

Diocese of Parramatta World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Launch: 12 August

Come and discover the pilgrimage to the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027), themed “Take courage! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Join us for an inspiring evening to learn about the pilgrimage, hear testimonies from past pilgrims, explore the faith and culture of the Korean Church, and enjoy fellowship with other young people. Date: 12 August 2026 Doors open at 6:30pm. Venue: Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Register today at parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/ We look forward to welcoming you!

Get #Active4Vocations: Spur on Bishop Vincent and our Holy Spirit Seminarians

This National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and our Holy Spirit Seminarians will get #Active4Vocations in City2Surf on Sunday 9 August. Please pray for vocations and support our seminarians as they take on the 14km journey from Sydney to Bondi to promote priestly vocations. Spur them on with a donation at tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations. If you feel called to the priesthood, visit parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/priesthood

Adult Confirmations 2026. Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, held on **Saturday 29 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.** A light lunch will be provided. 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. Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 7:30pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.** Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18 August 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795. @parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



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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 southmounddruitt.org.au

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
26th JULY 2026

From Fr Taliai's desk.....

Only One Great Pearl

Pope Benedict called our attention to the parables, reminding us that “every teacher who wishes to present to his hearers some new truth that falls outside their previous experience or perception of reality will necessarily make constant use of examples or parables in order to introduce them to the new truth. “By the example he leads them to observe something that until now they have failed to see; he invites them to see in something familiar a meaning that until now they have failed to grasp. “By means of the parable he brings the distant close at hand so that they can penetrate it.” Through the parables, Jesus reveals to us the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The two phrases “Kingdom of Heaven” and “Kingdom of God” are used interchangeably in Matthew’s gospel and mean exactly the same thing. In the nineteenth chapter of Matthew, both phrases appear in verses 23-24. “Kingdom of God” is used five times, while “Kingdom of Heaven” is used thirty-two times. In this context, the word heaven is the Jewish equivalent of the word “God.” Jews used this word because they were not allowed to utter or write the holy name of God. Tom Wright reminds us of another important point that the parables of the pearl and the treasure teach us: “These two little parables cut right across the idea, fashionable in the ancient world as well as the modern one, that the different religions, and the experiences they offer, are like a set of pearls which you could collect. There is only one great pearl; there is only one hoard of treasure; and everything else is as nothing beside it. The pearl, the treasure, is the gospel of the kingdom which Jesus was announcing and embodying.”

Sunday Masses: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7:30 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 27th July: 9:10am- Monday of week 17 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 28th July: 9:10am- Tues of week 17 in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 29th July: 7pm- Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus - Memorial

Thursday 30th July 9:10am- Thurs of week 17 in Ordinary Time

Friday 31st July: 9:10am – St Ignatius of Loyola- Memorial

Saturday 1st August: 9:10am - St Alphonsus Liguori - Memorial

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

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LECTOR'S ROSTER

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
25th/26th July 17th Sunday in O/T	Luisito Villapana Herminia V	Herbie Cruz Phil Tonks	Matthias Wong Mary Zore
1st/2nd August 18th Sunday in O/T	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Joaquim Mendes Vinod Nagaraja	Agnes Polu Lucia Sini
8th/9th August 19th Sunday in OT	Jeric Salazar Edna Gemzon	Sangeeta Kumar Phil Tonks	Pelenatita Mafi Maria Fe Verceluz
15th/16th August	Gloria Cardoza Pio Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Leo Macatanjay Sosefo Vaisima

PARISH NOTICES

1. The new plan giving envelopes are at the back of the church to collect. Sign the sheet to confirm that you have collected them.
2. Signup sheet for all those who would like to run the FETE stalls on Sunday 13th September. Please write your name on the store of your choice (for 2-3 hours).
3. We thank Donna Gauci for her service to the Parish for the last 2.5 years. Her last day as our Parish Admin Assistance is on the 6th August 2026. Application for this position advertised on parracatholic.org/job. For more information speak to Deacon Rod or Adwoa Owusu (Manager, People & Culture) on 0473467293
4. We keep in our prayers the soul of Chris Wilson who died last week. He was a member of the Sacred Heart choir. Funeral on 5th August at 11am at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Springwood.
5. Sunday 2nd August 2026, celebrating Feast Day of God, the Father at our church. Program starts at 10am in our church. Mass at 1pm

Bethany Pilgrimage for Women: 29 August

The theme for 2026 is "Totus Tuus" ("Totally Yours"). There will be a decade of the rosary, reflection and personal prayer at each church. Adoration and Confession will be available at times also. This event is perfect for active women who would like to spend a day in prayer whilst pushing themselves physically in order to pray for themselves or family. Water, snacks and light lunch provided. **Registration is essential \$20** www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569560 For more info call Victoria on 0494173359 or email bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

1 st August	NELSON & LYDIA
8 th August	JERRY & GLORY
15 TH August	Ingrid, Irene, & Nirmila
22 nd August	Samoan Community

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK: Ester Olanda Zambrana; Lorraine Joy Calvert, Jenny Taateo, Leonie Baybay, Aida Aniscol, Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario;

RECENTLY DECEASED: Chris Wilson; Judith Anne Calvert Stephenson, Wendy Joan Calvert; Ruben Cantillana; Sonny Resmaria; Prudencio Fronda; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida; Norma Labrador; Nieves Arela Empleo;

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of July.