

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES & BEYOND

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### **FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course: Begins 10 February**

FaithLIFE Scripture offers a 3-session Catholic Bible study and faith formation short course on how to engage with the Bible through the Catholic tradition during turbulent times. The program will run on Tuesday 10, 17 and 24 February at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, from 7pm to 9pm. The program is facilitated by Scripture scholar Dr Michele Connolly RSJ and is open to adults of all ages and supports ongoing adult faith formation. To register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-scripture-session-1/>

### **Rosary Making Workshops**

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on the following days:

- Monday 9 February at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm.
- Thursday 26 February at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, from 7pm.
- Saturday 7 March at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair-Erskine Park, from 2pm.
- Tuesday 10 March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm.

Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit [parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops](http://parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops)

### **Blacktown Parish presents ‘The Witness’**

The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical “The Witness” – telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. We encourage anyone interested in being part of The Witness experience to register. For vocal auditions, contact our Music Director, Marianne Fernandes, at [music@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:music@bethewitness.com.au). To learn more, visit Be The Witness – The Musical or email [info@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:info@bethewitness.com.au).



### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Holy Spirit Mission Retreat: 21 February**

from 12pm to 5pm at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Scan QR code for more details and to register



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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**  
**8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

### **Salt and Light: A Fire That Transforms**

When Jesus tells his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world,” he is using images far richer than we often realise. In Jesus’ time, salt was not mainly for flavour—it was used to ignite and sustain fire. Families would collect camel or donkey dung, mix it with salt, and shape it into fuel patties. These were placed on a slab of salt at the base of a clay oven, where the salt acted as a catalyst, helping the fuel burn. Eventually, the salt lost its ability to spark fire and became “good for nothing”—not evil, simply no longer effective.

Jesus is telling his followers that discipleship means being the catalysts who ignite goodness in the world—those who help courage, compassion, and truth catch fire in hearts and communities. And once that inner fire burns, disciples naturally become light: illuminating what is hidden, warming what is cold, guiding those who seek direction.

To imitate Jesus, then, is not to be abrasive or argumentative, but to be constructively designed to cause fire —sparking what is healing, purifying, and life-giving. In our own culture, being this kind of “salt” might mean:

- speaking truth with courage but without bitterness,
- building bridges across divisions,
- offering hope in a tired and anxious society,
- standing with the vulnerable,
- practising forgiveness in families and workplaces,
- fostering beauty, hospitality, and community.

These are small flames, but they can transform the world around us. Jesus himself was “salty”: he lit fires of renewal, justice, and mercy—fires that comforted many but challenged others. To follow him is to accept both the joy and the cost of being a catalyst. This week, may we ask: Where is Jesus inviting me to spark light, warmth, and truth?

# Sunday Masses: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**Saturday 6.00 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am**

## Weekday Masses:

Mon: 9:10am- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Week in OT

Tuesday: 9:10am- **Saint Scholastica on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Week in OT**

Wednesday: 7.00pm – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Week in OT

Thursday: 9:10am – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Week in OT

Friday: 9:10am- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Week in OT

Saturday: 9:10am- **Saints Cyril & Methodius on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Week in OT**

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

**Pastoral Director:** Deacon Roderick Pirotta

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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:** Be my protector of God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my Stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Responsorial psalm:** Happy are those who follow the law of the Lord!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of your kingdom. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved, the Lord gave them; they were not dissatisfied in what they craved.

## LECTOR'S ROSTER

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
<b>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagarajan	Sesefo Vaisima Monica Uhatafe
<b>14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Wendy Farquharson Luisito Villapana	Sangeeta Kumar Philip Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
<b>21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Jeric Salazar Edna Gemzon	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Vinod Nagarajan	Aloysius Wong Matthais Wong

# PARISH NOTICES

1. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Only a handful of seats available for the Senior’s outing to Coogee beach. Please register on the sheets provided at the back of the church. \$25 for the bus. Bring your own lunch. Leave from in front of the Church at 9.45am after Mass.
2. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Mass for World Day of the Sick with Rite of Anointing of the Sick: 11am at St Patrick’s Catholic Church Blacktown
3. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30PM, Parish Pastoral Meeting at Fr Asthon Hall.
4. Please bring your Palms from last year’s Palm Sunday for burning into our Ashes for this year’s Ash Wednesday

## WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEB ASH WEDNESDAY

### MASS TIMES:

**6AM**

**9:10 AM ( COMBINED WITH SACRED HEART SCHOOL)**

**7PM**

*During Lent*

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

## CLEANING ROSTER FEBRUARY

14 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	JERRY & GLORY
21 <sup>ST</sup> FEB	INGRID, IRENE & NIRMALA
27 <sup>TH</sup> 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 February