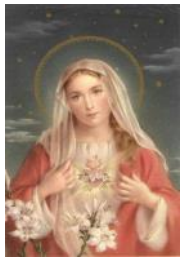




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BULLETIN

2nd February 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Lenten Program

For those interested in participating in a Lenten Reflection Program, there is a sign up sheet under the Noticeboard. **Minimum of 10 people needed to get it started.** Cut off for sign up is the 19th of February to commence on 26th of Feb. and subsequent Wednesday's after that during Lent.

DIOCESAN NEWS

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email met@parracatholic.org

Music for Lent Workshop: 13 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday 13 February from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. Registrations are essential, please RSVP by 11 February via parracatholic.org/music-workshop

PARISH VISION & MISSION

Our Vision Statement is:

To create a vibrant, loving Catholic community that inspires and empowers members to make a positive impact in our world.

Our Mission Statement is:

To provide an inclusive, engaging environment for members to deepen their faith, use their talents to serve others, and make a positive impact in our world.

DAILY MASS READINGS: 3—9 Feb

Mon 3rd Feb: Heb 11:32-40 & Mk 5:1-20
Tues 4th Feb: Heb 12:1-4 & Mk 5:21-43
Wed 5th Feb: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 & Mk 6:1-6
Thurs 6th Feb: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 & Mk 6:7-13
Fri 7th Feb: Heb 13:1-8 & Mk 6:14-29
Sat 8th Feb: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 & Mk 6:30-34

SANCTUARY STATUE UPDATE

For a few weeks now, we have had the company of the statue of St Anthony in our new sanctuary. We are now ready to accommodate the others. The cost for each statue will be \$6,700.00. This includes the manufacture of the statue and delivery. We have a way of providing a tax deductible option. Please speak to Anthony in the Parish Office. Thank you to all those who have donated to the statues thus far.

Sick:

Anna Marie Jackson, Barry Morkel, Graham Rutledge, Dominador Vicho, Anna Fernandes, Madeline Semisi, Ricardo de Mesa, Margaret Cooper, Nina Chavez, Ray Johnston, Precious Tamayo, Sophia Pal, Dominic Fernandez, Liberty Ventura, Harrison Whelan, Joseph Buttigieg, Jackson Naidoo, Faye Demagante, Chadia Kaminski

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Anniversary of Death:

Rosa Refalo, Michael Caruso, Patrick Hogan, Carmen Muscat, Connie Attard, Teresita Ombina, Leah Orongan, Ruben Elago, John Ranbhise, Naty Mutuc, Nieves dela Pena & Rita Joachim

Recently Deceased:

Maria Theresa Xuereb
Mary Sultana, Benjamin Danao

In Memoriam:

Maxima & Engracio Obatay, Pedro Tagudar, Aurora Espinoza, Espy D'Lima, Apolonoo Ladringan, Deceased members of the Tabone & Camilleri families, Celestine & Judith Tinago, Felix Paul, Meinardo Benitez, Felix Romero, Jr., Noel Johnson, Vicente Alaura, Ariel Domingues, Salvador Nassif, Emma Fernandez, Joe Aquilina, Carmen Attard, Emma Soriano, Maria Billones, Joseph Steven Camilleri, Edward Ombina, Mamerta San Buenaventura, Annette Houghton, Antinitio Demagante, Rosemary & Joan Houghton, Albert Gomez, Maria & Jacob Gonsalves, Bibiana Malaluan, Mary Lucille Serrano, Marilou, Mariano Jr., Perpetua, Arsenia, Roberto & Marichar Serrano, Joselito & Bobet Serrano, Epifanio Serrano, Lois & Bede Hill, Marie Mackenzie, Ben McShane Hill, Albert & Michael Agius, Anthony Farrugia & Haber & Farrugia family members, Bill Azzopardi, Calvin & Alberto Wijewera, Loretta & Joseph Desa, Claude Joachim, Regina—Benito Franado, Joseph Grech, Roberto—Maria Reyes, Antonio—Lucia Santos, Julio De Mello, Regina—Baby Granado, Regina & Cristeta Granado, Hugo Sr. & Marita Agudo, Naty Mutuc, Dominador Snr & Efigenia Granado, John & Frances Micallef, Stuart Richard, Dan Peiris & all the souls in purgatory.

May they Rest in Peace



We hope all our Jr Youth member's have had a great holiday from studies. Our Jr Youth choir will be recommencing singing at Mass on the **22nd of February**. If there are any children from K-6 who would like to join in singing at mass, please contact Maria after the Vigil Mass for an application form.

MIYA will be recommencing gathering at 7pm on the **7th of February** in the meeting room. The topic for the night TBA. For those who wish to be a part of this group, application forms can be collected near the bulletin stand.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will recommence on Sunday 9th February at the 9.00am & 10.30am Masses. If there is anyone to volunteer to facilitate please contact the office.

Where are our families?
HALF of our Catholic children are in Public Schools.

ANSWER THE CALL TO MISSION!

We will show you how to pray and explore the Good News about Jesus with Catholic students as an SRE Teacher (SRE Catechist or Helper).

Contact the Office

ccdparramatta.org.au

DEEPENING THE FAITH SESSIONS

These will re-commence in the Parish meeting Room on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month following the 9.15am Mass. Programme will start Wednesday 12 February. If you would like to refresh your knowledge or learn more about your faith, you are invited to join us for a "cuppa", a DVD, a little sharing and prayer. No need to book. All are welcome! For enquiries phone Colleen: 0413 668 652 or leave a message on (02) 98375069.

We must Fan the Flame of Hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking into the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and a far sighted vision.
Pope Francis

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Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing

Everyone interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace is invited to meet like-minded people.

ONLINE GATHERING
Thurs 13 February
6:30PM – 8:00PM

To receive a zoom link, please RSVP via email: met@parracatholic.org

"LET US BE CLOSE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE GOING THROUGH ILLNESS AND ALSO THEIR FAMILIES."
POPE FRANCIS

CELEBRATING

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 11AM 2025

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
2. Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)
3. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
4. Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:22-40 or shorter Luke 2:22-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

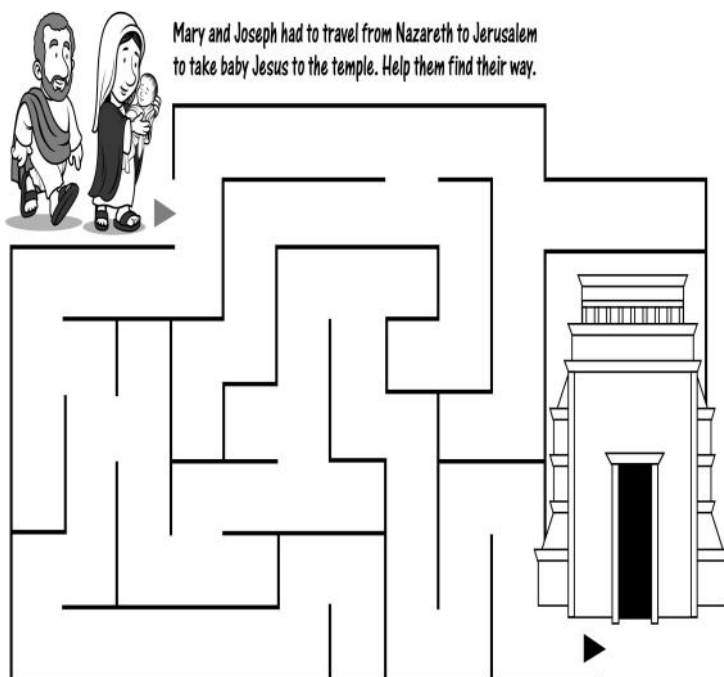
When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.



THIS WEEKEND'S ROSTER: 1st/2nd February

1st Sunday of the Month

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am Feast of Our Lady of Lanka	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C	Joseph S Ding M	Ruwanal F, Amila F Romany D	Isaac & Lina Z	Arnel R John B
Junior Servers	Katrina C Kiana F Ezekiel D		Gabriel E	Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F	Stephanie S	Paolo M M Georgie Annika D
Readers	Edward S Anthony S Jeana B	Therese M Anna Z Edgie A	Rose B Jeanne C Perpetual F	Dianitha F Vanessa P Aubrey J	Merlyn F Anne T	Paea T Belen B
Special Eucharist Minister	Jane A Edith M	Charmaine A	Eva C Bessie M	Bernie P	Aida L Tasia H	Mary Mathew
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F		Ray & Sandra G		Alfredo P	
Music Ministry	Fishers of Men	Recorded music	Liam Shield's & Paul Macaraeg	MI Septet Choir	Recorded music	Rise Up Soul Singers
Power point	Jess P	Marcus M	Choir	Choir	Choir	Juvy A
Piety Store		Sherry	Eva C	Joe A	Ines A	Patricia D

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 8th/9th February

2nd Sunday of the Month

Ministries	5.30pm	7.30am	9.00am	10.30am	12.30pm	5.30pm
Senior Server	Tony A Conrad F	Angelo C Michael C	Joseph S Ding M Joseph A	Rommel D	Isaac & Lina Z	Arthur W Ralph H
Junior Servers	Kiana F		Aviel F Yavniel F Hadriel F Gabriel E	Rachael P Katrina C	Heleni M Johan M	J Machaya Samisoni W
Readers	Virginia F John F Edith M	Mercy E Pen B Rachelle L	Joy M Dianitha F Remy H	Mary C Kevin L Nerissa T	Lourdes M Louis E	Bernadette W Cheri-Anne L Andrew H
Special Eucharist Minister	Maria M	Therese M Maria M	Bessie M	Anna Z Esperanza D Juvy E	Angela D	Patricia H
Greeters	Jerry A Pompey F	Therese M Marcus M		Aubrey J	Fasa & Bruce M	
Music Ministry	Ray Pineda's Group	Recorded music	Blacktown Philipino Choir	Hosanna Eukaristi	5.S.M	Duly Noted
Power point	Jess P	Delyse P	Choir	Choir	Choir	Choir
Piety Store	Merlyn F	Alice D	Katherine C	Joe A	Sherry	Patricia D

PARISH TEAM**Priest of the Parish:** Rev Fr. Oliver Aro MSP**Deacon:** Rev. Leon Decena OFS**Parish/Finance Administrator:** Anthony Saliba OFS**Administrative Assistant:** Marthese Sultana**Sacramental Coordinators:** Anthony OFS & Marthese**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday—Friday 9am to 4pm**Office Email:**

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Our current Mass services are as follows:

Monday – 6.00am only - Tuesday to Friday - 6.00am

and 9.15am - Wednesday 7pm - Saturday - 7.30am

Sunday Masses – Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday- 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4pm to 5pm

THE SACRAMENTS**Baptism & Preparation for sacrament:****Baptisms on Saturdays at 10:00am & 11:00am**

Two children per Baptism ceremony on Saturday.

Parents must attend a preparation session prior to baptism.

Preparation session on the 1st Tuesday of each month**If you want your child baptized, please call Marthese in the Parish Office marthese.sultana@maryimmac.org.au****First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:**

Please contact sacramental coordinator for details.

Weddings: By Appointment.**THE YOUTH GROUPS**

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