

## PARISH NOTICES:

- 1.Divine Mercy Chaplet and adoration- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm**
- 2.This weekend is the annual Bishop's Father's Day Appeal . This Father's Day Appeal supports the retired and unwell priests in our Diocese – the spiritual fathers of our community. Please find a giving envelope in the pews or back of the church.
- 3.Novena of Our Lady of Velankanni will conclude with the Feast Day on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Mass at 7pm followed by a light supper. Please bring a plate to share
- 4.**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September- Senior's morning tea after 9:10am mass.**
5. **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September- Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30 pm in Schoenstatt room.**

If you have not already taken a raffle ticket book to sell now is the time!

**LÔÖK** at the great prizes up for grabs...

Price:1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5  
or 1 booklet for \$30

### Prizes

*1st: Captain Cook Sunset Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise for 2 people*

*2nd: Captain Cook Premium Harbour Experience Cruise for 2 people*

*3rd: Xbox 360 console with Kinect*

*4th:Coles Grocery \$100 voucher*

**3 WEEKS TILL OUR PARISH FETE!**  
***Here's a few ways you can be involved...***

- 1.Volunteers to be a stall helpers.
- 2.Donate plants for the plant store.
3. Donate already baked goods for our cake store. (Please label with ingredients used)
- 4.We need volunteers on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-1pm to assist with setting up. Please wear closed shoes. We need volunteers to assist with packing away after the fete also.
- 5.We have many cultural food stores at the fete- chat to your respective coordinator to ask how you can assist by preparing food before the fete etc

## 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:** Pedro Punongbayan Sr; Manuel Jr Tibayan

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;

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



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**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



### **From Fr Marcus's Desk....**

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that following Jesus is not always easy. He asks for more than quick prayers or kind words. He calls us to put him first, even before family or friends. That can be hard to hear. But Jesus wants us to know what we're saying yes to Him. He wants us to think carefully and choose with open eyes.

In the Gospel for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Jesus says we must carry our cross. He uses examples like building a tower or planning a battle. These things take thought and care. Faith is like that too. It takes real commitment. It asks for trust and strength.

The other readings help us understand why we need God's help. Wisdom says we can't know God's ways on our own. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us. Psalm 90 reminds us that life is short. We should use our days wisely.

Paul's letter shows us what love looks like in action. He doesn't just talk about Christ. He lives it by sending Onesimus back in love.

- **First Reading** – Wisdom 9:13-18B: Understanding God's intentions is beyond human capacity without divine wisdom and the Holy Spirit, as earthly concerns often cloud our judgment.
- **Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 90: God, timeless and eternal, teaches us to value our days and seeks our return to righteousness, offering mercy and favor throughout our fleeting lives.
- **Second Reading** – Philemon 9-10, 12-17: Paul, imprisoned, sends Onesimus back to Philemon, not as a slave but as a beloved brother, urging Philemon to welcome him as he would Paul himself.
- **Gospel** – Luke 14:25-33: Jesus teaches that following him requires prioritizing him above all personal relationships and possessions, emphasizing the need to consider the sacrifices involved, much like planning a construction or a battle.

**Sunday Masses** **Saturday 6.00 pm 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am**

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday 8th September: 9:10am & 7pm – **The Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September: 9.10 am – Tues of 23rd week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 10th September: 7.00pm- Wed of the 23<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 11th September: 9:10am –Thurs of 23rd week in Ordinary Time

Friday 12th September: 9:10am- Fri of the 23rd week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 13th September: 9:10am – **Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop. Doctor**

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

**Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

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**Fr Taliaï Hausia: 0404 322 560**

**Parish Chairperson: Teresa Samuels**

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**Baptisms & Weddings:** By arrangement only

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**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
6/7 <sup>th</sup> September 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Vinod Nagarajan Phil Tonks	Nirmala Deni Savio Fadi Antown
13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Luisito Villapana Jeric Salazar	Sangeeta Kumar Herbie Cruz	Jovita Bugayong Aloysius Wong
20th/21 <sup>st</sup> September 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
27 <sup>TH</sup> /28 <sup>TH</sup> September 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagarajan	Matthias Wong Mary Zore



**CHURCH CLEANING- 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – JERRY & GLORY**



**CHRYSA LIS  
LAW GROUP**

**FRANCIS ALPHONSE -Principal Solicitor- 02 8046 7666**

# PARISH NOTICES continued....

\*\*\*\*\* A PRAYER FOR \*\*\*\*\*  
**Father's  
DAY**

Gracious God,  
bless fathers and all father  
figures with such love and  
faithfulness that children  
flourish and grow in  
uprightness and joy.  
Bless those who long to be  
fathers and those for whom  
this day is difficult.  
Amen.

## DVD SALE!

### Father's Day DVD Sale

A large amount of good quality DVDs  
are on sale after mass this weekend.

**\$2 each or 3 for \$5. DVD Box  
collections available too**

**All proceeds go to our Fete.**

Who is God? What is the meaning of life? **Come and Listen** to a series of talks  
for Youth and Adults

**Monday and Thursday from 7:30pm** commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September in the  
Schoenstatt Room. For enquiries, please call Matt on 0438 049 116

***Young adults from 18-35 are invited to come along on Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> Sept and learn about the truly remarkable life of St Joan of Arc,  
and why she is as relevant today as ever. Speaker Mark Buhagiar will  
lead the faith formation session at Sacred Heart Parish Hall (9 Ropes  
Creek Rd, Mt Druitt) at 7pm, followed by free pizza, lucky door prize,  
and fellowship! Call Mark with any questions on 0477 004 678.***



Do you & your family have a couple hours to spare  
once a month to clean God's house? We have all you  
need for the task, you can clean at a time that suits  
you and you will be shown what needs to be done.  
To find out more about this important ministry in  
our Parish, please see Deacon Rod.

### **Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve**

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also  
honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after  
stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways:  
offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at  
services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps  
ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they  
deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously  
at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) . Thank you.