

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

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES & BEYOND

for all diocese news and safeguarding resources visit - www.parracatholic.org

Safeguarding Training for Parishes of the Blacktown Deanery:

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in Ministry at Parishes in the Blacktown Deanery are now due to update their Safeguarding Training Modules.

If you are new to Ministry and have not begun any Safeguarding Training? Complete Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1)

Face- to-Face Cycle 1 opportunities are available on:

- Wednesday 11th February at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown (9.30am-2.30pm)

Did you complete Cycle 1 Modules two years ago? Complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)

Face- to-Face Cycle 2 opportunities are available on:

- Mondays evenings 16th (Mod 4) and 23rd February (Mod 5) at St Andrew's Marayong (7.00pm-8.30pm)
- Monday 23rd February at St Andrew's Marayong (10.00am-1.30pm)
- Wednesday 11th March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown (9.30am-1.00pm)

Did you renew your Cycle 2 Modules 4 & 5 two years ago? Complete Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Face- to-Face Cycle 3 opportunity is available on:

- Monday 10th February at St Andrew's Marayong (10.00am-12.00noon)

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed independently online at:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>



SACRED HEART PARISH
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
25th January 2026



From Deacon Rod's desk

"The day of Midian"

The First Reading refers to "the **Day of Midian**": a moment in Israel's history when God brought an unexpected and miraculous victory against the Midianites. The Midianites were descendants of **Midian**, one of Abraham's sons by Keturah. Since God's covenant was to pass through Isaac, Abraham eventually sent Midian and his brothers away, and their descendants grew into a powerful, often hostile, people. By the time of the Exodus and later the Judges, the Midianites had become idolatrous and frequently opposed Israel. Their oppression reached a peak in the time of **Gideon**, when they terrorized the Israelites for years. Gideon's astonishing victory—achieved with only three hundred men—became a symbol of God's saving power. This triumph is likely what Isaiah evokes when he speaks of liberation coming "as on the day of Midian."

Yet the biblical witness presents another dimension to the Midianite story. Moses himself lived among the Midianites, married **Zipporah**, a woman from the Kenite clan (a group linked to Midian), and his children were therefore half-Midianite. The Kenites later lived peacefully among the Israelites, and one Kenite woman, **Jael**, famously defeated the Canaanite general Sisera during the time of the Judges, saving Israel through her courage and fidelity to God.

Thus, "the day of Midian" represents not only the deliverance of Israel from oppression but also the surprising way God weaves outsiders and the once-rejected into His plan of salvation. When the light of God breaks into human darkness, it brings both liberation and the restoration of those once cast out—just as in the multifaceted story of Midian.

Sunday Masses: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 6.00 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon: 9:10am- **Australia Day**

Tuesday: 9:10am- Tues 2nd Week in OT

Wednesday: 7.00pm - **St Thomas Aquinas**

Thursday: 9:10am - Thurs 2nd Week in OT

Friday: 9:10am- Fri 2nd Week in OT

Saturday: 9:10am- **St John Bosco**

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

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

Assistant Priests: Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902

Fr Taliai Hausia: 0404 322 560

Parish Chairperson: Teresa Samuels

Parish Secretary: Donna Gauci (Wed & Thurs Only)

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

Sacred Heart Primary School: Sacred Heart Primary School | Mt Druitt

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Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy palace.

Responsorial psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

| LECTORS | 6PM | 7:30AM | 9AM |
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| 24th/25th January 3rd Sunday in OT | Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar | Joaquim Mendes Phil Tonks | Lucia Sini Mark Buhagiar |
| 31/1st Feb 4th Sunday in OT | Wendy Farquharson Luisito Villapana | Elijah Merjudo Thomas Merjudo | Maria Fe Verculuz Pelenatita Mafi |
| 7th/8th Feb 5th Sunday in OT | Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara | Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagarajan | Sesefo Vaisima Monica Uhatafe |
| 14th/15th Feb 6th Sunday in OT | Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon | Sangeeta Kumar Philip Tonks | Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong |

PARISH NOTICES

1. Tuesday 10th February- Our first Senior's meeting for 2026 will be an outing to Coogee beach in Sydney! Please register on the sheets provided at the back of the church. \$25 for the bus. Bring your own lunch.
2. Please update your Safeguarding Training this Autumn. Your renewal date will then be Autumn 2028. Thank you for helping to make the Diocese of Parramatta a safe Church for children, young people and adults at risk.
3. Two single female parishioners are looking for a shared house accommodation. If anyone can assist, please contact the Parish Office.
4. Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7.30PM, Parish Pastoral Meeting at Fr Asthon Hall.
5. **To honour the sacredness of our church, all gum or food should be disposed in the bin prior to entry. Thank you for your respect and cooperation.**
6. Mass for World Day of the Sick with Rite of Anointing of the Sick: Wed 11th February 2026, 11am at St Patrick's Catholic Church Blacktown

CLEANING ROSTER

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| 31st January | Tongan Community |
| 6 th February | Nelson & Lydia |
| 14 th February | Jerry & Gloria |
| 21 st February | Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala |

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: Anthony Giaquinto; Cynch Velecina; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida; Norma Labrador; Nieves Arela Empleo; Floris Jovida; Clemencia C.FELICIANO; Teodoro AMBAS;

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of January: Gina Tomicic