

# Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

*Tickets are now on Sale for*

## *Our Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance*

**Date: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

**Please scan the QR code to book**

*Tickets are non-refundable*



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

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.  
to register please contact  
[ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

#### **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**

#### **Adult Confirmations 2026**

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those **candidates (16+)** interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note:

Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795

# SACRED HEART PARISH

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*Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith*



5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026

*From Fr Marcus' Desk.....*

**Again, a rich scriptural offering for this Sunday.** It is not easy to find a discernible theme running across the readings, save the general sense that the focus is moving away from the Resurrection of Jesus to the time of his final return to the Father when the disciples will be without his physical presence.

Taken from the long discourse given by Jesus at the Last Supper, the **Gospel**, John 14:1-10, reflects on this time and the understanding it will require from the disciples, that is, from the Church. In fact, there are two 'departures' of Jesus in view. The actual setting of the supper on the night before Jesus is to die makes it natural to understand the 'going away' of which he speaks as a reference to this imminent departure in death; his 'return', then, would refer to his reappearance, on the third day, as risen Lord. While at one level this is true, the discourse really addresses the more permanent 'going away' of Jesus when he finally returns to the Father following his appearances to the disciples as risen Lord. His 'return' would then be his return at the end of time, a thought otherwise rare in the Fourth Gospel.

*(Australian Catholics Education Hub)*

**Sunday Masses: Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Saturday 7:30 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am**

**Weekday Masses:**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May: 9:10am- **Mon of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide**  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May: 9:10am- **Tues of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide**  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May: 7pm- **Wed of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide**  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May: 9:10am- **Thurs of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide**  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May: 9:10am- **Fri of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide**  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: 9:10am - **Sat of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide**

**Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta**

**Assistant Priests: Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902**

**Fr Taliai Hausia: 0404 322 560**

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**Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only**

**Sacred Heart Primary School:**

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**LECTOR'S ROSTER**

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
<i>2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May</i> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Sangeeta Kumar Phil Tonks	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore
<i>9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May</i> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Matthias Wong Agnes Polu
<i>16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May</i> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Maria Fe Verceluz Pelenatita Mafi
<i>23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May</i> <i>Our Lady, Help of Christians</i>	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Vinod Nagaraja Sangeeta Kumar	Sosefo Vaisima Monica Uhatafe

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

9 <sup>th</sup> MAY	JERRY & GLORIA
16 <sup>th</sup> May	INGRID, IRENE & NIRMALA
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	SAMOAN COMMUNITY
29 <sup>th</sup> May	STELLA TAATAO & FAMILY

# PARISH NOTICES

**1. THIS SUNDAY: 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY@3pm- Divine Mercy Chaplet and adoration in Church**

2. We're happy to announce that a new wheelchair-accessible seating area has been created in our church. This space is designed to make worship more comfortable and inclusive for everyone. Anyone using a wheelchair, or accompanying someone who does, is welcome to use this area. Our ushers will be glad to assist you before each service. Thank you for helping us make our church a more welcoming place for all.

**3. The National Count of Attendance for 2026 will take place over the first four weekends of May, commencing this weekend of 2-3 May 2026. This important initiative provides valuable data to support pastoral planning and resource allocation across our Diocese and the wider Church.**

*Sacrament of Confirmation Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May Time: 11am*

LOCATIONS	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
Sacred Heart School <b>3:15pm-4:15pm</b>	-	-	6 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Fr Ashton Hall <b>4-5pm</b>	-	-	9 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@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 May