

Persecution & Faith: A Witness of Courage and Forgiveness from Pakistan



Reflection:

Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you?

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre.

In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God." Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness.

Read more testimonies of faith from *Aid to the Church in Need* at aidtochurch.org/welcome



10-13th September @ Riverside Theatre Parramatta
Presented by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown



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THURSDAY 9 JULY, 2026
10AM - 4PM AT WHALAN RESERVE
'50 Years Deadly'



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MET Natural Fertility Seminar – Introductory Session for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Wednesday 8 July 7-8pm via Teams (online). This session is of particular interest to couples that are trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and are seeking medical intervention to help them. To register visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

There is always lots happening around our Diocese, for information about all the events happening and information of safeguarding please visit parracatholic.org follow on Facebook & Instagram

Don't forget to check our our Parish website on southmoundruitt.org.au

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SOUTH MOUNT DRUITT

Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
28th JUNE 2026

From Fr Talia's desk.....

Follow in my footsteps!

As Jesus said earlier in Matthew's gospel, in the Sermon on the Mount (6:21), "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be too." So, what you treasure reveals your heart. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes that truth and brings it right into the most personal and sensitive area of our lives. "No one who prefers a father or mother to me is worthy of me. No one who prefers son or daughter to me is worthy of me." Now that is confronting, because Jesus is speaking about the very people who matter most to us: our family, those we love most. He is saying that they are unimportant. Quite the opposite. They matter greatly to us. But Jesus demands of his followers a loyalty which transcends even the closest of family ties. The Scriptures have a word for giving our lives to anything other than God. So where does all of this leave us?

Jesus does not call us to admire the cross. He calls us to take it up. He does not call us to a safe or carefully managed life. He calls us to follow him. That call will involve loss. It will involve letting go of things we would prefer to keep, of attachments that make us feel secure, of ways of living that place limits on our obedience. It may even involve letting go of deeply held desires about how our life should unfold. But this is not a loss for its own sake. The man in the parable sells everything he has—but he does so with joy, because he has found the treasure. The merchant gives up all his goods—but only because he has found the pearl of great price. Following Christ means taking up the cross, but Jesus reveals the paradox at the heart of Christian discipleship: Anyone who finds life will lose it; anyone who loses life for my sake will find it.

Sunday Masses: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7:30 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 29th June: 9:10am- *Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles*

Tuesday 30th June: 9:10am- Tues of week 13 in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 1st July: 7pm- Wed of week 13 in Ordinary Time

Thursday 2nd July: 9:10am- Thurs of week 13 in Ordinary Time

Friday 3rd July: 9:10am - *Saint Thomas, Apostle*

7pm- Devotion of Two Hearts Mass

Saturday 4th July: 9:10am - Sat of week 12 in O/T (sacrament of sick)

Confession Times

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

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LECTOR'S ROSTER

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
27th/28th June 13th Sunday in O/T	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Pelenatita Mafi Sosefo Vaisima
4th/5th July 14th Sunday in O/T	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Monica Uhatafe Fadi Antown
11th/12th July 15th Sunday in O/T	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	Vinod Nagaraja Sangeeta Kumar	Jovita Bugayong Bethany Buhagiar
18th/19th July 16th Sunday in O/T	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong

PARISH NOTICES

- 1. Deacon Rod is on leave from the 29th June and will return on the 14th July. Fr Marcus will be overseeing the running of the Parish during this time and Donna will be in the office each Wednesday & Thursday.**
- 2. 50th Anniversary souvenir books are available after mass this weekend. A \$10 donation is appreciated to the cover printing cost.**
- 3 Make sure you pick up your copy of the latest Catholic Outlook, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our Diocese! You can also read it online at catholicoutlook.org/e-edition**
- 4. Devotion of Two Hearts Mass will be held on Friday 3rd July commencing at 7pm**
- 5. Sacrament of the Sick will take place during the 9:10am Mass on Saturday 4th July.**
- 6. Divine Mercy Chaplet and adoration- Sunday 5th July at 3pm**

Continued Appeal for Cat Food. Shane, a 64 yr old gentleman who lives with a disability was physically assaulted 11 months ago and as a result has been in the Westmead Hospital since then being treated and rehabilitated For a brain injury from the attack. Shane needs to relearn life skills before he returns home. Shane has two cats that are being cared for by generous neighbours. Any donation of cat food would be greatly appreciated. Please give to Deacon Rod

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

4 th July	NELSON & LYDIA
11 th July	JERRY & GLORY
18 th July	INGRID, IRENE & NIRMALA
25 th July	SAMOAN COMMUNITY

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK: Jenny Taateo, Leonie Baybay, Aida Aniscol, Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario; Dalveno Bronsan;
RECENTLY DECEASED: Ruben Cantillana; SonnyTresmaria; Prudencio Fronda; 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 June.