.