

Parish 50th Anniversary!

Tickets are now on Sale for

Our Parish 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Date: Saturday 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***

Nominations open for the 2026 Papal & Diocesan Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals – both religious and lay – who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 30 June 2026. For more information or to submit a nomination,

visit parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

SAFEGAURDING 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



Francis Alphonse at Chrysalis Law Group provides a range of legal services.

Home visits for the elderly or infirm at no extra charge in selected areas.
Ph 8046 7666
Email francis@chrysalislegal.com.au

Free Legal Clinic – Catholic Care, Emerton

Catholic Care offers free weekly legal advice every Thursday from 11am at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Bookings are recommended call 8843 2500. Walk-ins are also welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MOUNT DRUITT

Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith



4TH SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR A
26TH APRIL 2026

From Fr Talia's Desk.....

The symbolism of shepherd and sheep is found in various passages throughout the Old Testament in which leaders, particularly David, are portrayed as shepherds. You might remember that David was caring for his father's sheep when the prophet Samuel arrived to anoint one of the children of Jesse as the upcoming ruler of Israel. Several psalms that are traditionally linked to David employ the symbolism of the shepherd and his flock. This Responsorial Psalm of today, Psalm 23, depicts the Lord as the shepherd who leads his people Israel: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want for anything." Lush and verdant are the meadows where he grants me rest. "By tranquil waters he guides me; he refreshes my spirit." In the Gospel today, Jesus uses an image for himself: he is the gate. Later in the chapter, he will clearly declare himself as the Good Shepherd. Even though we link the Good Shepherd's image to John's Gospel, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke also employ the imagery of shepherds and sheep. When the Hebrew Scriptures were converted into Greek, this expression was translated as Ἐγὼ εἰμι ὁ ὢν ((egō eimi) ho ōn) — "I am the One that exists." Thus, when Jesus earnestly and repeatedly asserts Ἐγὼ εἰμι ((egō eimi)) in the Gospel of John, he purposefully mirrors the divine declaration at the burning bush. The "I am" statements are not just artistic figures of speech; they are part of the language of disclosure. When Jesus declares, "I am the door," He is not just clarifying how individuals discover life — He is also revealing who He is.

Amen

Sunday Masses: 4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Saturday 6 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon 27th April: 9:10am- **Mon of the 4th Week of Eastertide**
Tuesday 28th April: 9:10am- **Saint Peter Chanel, Priest Martyr**
Wednesday 29th April: 7pm- **St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor**
Thursday 30th April: 9:10am- **Thurs of the 4th Week of Eastertide**
Friday 1st May: 9:10am- **Fri of the 4th Week of Eastertide**
Saturday 2nd May: 9:10am - **Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor**

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

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LECTOR'S ROSTER

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
<i>25th/26th April 4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagaraja	
<i>2nd/3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Sangeeta Kumar Phil Tonks	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore
<i>9th/10th May 6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Matthias Wong Agnes Polu
<i>16th/17th May The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Maria Fe Verceluz Pelenatita Mafi

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

2 nd May	NELSON & LYDIA
9 th MAY	JERRY & GLORIA
16 th May	INGRID, IRENE & NIRMALA
23 rd May	SAMOAN COMMUNITY

PARISH NOTICES

1. 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.
2. Devotion of Two Hearts Mass will be held on **Friday 1st May** commencing at 7pm
3. Sacrament of the Sick will take place during the 9:10am Mass on **Saturday 2nd May**.
4. Divine Mercy Chaplet and adoration- **Sunday 3rd May at 3pm**

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

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

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May 2026

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2 May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event

at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 12 May @7:30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

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



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