

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

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

*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*

### **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES & BEYOND**

*for all diocese news and safeguarding resources visit - [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)*

### **Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross 5-11<sup>th</sup> January**

To mark the end of the Jubilee Year, the Vatican's Migrant Jubilee Cross will be visiting several parishes in our Diocese. For one week, our Diocese 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](http://parracatholic.org/migrant-jubilee-cross).

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith:  
Tuesday 6 January - African community

St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown:  
Wednesday, 7 January – Filipino community

St Luke's Parish, Marsden Park:  
Friday, 9 January – Tongan community

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta:  
Saturday, 10 January – Cantonese community





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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year A)**

**28th December 2025**



## **From Deacon Rod's desk .....**

### **Holy Ground: God in the Ordinary**

Many spiritual traditions seek transcendence by escaping the ordinary—through detachment, solitude, or flight from worldly ties. Christianity, however, proclaims something radically different: God enters the ordinary. The Incarnation affirms that the eternal Word became flesh, embracing human life rather than fleeing it.

From Abraham's covenant rooted in family relationships to the Christmas story filled with shepherds, travellers, and humble homes, Scripture reveals that God's presence is discovered in everyday life. Zechariah's doubts, Elizabeth's joy, Joseph's struggles with taxes and relocation, Simeon's patient hope, and Anna's lifelong prayer—all show holiness woven into ordinary circumstances.

Our homes, families, and friendships are the true "holy ground." Here, faith takes flesh. Here, love is tested and deepened through patience, humility, forgiveness, and kindness. St. Teresa of Avila reminded seekers of mystical prayer to first examine their relationships, for it is in these crucibles that grace is lived. Even Freud recognized that the family stage hosts life's deepest dramas.

Loving humanity in theory is easy; loving the person closest to us—flawed yet beloved—is the real challenge and glory. In acts of care, forgiveness, and perseverance, God's face shines. Whether in joy or suffering, in small gestures or heroic sacrifices, the divine is present.

This Christmas, let us ponder like Mary and see like Simeon: God is here—in our homes, our pews, our families. These are the holy of holies. Here is the smile of God.

**Deacon Rod**

**Sunday Masses: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year A)**  
**Saturday 6.00 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am**

**Weekday Masses:**

Mon 29th Dec: 9:10am- Fifth day in the Octave of Christmas  
 Tuesday 30th Dec: 9:10am- Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas  
 Wednesday 31st Dec: **9:10am**- Seventh day in the Octave of Christmas  
 Thursday 1st Jan: 9:10am -**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan :9:10am- Saint Gregory the Great and Gregory Naziazen.  
 Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: 9:10am-Saturday before Epiphany.

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

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**Baptisms & Weddings:** By arrangement only

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

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**Entrance Antiphon:** The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**Responsorial psalm:** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
<i>27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>The Holy Family</i>	Pio Vergara Edna Gemzon	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
<i>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> January</i> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
<i>10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> January</i> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Maria Fe Verceluz Nirmala Deni Savio
<i>17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	Pio Vergara Luisito Villapana	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Aloysius Wong Matthias Wong
<i>24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> January</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks	Lucia Sini Mark Buhagiar

# PARISH NOTICES

- 1.Fr Taliai will be overseas until the 30<sup>th</sup> of December**
2. New's Year Eve- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December- There will be a Thanksgiving Mass at the usual weekday mass time of 9:10am. There will be no evening Mass this day
- 3. New Year's Day- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January – 9:10am Mass followed by 1hr Adoration**
4. Devotion of the 2 Hearts on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January at 7pm
- 5.Sacrament of the sick will take place during morning Mass on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**
6. Divine Mercy Chaplet and adoration- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January October at 3pm.
- 7.Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February- Our first Senior's meeting for 2026 will be an outing to a mystery beach in Sydney! Please register on the sheets provided at the back of the church.**

## CLEANING ROSTER FOR JANUARY 2026

3 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY	NELSON & LYDIA
10 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	JERRY & GLORY
17 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	INGRID, IRENE & NIRMALA
24 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	SAMOAN COMMUNITY

## 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:** Teodoro Ambas, 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 January