

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/>



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st February 2026

From Fr Marcus' desk

The gospel reading for this week includes the beatitudes as told by the book of Matthew. These beautiful promises and blessings are the foundation of the ethos of Christian teaching on humility, justice, compassion, and love.

The beatitudes are a sense of comfort for many Christians. I, too, often identify with the mourner, the meek, the persecuted. I am human, I have lost, I have been bullied, I have been excluded. However, that is the result of a certain interpretation in which we centre ourselves and our experiences when we read the beatitudes.

That is not to say we can't or shouldn't identify with the mourner and the persecuted; many of us have suffered a great deal, and finding hope in cosmic justice and the promises of the gospel can offer a powerful sense of solace. But I do pose the suggestion that this perspective alone is not enough. And the hope in the promise cannot relieve us of the work we have to do to see it be fulfilled.

A quote by St. Teresa of Ávila "Christ has no body but yours," it rings so true in this instance: Christ has no body on earth but ours; ours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world; the feet with which he walks to do good; the hands with which he blesses all the world.

When I read this, I can't help but think of the beatitudes. As Catholics we believe faith is nothing without works (James 2:14) Thus, how are we to pray for God's will to be done on Earth as it is in heaven, and not put in the effort to do so? We long to be comforted, for we mourn—but we must also look around and comfort those around us. Perhaps it's necessary to frame the beatitudes as both about us, and yet not about us at all. This is a contradiction we must grapple with our entire lives: to understand that we inadvertently and unwillingly cause harm and benefit from the harm done to others. To understand that the comfort of our current lives is frequently being sustained by the exploitation of our siblings in Christ. I

I am very certain that true rewards spoken of in the beatitudes—to be satisfied, to be comforted, to see God—can only truly be brought about if we become participants in God's will. *Dani M. Jiméñz*

Sunday Masses: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 6.00 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon: 9:10am- **The Presentation of the Lord**

Tuesday: 9:10am- Tues 4th Week in OT

Wednesday: 7.00pm – Wed 4th Week in OT

Thursday: 9:10am – **Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

Friday: 9:10am- **Saints Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyrs**

Saturday: 9:10am- Sat 4th Week in OT

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

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

South (sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au) Tel: 9625 8733

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial psalm: Happy the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

LECTOR'S ROSTER

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
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
21st/22nd Feb 1st Sunday of Lent	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudo	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar

PARISH NOTICES

1. **Sunday 1st February- Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm**
2. **Friday 7th February- 1st Friday of the month- Devotion of Two hearts-7pm**
3. **Saturday 7th February- Sacrament of the sick during the 9:10 am Mass**
4. **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.**
5. **Wednesday 11th February- Mass for World Day of the Sick with Rite of Anointing of the Sick: 11am at St Patrick's Catholic Church Blacktown**
6. **Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7.30PM, Parish Pastoral Meeting at Fr Asthon Hall.**
7. **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**

**WEDNESDAY 18TH FEB
ASH WEDNESDAY**

**MASS TIMES:
6AM
9:10 AM (SCHOOL MASS)
7PM**

During Lent
Extra mass each Friday at 7pm
followed by Way of the Cross

**CLEANING ROSTER
FEBRUARY**

6 TH FEB	NELSON & LYDIA
14 TH FEB	JERRY & GLORY
21 ST FEB	INGRID, IRENE & NIRMALA
27 TH FEB	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: 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