

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

Sacred Heart Parish 50th Anniversary

We are seeking Parish Memorabilia

As part of our 50th 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.

Please check the following dates free to join in to celebrate our Parish!

12th June- Solemnity Mass- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus-7pm

13th June-Parish 50th Anniversary dinner dance

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Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from 13-15 February 2026. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship. Places limited. Fee: \$300 per person. <https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL>

Migrant Jubilee Cross visits the Diocese of Parramatta

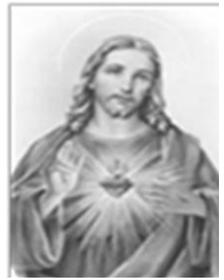
To mark the end of the Jubilee Year, the Vatican's Migrant Jubilee Cross will be visiting several parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta from 5-11 January. For one week, the Diocese of Parramatta will come alive with celebrations that recognise the faith, gifts and resilience of migrant communities who have enriched our parishes, schools and communities. Bring your friends and family to experience the Migrant Jubilee Cross Pilgrimage at a parish near you. Learn more at parracatholic.org/migrant-jubilee-cross.

Mt Druitt Combined Churches Christmas Day Community Lunch: 25 December from 11am at Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt welcome. **Registration is essential.**

For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/MtDruittChristmasLunch>



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3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A) 14th December 2025

From Deacon Rod's desk

A Healing Messiah?

John the Baptist, imprisoned for challenging Herod, sends disciples to ask Jesus if he is truly the awaited Messiah. Matthew, writing after Easter, affirms Jesus as “the Christ,” but John’s question reflects the diversity of messianic expectations in first-century Judaism. Some anticipated a priestly leader, others a prophet like Moses, and many looked for a warrior king to restore Israel’s autonomy. John himself had preached judgment and fire.

Jesus, however, responds not with a direct claim but by pointing to signs: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the poor receive good news—echoes of Isaiah’s vision of restoration. In doing so, he reveals a new kind of Messiah: one whose authority is expressed through healing, compassion, and inclusion. His miracles are not merely proofs of divinity but manifestations of God’s kingdom breaking into the world.

The early Church understood healing as integral to faith, not an occasional wonder. From patristic writings to modern testimonies, healing—physical, emotional, and spiritual—has been seen as a natural fruit of prayer and community. Extraordinary miracles at places like Lourdes remind us of this, but everyday acts of kindness and intercession are equally healing.

In a world marked by division, anxiety, and hurt, the image of Jesus as the healing Messiah challenges us to embody wholeness in our daily encounters. Every word, gesture, and prayer can either wound or restore. To follow Christ is to be agents of healing—bringing compassion, reconciliation, and hope into the lives of those around us.

Deacon Rod

Sunday Masses: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon 15th Dec: 9:10am- Monday 3rd week of Advent

Tuesday 16th Dec: 9:10am-Tuesday 3rd week of Advent

Wednesday 17th Dec: 7.00pm Wed 3rd week of Advent

Thursday 18th December: 9:10am Thurs 3rd week of Advent

Friday 19th December: 9:10am Fri 3rd week of Advent

Saturday 20th December: 9:10am Sat 3rd week of Advent

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

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

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Parish Secretary: Donna Gauci (Wed & Thurs Only)

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

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Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice . Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial psalm: Lord, come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
13 th /14 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
20 th /21 st December 4 th Sunday in Advent	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Maria Fe Verzeluz Fadi Antown
24 th December Christmas Eve	8pm Herminia Villarica & Gloria Cardoza		
25 th December Christmas Day	n/a	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Jovita Bugayong Matthias Wong
27 th /28 th December The Holy Family	Pio Vergara Edna Gemzon	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong

Church Cleaners - 20th December -Ingird, Irene & Nirmala

PARISH NOTICES

1. **Bishop Vincent will be presiding at the 9am Mass this Sunday**
2. A heartfelt thank you to all who helped in any way, to our wonderful performers, and to everyone who attended our Parish Christmas Carols last weekend. Your generosity and participation made the evening truly special.
- 3.. We held our final Seniors Group gathering for 2025 last week. Sincere thanks to all who participated and shared their food, stories, and friendship. The Seniors Group will return in 2026!
4. **New's Year Eve- Wednesday 31st December- There will be a Thanksgiving Mass at the usual weekday mass time of 9:10am. There will be no evening mass this day**
5. **New Year's Day- Thursday 1st January – 9:10am mass followed by 1hr Adoration**



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**Sacrament of
Confirmation
will be celebrated
on Sunday 17th
May 2026
at 11am Mass by
Bishop Vincent**

**There's still a few copies
of the Catholic Outlook
available at the back of
the church
gets yours today!**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

Christmas Day- 7:30am & 9am

Reconciliation- 24th December 10-11am & 6:30-7:30pm

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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