

# **P A R I S H N O T I C E S** continued...

## **Sacred Heart Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

2026 will be a significant year for our Parish as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of our Parish. The Pastoral Council has decided that this milestone will be commemorated over three days, from 11–13<sup>th</sup> June. This celebration will also incorporate the **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** on 12<sup>th</sup> June – the feast of our Parish.

The Program for these celebrations amongst other things will include:

1. Solemn Mass on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026
2. and a Dinner Dance on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### **We are also seeking Parish Memorabilia**

As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, we are putting together a book of treasured memories from across the decades. Parishioners are invited to bring in any memorabilia connected to the Parish—such as photos, documents, historical items, or anything that reflects our shared journey of faith.

If you have items you are willing to lend, please bring them to the Parish Office. Photos and documents will be scanned and given back to you immediately.

Your contributions will help us honour our history and celebrate the life of our Parish community.

**SAVE THE DATES for 2026**  
**12<sup>th</sup> June Solemnity Mass**  
**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus-7pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner dance**

*More information to come.....*

Don't forget your copy of the Catholic Outlook Magazine Advent & Christmas Edition. Located at the back of the church



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**2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A) 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

## **From Fr Marcus' desk .....**

### **A Voice in the Wilderness**

The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A points us to something new. Isaiah speaks of a branch growing from Jesse's stump. It is a sign of hope. God is doing something fresh. The old ways are ending. A peaceful king will come. Justice and harmony will grow again. Even nature will change.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist appears. He tells the people to repent. Turn around. Get ready. Someone greater is coming. He will bring the Holy Spirit and fire. John reminds us that real faith shows in our actions. We must bear good fruit.

Paul reminds us that Scripture gives hope. God is faithful to His promises. Jews and Gentiles are both part of His plan. We are called to live in peace with one another.

- **First Reading** – Isaiah 11:1-10: The branch from Jesse brings justice and peace, uniting the world under God's spirit. Nature is restored, and the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord.
- **Responsorial Psalm** – Psalms 72: The king will rule with justice and fairness, bringing lasting peace. He will help the poor and needy. His name will be blessed forever, and all nations will find joy in him.
- **Second Reading** – Romans 15:4-9: The Scriptures teach us endurance and hope. God helps us to live in harmony and glorify Him together. Christ serves Jews and Gentiles, confirming God's promises and mercy.
- **Gospel** – Matthew 3:1-12: John the Baptist preached repentance in Judea. He baptized many in the Jordan, warning Pharisees and Sadducees to produce good fruit. He announced one mightier who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

## Sunday Masses: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

### Weekday Masses:

Mon 8th Dec: 9:10am- The Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary(S)

Tuesday 9th Dec: 9:10am-Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent

Wednesday 10th Dec: 7.00pm- Wednesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 9:10am –Thursday of the 2nd Week of Advent

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December: 9:10am – Friday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December: 9:10am –Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

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

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**Sacred Heart Primary School:** [Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt](http://Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt)

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**Entrance Antiphon:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Responsorial psalm:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong
13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Maria Fe Verceluz Fadi Antown
24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	8pm Herminia Villarica & Gloria Cardoza		
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	n/a	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Jovita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar



Church Cleaners - 13<sup>th</sup> December- Jerry & Glory



# PARISH NOTICES

**1. Parish Christmas Carols after Mass this evening. Let's join in together in the spirit of Christmas! Free sausage sizzle and drinks, choir performances and a visit from Santa. All are welcome!**

2. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm Divine Mercy chaplet & adoration in the church

**3. Senior's group (last for 2025) on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of December after the morning mass. Senior's group will resume in February 2026.**

4. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to the evaluation conducted for the Pilgrimage we had in November. Thank you to all who participated in the evaluation, and we will take your recommendations on board for next year

**5. 4 Ropes Creek Road is currently being renovated and will be available for lease very soon. Please contact Richardson & Wrench Rooty Hill on 9832 7500**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11AM MASS by Bishop Vincent.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Vigil – 8pm. *Carols starting from 7:30pm*

Christmas Day- 7:30am & 9am

Reconciliation- 24<sup>th</sup> December 10-11am & 6:30-7:30pm

**SICK:** Leonie Baybay, Aida Aniscol, Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario; Dalveno Bronsan.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margie Trinidad; Bayani Baybay, Floris Jovida; Janet Sarkis; Joseph Tomicic, 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 December