

ANNUAL SACRED HEART PARISH FETE

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Help Us Make Our Parish Fete a Success! 🌿

Our annual Parish Fete is just around the corner, and we need your support to make it our best one yet. We are currently collecting donations for our various stalls and activities. If you have any items to donate, please consider dropping them off at the parish office.

What We Need

White Elephant: New and used household items in working order, house décor, kitchenware, tools, toys, and books
(NO FURNITURE OR CLOTHING PLEASE)

- **Raffle/chocolate wheel:** Unopened gifts, unperishable food/drink items, toiletries, cleaning products and vouchers
- **Plant Stall:** Potted plants, seedlings, and garden accessories.
- **Cake Stall:** Homemade sweets, cakes, and jams (delivered fresh on the day).

Drop-off Details

Location: Fr Asthon Hall: please ring Parish Office to have hall opened.

Small items can be left in baskets at the back of the church

Thank you for your continuous generosity and community spirit!



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

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

SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MOUNT DRUITT

Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
2ND AUGUST 2026

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagreness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meagre provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

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Sunday Masses: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7:30 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 3rd August: 9:10am- St Dominic, Priest

Tuesday 4th August: 9:10am- Saint John Marty Vianney, Priest

Wednesday 5th August 7pm- Wednesday of week 18 in Ordinary Time

Thursday 6th August 9:10am- The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday 7th August: 9:10am – Friday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time

7.00pm – Mass – Devotion of Two Hearts

Saturday 8th August: 9:10am - Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirota

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

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CHURCH CLEANING & LECTORS ROSTER

8 th August	Jerry & Glory
15 TH August	Ingrid, Irene, & Nirmila
22 nd August	Samoa Community
29 th August	Stella Fagalei & family

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
1st/2nd August 18th Sunday in O/T	Pio Vergara Wendy Farquharson	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 20th Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza Pio Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Leo Macatanjay Sosefo Vaisima
22nd/23rd August 21st Sunday in OT	Luisto Villapana Herminia Villarica	Joaquim Mendes Herbie Cruz	Helen Nau Monica Uhatafe

PARISH NOTICES

1. Sunday 2nd August 2026, celebrating Feast Day of God, the Father at our church. Program starts at 10am in our church. Mass at 1pm. 3PM Devotion of the Divine Mercy.
2. 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
3. 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.
4. Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Vigil Mass on Friday the 14th August at 7pm
5. Registration for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 25th Oct 2026 are now open. Please take a form from the back of the church or it can be downloaded from our parish website: southmountdruitt.org.au. Please return completed form with necessary documents to the Parish office or email it to mountdruittsouth@parracatholic.org.

FETE NEWS.....

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). Raffle ticket books for our Fete are now ready for selling. Please write your name and the beginning book ticket number on the sheet provided. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please collect money at time of sale and return sold books with money to Parish office.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK: Maurice Hillman; 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 August.