



PARISH NOTICES

Please check poster at the back doors for Cleaning and Flowers Roster.

1. Mass Schedule for this Sunday 25th October 2026

7.30am Mass

9am Mass

11am Holy Communion Mass

12.30pm Samoan Community Mass

2. Wishing Fr Marcus a wonderful and restful break. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break. **Fr Marcus Hazelman will be on leave from Monday 26th Oct 2026 to the Friday 6th Nov 2026** returning for our 6pm Mass on Saturday 7th Nov 2026.
3. Thank you to all those who kindly donated to the **Catholic Mission** last Sunday in our 3rd Collection. We were able to raise **\$655.00**, if you are still wanting to donate please scan the QR Code on page 2 or by visiting their website: catholicmission.org.au/our-work
4. Reminder: Parish Finance Committee on Tuesday **27th October at 7pm** in the Schoenstatt Meeting Room

SCHOENSTATT ROOM LIBRARY

As we approach the season of **Advent**, parishioners are warmly invited to visit and borrow books to help deepen their faith and prepare their hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Borrow a book. Nurture your faith.
Prepare your heart for Christmas.***



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SACRED HEART PARISH

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

25TH October 2026

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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 26th Oct: 9:10am – Mon 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Tues 27th Oct: 9:10am – Tues 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Wed 28th Oct: 7.00pm – Wed 30th Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)

Thurs 29th Oct: 9:10am – Thurs 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Fri 30th Oct: 9:10am – Fri 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Sat 31st Oct: 9:10am – Sat 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only (contact Parish Office)

Sacred Heart Primary School:

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



30TH Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: **Exodus 22:20-26**

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: **Matthew 22:34-40**



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, Haury 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.**



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Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

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Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

*Name changed for privacy

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
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
14 th Nov/ 15 th Nov 33 rd Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Gloria Cardoza	Phil Tonks Herbie Cruz	Maria Fe Verceluz Lucia Sini



Reflection from Fr Taliai Hausia ...

A Pharisee asks Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" It is one of the great theological questions of Judaism. Unlike the first question, the second and third questions are not political but theological. For that reason, the Romans would have had no interest whatsoever in disputes about the resurrection or the interpretation of the Law. These are internal Jewish debates. The purpose is no longer to portray Jesus as a political revolutionary but to discredit him publicly as an interpreter of Israel's Scriptures. Jesus is not referring simply to a collection of legal rules. He is referring to the Jewish Scriptures, which are known as the Tanakh. Christians usually call these same books the Old Testament, although the books are arranged in a slightly different order. Although that tradition is recorded centuries after the time of Jesus, it may well preserve a way of thinking that was already familiar in his day. The Pharisee's question reflected a long-standing debate within Judaism. The rabbis distinguished between what they called "heavy" commandments and "light" command. The first reading from the book of Exodus gives us a concrete example of what that love looks like. God commands Israel not to oppress the stranger, not to exploit the widow or the orphan, and not to take advantage of the poor. Love is not presented as a feeling but as a way of treating those who are most vulnerable. That is why Jesus can even command us to love our enemies. He is not asking us to like them, or to admire them, or to feel warmly towards them. He is asking us to refuse hatred, to reject revenge, and to seek their good, even when it is costly. Seen in that light, Jesus' answer is not simply one commandment among many. It is the key that unlocks the whole Law. Every commandment ultimately asks the same question: in this situation, what does genuine love require? That is why, as Jesus says, "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Congratulations to young parishioners receiving their First Holy Communion Sunday 25th October 2026:

Anja Faminial, Arahbella Patel,
Armour Esther Alison Fraser, Adam Arslan, Arern Woi,
Graceel Ruelan, Isaac Masangcay, Jerome Briones,
Jessa Morte, Joshua Cacapit, Kamsiyochi Calistus-Chiudu,
Lamarcus Cruz, Munachimso Calistus-Chiudd, Travis Tan,
Tingna Li, Silvana Baissary, Malual Malual, Riel Machok.
Lilly Helm, Akuien Chol, Awut Chol, Nelly Loding, Eliana Peprah, Grace Machol

