

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

SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MOUNT DRUITT

Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

9th AUGUST 2026

From Deacon Rod's Desk

Same Miracle Different Responses.

The Gospel writers deliberately shape their accounts of Jesus to communicate particular theological messages. A striking example is the story of Jesus walking on the water. While Mark's account (Mk 6:45-52) is brief, Matthew's version (Mt 14:22-33) is about fifty percent longer because it includes Peter's attempt to walk on the water and his subsequent failure.

The most significant difference lies in the disciples' reactions. In Mark, after Jesus calms the wind, the disciples are astonished but remain spiritually uncomprehending. Mark explains that they "had not understood the incident of the loaves" and that "their hearts were hardened" (Mk 6:52). Throughout Mark's Gospel, the disciples repeatedly fail to grasp Jesus' identity and mission. Mark portrays them as spiritually blind, a theme reinforced by Jesus' criticisms of their lack of understanding and by the framing of his teachings with two miraculous healings of blind men.

Matthew presents a very different picture. After Jesus rescues Peter and enters the boat, the disciples worship Jesus and proclaim, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Mt 14:33). Unlike Mark, Matthew consistently depicts the disciples as understanding Jesus and his teaching. Their weakness is not ignorance but "little faith."

Peter's experience on the water illustrates this theme. He trusts Jesus enough to step out of the boat but begins to sink when fear overtakes him. Matthew uses this episode to show the tension between faith and doubt. This tension reappears in the final scene of the Gospel when the disciples encounter the risen Jesus: they worship him, yet they doubt (Mt 28:17).

Matthew's message remains relevant today. Many believers understand Jesus and his teachings yet struggle to trust fully and act courageously on that understanding. Matthew encourages Christians to deepen their faith, keep their eyes fixed on Christ, and trust the risen Lord amid life's uncertainties and challenges.

Sunday Masses: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7:30 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 10th August: 9:10am- *Saint Laurence, Deacon, Martyr*

Tuesday 11th August: 9:10am- *Saint Clare, Virgin*

Wednesday 12th August 7pm- Wednesday of week 19 in Ordinary Time

Thursday 13th August 9:10am- Thursday of week 19 in Ordinary Time

Friday 14th August: 9:10am – *St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest*

Saturday 15th August: 9:10am - *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

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CHURCH CLEANING & LECTORS ROSTER

15 th August	Ingrid, Irene, & Nirmila
22 nd August	Samoa Community
29 th August	Stella Fagalei & family
5 th September	Nelson & Lydia

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
8 th /9 th August 19 th Sunday in OT	Jeric Salazar Edna Gemzon	Phil Tonks Joaquim Mendes	Pelenatita Mafi Maria Fe Verceluz
15 th /16 th August 20 th Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza Pio Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Leo Macatanjay Sosefo Vaisima
22 nd /23 rd August 21 st Sunday in OT	Luisto Villapana Herminia Villarica	Joaquim Mendes Herbie Cruz	Helen Nau Monica Uhatafe
29 th /30 th August 22 nd Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Phil Tonks	Fadi Antown Jovita Bugayong

PARISH NOTICES

1. Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Vigil Mass on Friday the 14th August at 7pm
2. 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: southmoundruitt.org.au. Please return completed form with necessary documents to the Parish office or email it to moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org.
3. 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.
4. 30th August- 8th September- Novena for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health. Please pick up a flyer from the back of the church.

Married Couples' Retreat – Reflect, Renew & Reconnect: 5 September

Married couples are invited to a special retreat day, *Reflect, Renew & Reconnect*, on Saturday 5 September 2026 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown. The day runs from 8:30am–4.30pm and includes Mass with Bishop Vincent, light refreshments, and lunch. Couples will explore topics including Expressions of Love, Living Your Vocation of Marriage, 7 Principles of Making Marriage Work, Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit, and a Couple Prayer and Commitment Ceremony. Cost is \$45 per couple. Places are strictly limited. Bookings are essential.

Register now at parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/

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: Irene Nimenzo; 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.