

Parish 50th Anniversary!

Tickets are now on Sale for

Our Parish 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance

13th June at St Mary's Band Club

Time: 7:00pm-11:30pm



Tickets: Adult ticket - \$80
Child (3-10 years) - \$35

ticket includes a three course meal & entertainment.

Drinks can be purchased at the bar

RSVP by 17th May 2026.

Please scan the QR code to book

Tickets are non- refundable

**Enjoy live music from
Moonshine Drive**

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our **Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers**. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at **7:30pm on 12 May 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.**

Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7pm and be seated by 7:15pm.

To register the number of guests and ministers attending please register by Thursday, 7th May.

To register please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

SAFEGARDING NOTICE:

Concerned about safety of a child?

- Identify the harm.
- If it is an emergency ring 000
- What harm is it? Physical, neglect, domestic violence, emotional?
- Contact someone in charge
- 3 R's: Reassure, Report & record



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3rd SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR A
19TH APRIL 2026

From Deacon Rod's Desk

From David's Tomb to the Breaking of Bread: Peter as Witness of the Risen Christ

The readings for the Third Sunday of Easter (Year A) present Peter as a bridge between Israel's past hopes and the Church's Easter faith. In his Pentecost speech (Acts 2:14, 22–33), Peter places Jesus deliberately in the line of King David. David, Israel's greatest king, was promised a descendant whose kingdom would endure forever. Yet Peter is blunt: David died; his tomb is still with us. The promise, therefore, could not be fulfilled in David himself. It is fulfilled only in Jesus, whom God raised from the dead.

Peter's proclamation is striking because it mirrors his own journey from confusion to clarity. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Peter once struggled to understand the meaning of Jesus' suffering and death. The Emmaus disciples walk away from Jerusalem disappointed, unable to reconcile their shattered hopes with the Scriptures. Only when the risen Jesus opens the Scriptures and is recognised in the breaking of the bread do their hearts begin to burn with understanding. Peter now stands where the Emmaus disciples ended their journey. Having encountered the risen Lord, he is able to interpret the Scriptures with authority. He reads David prophetically, not nostalgically. David becomes a signpost pointing beyond himself, just as Peter's leadership points beyond his own weakness to God's saving action. The risen Jesus transforms Scripture from a record of past glory into a living word that explains the present.

The Second Reading (1 Peter 1:17–21) deepens this insight, reminding believers that their faith rests not on human power or royal lineage but on Christ's precious blood and God's faithfulness. Peter, once fearful, now speaks boldly because the resurrection has changed everything.

Like the Emmaus disciples, the Church today learns to recognise the risen Christ through Scripture and the Eucharist—and, like Peter, is sent to proclaim that Jesus is the fulfilment of all our hopes.

Sunday Masses: 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon 13th April: 9:10am- **Mon of the 2nd Week of Eastertide**
Tuesday 14th April: 9:10am- **Tues of the 2nd Week of Eastertide**
Wednesday 15th April: 7pm- **Wed of the 2nd Week of Eastertide**
Thursday 16th April: 9:10am- **Thurs of the 2nd Week of Eastertide**
Friday 17th April: 9:10am- **Fri of the 2nd Week of Eastertide**
Saturday 18th April: 9:10am - **Sat of the 2nd Week of Eastertide**

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

Assistant Priests: Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902

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LECTOR'S ROSTER

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
19th/20th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	Luisito Villapana Herminia Villarica	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong
25th/26th April 4th Sunday of Easter	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagaraja	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
2nd/3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Sangeeta Kumar Phil Tonks	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore
9th/10th May 6th Sunday of Easter	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Matthias Wong Agnes Polu

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

25TH APRIL	SAMOAN COMMUNITY
2nd May	NELSON & LYDIA
9th MAY	JERRY & GLORIA
16th May	INGRID, IRENE & NIRMALA

PARISH NOTICES

- 1.Registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation close today. Any forms that have not been returned to the office, please do so asap.
2. Paish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 7PM in Schoenstatt Meeting Room.
3. The work on the new gutters of Fr Ashton Hall and the Church is now complete.
4. Parishioners who wish to promote or distribute prayer or devotional cards in our church, are kindly asked to seek prior approval from the Pastoral Director. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
5. Enrolments for Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses are now open for commencement in September. Take a form from the back of the church and return completed to parish office. Places fill fast.

Summary of Parish Financial Audit	Year 2025
Operating Income	\$187,024
Operating Expenses	\$119,023
Surplus	\$68,001
Total Income incl 1 st Collection	\$228,158

Sacrament of Confirmation

Date: **17th May** Time: **11am**

LOCATIONS	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
Sacred Heart School 3:15pm-4:15pm	22nd April	29th April	6 th May	13 th May
Fr Ashton Hall 4-5pm	18 th April	2 nd May	9th May	16 th May

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 April