



PARISH NOTICES

Please check poster at the back doors for Cleaning Roster.

1. 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. Special **3rd collection** this weekend in all Masses. We come together in faith, remembering that we are one family in Christ, called to bring hope wherever we are.
2. **Reminder:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting on **Thursday 22nd October at 7pm in the Schoenstatt Meeting Room.**
3. Parish Finance Committee on Tuesday **27th November at 7pm** in the Schoenstatt Meeting Room
4. **Music Workshop for Advent: 5 November**
All musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's upcoming music workshop on November 5th. Mr Eric Grella will focus this workshop on choosing music that is suitable for the liturgical season of Advent. It will be held on Thursday 5th Nov at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7pm-8:30pm. Please register via parracatholic.org/music-workshop
5. **2026 LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 24 October**
All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 24 October for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 6pm. Register by visiting parracatholic.org/lifted-live

PARISH COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS:

1st Collections: Clergy of the Diocese & 2nd Collections: Parish Expenses

If you would like to participate in the Regular Parish Contribution, forms are available for completion in the Parish office or by contacting us on (02) 9832 3896.

Donation by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Account Name: **Sacred Heart Mt Druitt South** Bank: **CBA**

BSB: **067 950** Account Number: **000 004 53**

Please enter your Surname and Initial as a reference.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION-
SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 11 AM MASS
FORMATION SESSIONS

Location	Session 4
Sacred Heart School	21ST OCT 3:15-4:15PM
Fr.Ashton Hall	24TH OCT 4-5 PM

Want to know more? 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 Parish website southmounddruitt.org.au

SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MOUNT DRUITT

Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
18TH October 2026

Parish Address: 9 Ropes Creek Road, Mount Druitt

Parish Tel: (02) 9832 3896

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Pastoral Director: Deacon Roderick Pirotta

Assistant Priests: Fr Marcus Hazelman: 0405 453 902
Fr Taliai Hausia: 0404 322 560

Parish Admin: Amy Falemaka (Tues, Wed & Thurs Only)

Parish Chairperson: Teresa Samuels

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6.00 pm **Sunday:** 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Mon 19th Oct: 9:10am – Sts John of Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions

Tues 20th Oct: 9:10am – Tues 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Wed 21st Oct: 7.00pm – Wed 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Thurs 22nd Oct: 9:10am – Thurs 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Fri 23rd Oct: 9:10am – Fri 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Sat 24th Oct: 9:10am – Sat 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

Sacred Heart Primary School:

Email: sacredheartmtdruitt.catholic.edu.au **Tel:** 9625 8733



29TH Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: **Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-21**



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; Fabiola Palu; Leone Fakahau & Lose Misiloi

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Falla and Joselito Merjudio

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Alejo Chua, Hauy Mcleod, Cheryl Gabell, Marie Novak, Bozena Bukovac, Diosdado Dela Cruz, Jiri Kozumplik, Merlyn Farquharson, Fredy Farquharson, Imelda Christopher, Geoffrey Wilding & **We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of October.**



Congratulations to our young parishioners on receiving their first Holy Communion last week.

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
17 th / 18 th October 29 th Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Edna Gemzon	Vinod Nagaraja Sangeeta Kumar	Bethany Buhagiar Mark Buhagiar
24 th / 25 th October 30 th Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Sosefo Vaisima Monica Uhatafe
31 st Oct/ 1 st Nov 31 st Sunday in OT	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Matthias Wong Pelenatita Mafi
7 th Nov/ 8 th Nov 32 nd Sunday in OT	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Herbie Cruz Sangeeta Kumar	Aloysius Wong Mary Zore



Reflection from Deacon Roderick ...

Living in Both Realms

We often see life in terms of opposites: God or Caesar, sacred or secular, faith or the world. Yet when Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," perhaps he was not creating a division but resolving an argument. Perhaps the deeper question is whether God and Caesar can coexist.

What if God created us to be a dwelling place for His presence right in the middle of everyday life? Despite our flaws, failures, doubts, and disappointments, God lovingly makes room within us for His presence. Many resist this idea, thinking they must first become better people, more religious, or somehow more worthy. But God does not wait for perfection. God comes to us as a faithful friend who accepts, forgives, and remains with us.

If God truly dwells within us, then the connection between heaven and earth becomes clearer. We are not called to escape the world but to live faithfully within it. We belong to God, not as possessions, but as beloved children who are loved and cherished.

Perhaps we ourselves are the "things that belong to God" of which Jesus spoke. If so, then our task is to offer ourselves to God and bring our God-filled lives into the workplaces, homes, streets, and communities where we live. We are called to witness to Christ not by withdrawing from the world, but by serving within it.

So which realm should we live in: God's or Caesar's? The answer may be both. We are called to belong to God while living fully and faithfully in the world He loves.

Congratulations to our Newly Baptised:

Lilly Helm; Akuien Chol; Awut Chol; Deny Chol; Nelly Loding; Noah Loding; Eliana Peprah.

Let us keep our newly baptised children and their families in our prayers as they begin their journey of Catholic faith.



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after Mass
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