

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES & BEYOND

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Catholic Youth Parramatta 2026 Kick-Off: 26 February

Young people from across the Diocese are invited to an evening of celebration as we begin 2026 together. Hear testimonies from local leaders, take part in prayer, connect with others, and discover the vision for Catholic Youth Parramatta in the year ahead. Join us on Thursday 26 February from 7pm to 9.30pm at Holy Family Primary School, 11 Emert Parade, Emerton.

Register today: <https://parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/>



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Volunteer Cook Wanted for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program

Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program is seeking a volunteer cook to lead simple, hands-on cooking sessions for a small group of women once a month. Sessions run on a Friday from 10am to 12midday, with all ingredients provided, and conclude with participants sharing the meal together. All required screening and training will be supported. For more information or to express interest, please contact enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au or call (02) 8843 2500.



First Sunday of Lent 21-22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



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AGAINST
POVERTY
this Lent

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Or online at:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



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1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)
22nd February 2026



From Fr Talia'i's Desk.....

“No amount of merely human effort could possibly solve the problem.”

On this first Sunday of Lent, we join Jesus in the desert. Matthew tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be put to the test by the devil. The forty days of Lent recall the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert before beginning his public ministry. However, in today's readings we have Him tested in the garden and tested in the desert. It's means we need to be redeemed because today's gospel reminds us that we live in enemy-occupied territory. An evil power has made itself, for the present, the prince of this world.

Bishop Robert Barron makes this observation: “The scriptural authors understand sin not so much as a series of acts but as a condition in which we are stuck, something akin to an addiction or contagious disease. No amount of merely human effort could possibly solve the problem. Rather, some power has to come from outside of us to clean up the mess; something awful has to be done on our behalf in order to offset the awfulness of sin. With this biblical realism in mind, we can begin to comprehend why the crucifixion of the Son of God was necessary.” Amen

Sunday Masses: 1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)
Saturday 6.00 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon: 9:10am- Monday of the 1st Week of Lent
 Tuesday: 9:10am- Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent
 Wednesday: 7pm- Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent
 Thursday: 9:10am – Thursday of the 1st week of Lent
 Friday: 9:10am & 7pm- Friday of the 1st week of Lent
 Saturday: 9:10am- Saturday of the 1st week of Lent
Confessions: Saturday: 9.45am -10.15am & 5.00pm-5.30 pm

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CLEANING ROSTER

27TH FEB

SAMOAN COMMUNITY

6th MARCH

NELSON & LYDIA

13th MARCH

JERRY & GLORY

20TH MARCH

INGRID, IRENE & NIRMALA

LECTOR'S ROSTER

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
21st/22nd Feb 1st Sunday of Lent	Jeric Salazar Edna Gemzon	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
28th Feb/1st March 2nd Sunday of Lent	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Vinod Nagarajan	Aloysius Wong Lucia Sini
7th/8th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Joaquim Mendes Sangeeta Kumar	Mary Zore Agnes Polu
14th/15th March 4th Sunday of Lent	Luisito Villapana Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Pelenantita Mafi Fadi Antown

PARISH NOTICES

1. Please take home a project compassion donation box & help Caritas fight poverty this Lent
2. **Sunday 22nd Feb- Senior altar servers meeting at 11:15am in Fr Ashton Hall**
3. A pastoral letter from Bishop Vincent has been released this past week regarding the ***Special Year of St Francis***. Please visit <https://parracatholic.org/year-of-st-francis/> to read the letter or take a copy of the letter from the back of the church.
4. **You only have another week to submit your photos and articles for the Parish 50th Anniversary Booklet. Do not miss this opportunity.**
5. Please keep in your prayers all our volunteer Special Religious Educators who return to classrooms in the next few weeks. We thank them for their service and commitment to spreading God's love to all the children in our local Public Schools. If you are interested in this ministry either as a teacher or to support a teacher in the classroom, please speak to Deacon Rod.

Parish Lent Program

Extra Mass each Friday at 7pm followed by The Way of the Cross

1st Week of Lent:

Way of the cross lead by *The Neocatechumenal Way*

Music for Easter Triduum

Facilitated by Mr Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator

Tuesday, 10th March 7pm – 9pm

at the **Bishop Bede Heather Centre** (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown).

RSVP 5th March to OFW@parracatholic.org



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 February