

ANNUAL SACRED HEART PARISH FETE

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Help Us Make Our Parish Fete a Success! 🌿

What We Need

3 WEEKS TILL OUR PARISH FETE!

Here's a few ways you can be involved...

1. Continue selling **RAFFLE TICKETS** and start bringing them back with money.
1. Volunteers to be a stall helper.
2. Donate plants for the plant store.
3. Donate nonperishable food for the chocolate wheel and already baked goods for our cake store. (Please label with ingredients used)
4. We need volunteers on Saturday the 12th of September from 10am-1pm to assist with setting up. Please wear closed shoes. We need volunteers to assist with packing away after the fete also.
5. We have many cultural food stores at the fete- chat to your respective coordinator to ask how you can assist by preparing food before the fete.

We're enrolling now for 2027

SACRED HEART PRIMARY

We invite you to attend an OPEN DAY
18 AUGUST 9:15AM-10:15AM
23 OCTOBER 9:15AM-10:15AM



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'Be The Witness' Musical: 10-13 September

at Riverside Theatres
Parramatta, 10-13 September.

Presented by Mary Queen of the
Family Parish, with a full cast and
chorus now in place and rehearsals
beginning this weekend, excitement
is building. Gather your parish and
book now at bethewitness.com.au

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

SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MOUNT DRUITT

Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith



**21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
23rd AUGUST 2026**

From Fr. Talaia's Desk

Who is the 'Kurios': Jesus or Caesar?

Jesus then travels north to the district of Caesarea Philippi. At the time of Jesus it was a thoroughly Hellenistic city, filled with shrines to the god Pan, and a Temple dedicated to the Emperor Augustus, which Herod had built in 19 BC; it was known as the *Augusteum*. So, Jesus was asking his disciples a question: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" So, this scene in Matthew's Gospel poses a fundamental question: Who is Lord? Is Caesar lord - (Kaisar *kurios*), or is Jesus Lord?

This question has lost none of its power. Every generation must answer it for itself. To whom do I give my ultimate allegiance? And, ultimately, whom do I worship? In the words of Bishop Robert Barron: "If Jesus is truly Lord, then government, business, family life, the arts, sexuality, and entertainment all come properly under his headship." To understand what is happening here, we need to turn to today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah. The key to the house of David is placed upon the shoulder of Eliakim as a sign that authority has been entrusted to him by the king. The key is not simply an object that he carries. It is the insignia of his office. By placing the key upon Eliakim's shoulder, the king appoints him royal steward of the palace, an office comparable to that of a prime minister. Acting on behalf of the king, he exercises delegated authority within the kingdom.

Today's readings tell us who we are as Catholics: We are people who proclaim that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God, the Son of the living God. And we are called into the community founded by Jesus the Christ, and built upon Peter, the rock, the one to whom Jesus entrusted the keys of the kingdom of Heaven. Amen!

MISSING CHOIR SPEAKER from Church:

If you have any information about this matter, please contact Deacon Rod.

Sunday Masses: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7:30 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday 24th August: 9:10am- Mon. St Bartholomew, Apostle Feast

Tuesday 25th August: 9:10am- Tues. 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 26th August 7.00pm- Wed. 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 27th August 9:10am- St Monica, Memorial

Friday 28th August: 9:10am – St Augustine, Memorial

Saturday 29th August: 9:10am – Passion of St John the Baptist, Memorial

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirota

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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CHURCH CLEANING & LECTORS ROSTER

29 th August	Stella Fagalei & family
5 th September	Nelson & Lydia
12 th September	Jerry & Gloria
19 th September	Ingrid, Irene &

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
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
5 th /6 th September 23 rd Sunday in OT	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Herbie Cruz Elijah Merjudio	Mark Buhagiar Aloysius Wong
12 th /13 th September 24 th Sunday in OT	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Matthias Wong Mary Zore

PARISH NOTICES

1. The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for the Clergy Support Foundation will run on this weekend of 29–30 August. This Appeal supports the retired and unwell priests of our Diocese, our spiritual fathers, who have devoted their lives to serving God and His people.
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: southmountdruitt.org.au. Please return completed form with necessary documents to the Parish office or email it to mountdruittsouth@parracatholic.org.
3. 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.
4. **Music Workshop for Weddings & Funerals: 10 September at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7pm–8:30pm. Please register via parracatholic.org/music-workshop**
5. Be a Witness to the Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition at St Patrick's Cathedral: 6-13 September An extraordinary opportunity to encounter the mystery and history of the Holy Shroud of Turin. Show in the Chapel St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6–9 September 2026 — Open all day. 10–13 September 2026 — Open till late.

Bishop's
**FATHER'S DAY
APPEAL**
HONOUR A LIFETIME OF
FAITHFUL SERVICE THIS
FATHER'S DAY



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: Alleyn Wilkonson; 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.