

PARISH NOTICES:

1. Thank you to all who were involved with the Novena of Our Lady of Velankanni.
2. Monday 22nd September- Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30 pm in Schoenstatt room.



3. Thank you to all Parishioners who donated to the Bishop's Father's Day appeal. You still have time to donate via giving envelopes on the church pews or through the QR code. The amount collected was \$1,395.

2 WEEKS UNTIL OUR PARISH FETE!

Here's a few ways you can be involved...

1. Volunteers to be a stall helper.
2. Donate plants for the plant store.
3. Donate baked goods for our cake store. **(Please label with ingredients used)**
4. We need volunteers on Saturday the 27th of 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.

Also, it's not too late to donate goods for our chocolate wheel hampers! Nonperishable food such as canned fruit & veg, pasta, rice, biscuits, snack foods, spreads, dried fruit, Cereals, wine, cordials, drinks (always check expire date). Gift cards also make a great hamper filler.

Donations can be left in the baskets at the back of the church.

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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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Year C)

14th September 2025



From Deacon Rod's Desk....

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Triumph Through Sacrifice

Each year on September 14, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a solemn reminder that through Christ's suffering and death, salvation was won for all. This feast dates back to the 4th century, commemorating the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

The Cross, once a symbol of shame, has become the sign of victory. This paradox is beautifully prefigured in the Old Testament: when the Israelites were afflicted by serpents in the desert, Moses was instructed to raise a bronze serpent on a pole. "Whoever looked at it," Scripture says, "was healed" (cf. Numbers 21:4–9). Jesus Himself connects this to His crucifixion: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14).

This year, September 14 falls on a Sunday, and the Church gives precedence to this feast over the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It invites the faithful to gaze upon the Cross not with sorrow, but with reverence and hope. The Cross is not the end—it is the means by which eternal life is offered.

As we celebrate this feast, we are called to embrace our own crosses, trusting that through them, God's glory is revealed. The Cross stands as a beacon of love, sacrifice, and triumph

Sunday Masses **Saturday 6.00 pm Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)**

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 15th September: 9:10am – **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Tuesday 16th September: 9.10 am – **Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

Wednesday 17th September: 7.00pm- Wed of the 24th week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 18th September: 9:10am –Thurs of 24th week in Ordinary Time

Friday 19th September: 9:10am- Fri of the 24th week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 20th September: 9:10am – **Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang and their Companions, Martyrs**

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

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

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Entrance Antiphon: We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
13 th /14 th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Luisito Villapana Jeric Salazar	Sangeeta Kumar Herbie Cruz	Jovita Bugayong Aloysius Wong
20th/21 st September 25 th Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
27 TH /28 TH September 26 th Sunday in OT	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagarajan	Matthias Wong Lucia Sini
4 th /5 th October 27 th Sunday in OT	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Sangeeta Kumar Phil Tonks	Agnes Polu Mary Zore



CHURCH CLEANING- 19TH SEPTEMBER – Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala



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PARISH NOTICES continued....

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 11th 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 **14th 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.

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Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 20 September

St Patrick's Cathedral and the Diocesan *Laudato Si'* Action Team invite you to the annual Season of Creation Mass with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. The entire universe speaks of God's love (Pope Francis) and all of creation praises our God (Psalm 148). Let us join in this praise and in Jesus' own mission to care for creation (Pope Leo) on Saturday 20 September 2025, 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. Morning tea will be served in the Cloister Hall after Mass

Glenmore Park St Padre Pio Triduum and Feast Day

Everyone is invited to join St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, for the parochial feast day celebrations. A three-day Triduum Novena and Mass will be held on;

Thursday 18 September at 7pm,

Friday 19 September at 7pm and

Saturday 20 September at 5.30pm.

On Sunday 21 September, a procession will start at 10am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal.

For any enquiries: (02) 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

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