# PARISH NOTICES

1. Wishing Deacon Roderick a wonderful and restful break. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break. **Deacon Roderick will be on leave from Monday 23rd of Nov 2026 to Tuesday 8th of Dec 2026**.
2. **LAST WEEK TO HAVE YOUR SAY!**
   Parish Consultation Questionnaire on the possibility of a new church for our parish. Please find forms at the back of the church.
3. **Bishop's Good Works Appeal** – Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness. Envelopes on the pews if you can donate to this Appeal.
4. **Our Parish Christmas Carols** held **after Mass on Saturday 12th December at 7.00pm** at Sacred Heart School. See flyer for more info.
5. **Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2027.** If you are interested in becoming Ministers of the Word, Communion, Ministers at the Altar. Contact parish office for form asap. Please note these courses fill up very quickly and cannot take more enrolments once at full capacity.
6. **Red November:** Inviting all Catholics to pray, support and act for persecuted Christians throughout Red November. For more information please visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary.
7. **Going away for Christmas/NYE and in need of a pet/house sitter?** Please contact our lovely parishioner Grace Bondoc for more info on 0404 997 835.
8. **FREE six-week faith journey** for families with children aged 4–13, running from **29 Nov 2026 to 10 Jan 2027**. Please visit shalomworld.org/Christmas-activity for more info or scan QR below.




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

# SACRED HEART PARISH
## SOUTH MOUNT DRUITT

***Celebrating 50 years of walking together in Faith***

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
## 22nd November 2026

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**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 23rd Nov:** 9:10am – Mon 34th Week in Ordinary Time
**Tues 24th Nov:** 9:10am – St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and Companions (Memorial)
**Wed 25th Nov:** 7.00pm – St Catherine of Alexandra
**Thurs 26th Nov:** 9:10am – Thurs 34th Week in Ordinary Time
**Fri 27th Nov:** 9:10am – Fri 34th Week in Ordinary Time
**Sat 28th Nov:** 9:10am – Sat 34th Week in Ordinary Time

**Confession Times:**
**SATURDAY: 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

# 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: ***Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17***
Responsorial Psalm:
***R. The Lord is my shepherd;***
***there is nothing I shall want.***
Second Reading: ***1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28***
Gospel: ***Matthew 25:31-46***



## 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:** Susan Pereira, Peter Falla and Joselito Merjudio

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**: Iluminado M Merjudio, 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 November.**




| LECTORS | 6PM | 7:30AM | 9AM |
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| ***21st Nov/ 22nd Noc 34th Sunday in OT*** | Gloria Cardoza<br>Pio Vergara | Elijah Merjudio<br>Joaquim Mendes | Lucia Sini<br>Agnes Polu |
| ***28th Nov/ 29th Nov 1st Sunday of Advent*** | Wendy Farquharson<br>Edna Gemzon | Elijah Merjudio<br>Thomas Merjudio | Sosefo Vaisima<br>Monika Uhatafe |
| ***5th Dec/ 6th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent*** | Jeric Salazar<br>Luisito Villapana | Herbie Cruz<br>Sangeeta Kumar | Fadi Antown<br>Jovita Bugayong |
| ***12th Dec/ 13th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent*** | Herminia Villarica<br>Gloria Cardoza | Phil Tonks<br>Herbie Cruz | Helena Manatu<br>Christina Palu |

# Reflection from Fr. Taliai Hausia...

The feast of Christ the King, therefore, was not simply intended to give Jesus another devotional title. It made a much larger claim. No nation, no government, no political leader and no ideology possess absolute authority. There is a sovereignty higher than all of them. Christ is King. Today's first reading introduces another ancient biblical image: the shepherd. In Ezekiel, God condemns the leaders of Israel, the shepherds who have failed to care for his flock. So, God declares that he himself will become their shepherd: "I myself will search for my sheep." He will seek the lost, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded, and strengthen the weak. The Responsorial Psalm takes up the same image: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." The shepherd of Ezekiel is the Lord himself, the God of Israel. Ezekiel then turns the shepherd image into an image of judgement. God says: "I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats." Sheep and goats often grazed together during the day, but at night the shepherd would separate them. Goats were more vulnerable to the cold and needed greater shelter, while sheep could remain more exposed. Matthew takes up that familiar scene in today's Gospel. Christ comes as King and sits upon his throne, and like a shepherd he separates the flock: "He will separate people one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats." Christ the King is the Shepherd King. One day we will stand before Christ the King. But the startling message of today's Gospel is that we have already met him. We met him when he was hungry. We met him when he was thirsty. We met him in the stranger, the sick and the prisoner. And today we meet him in the refugee, the homeless, the addicted, indeed in all who are relegated to the outskirts of existence. And when at last we stand before the King upon his throne, there will be only one question: What did we do when we met him?

## SCHOENSTATT ROOM LIBRARY

As we approach the season of **Advent**,
All 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.***

