

PARISH TEAM
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MINISTRY ROSTERS:
 We give thanks for all those who have served our community during these very stressful times under these Covid restrictions. A number of our regular Rosters ceased as we tried to navigate our way through the everchanging restrictions.
 Noted here are some of the Rosters which have continued or resumed at this time. As we move forward with the Parish vision to involve others in the day to day running of the Parish, we will incorporate other ministry rosters as they are established.

7th February 2021 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
Commentator	Phillip Youngman	Paul Ryan	Trish Boyle
Readers	Anne Youngman	Bec Blazek	Helen
Altar Servers/ Acolytes	John Cowen	Harold Pirotta	Luke Plummer

GROUPS TEAM NO. 2. The Snedden Family

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP; LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2021.
 These courses will be presented at Blacktown and Penrith. Sessions include Safe Ministry; Ministers of the Word; Extraordinary Minister of Communion; Communion to the Sick & dying and Ministers at the Altar **Commence 8th Feb. - Blacktown & 11th Feb. Penrith. More information contact office 47351041.**

Scriptural context – The Messianic Secret
 A feature of the Gospel of Mark is an element of secrecy and confusion that surrounds Jesus' identity. He silences demons who would announce his identity and warns those he heals to be quiet about what has occurred. There is a real lack of understanding displayed by the disciples about who Jesus is. At one point, Jesus asks the disciples, 'who do you think I am?' They identify him as the Messiah but immediately demonstrate that they don't really understand what that means. The theme that runs through the gospel is a developing understanding of what it means that Jesus is the Messiah.

COVID UPDATE FROM OUR DIOCESE : as at 21 December 2020 until further notice.
 The 4 Sq M rule applies and our numbers are limited to 100 people. Wearing of Masks is mandatory unless exempt for health reasons.



WEEKDAY MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES : NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ADHERED TO.
TUESDAY EVENING—6PM
WEDNESDAY— 9.00AM
THURSDAY—9.00AM Adoration of the blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.00am.
FRIDAY – 9.00 AM
RECONCILIATION SATURDAY AT 5PM

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SACRAMENTS
 Please contact Parish Office 4735 1041. **R.C.I.A.:** The process for adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.
emuplains@parracatholic.org

QR CODE FOR REGISTERING ATTENDANCE AT MASS: Because we are now using this QR Code system using mobile phones—**please take care to turn off or to silent your phone as you enter the church.**
 Registration sheets will still be available for those who do not have mobile phones: 100 Maximum capacity in church has to be strictly adhered to by government regulation. Thank you all for your efforts in maintaining these regulations.

TAP & GO MODE OF DONATION:
 Beginning next week we are going to introduce another way of offering— in addition to our already existing ones (Credit Card, Direct Deposit, Planned Giving Envelopes and putting money into the basket).

The new mode is what is referred to as **TAP & GO**. This is a contactless payment, it ensures quick and accurate payment and customers don't have to swipe their card or enter a Pin No. This mode of donation (offering) is handy especially in this era of the Pandemic. Someone can make a contactless offering using; credit card, debit card or pre-paid card.


Our parish has set the minimum donation of \$5.00 on each tap, if you want to offer more you can tap as many times as you as you would like, the maximum you can offer in a transaction is \$100.00. **LET US GO—TAP & GO.**

MEETINGS IN PARISH:
PLEASE NOTE THAT MEETINGS IN THE PARISH HALL REQUIRE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS TO BE ADHERED TO.

Catechist Meeting in Parish Hall at 9.30am Monday 1st February .
Parish council meeting Wednesday 3rd February at 7.00 pm in the School Staff room.

R.C.I.A : Our R.C.IA. Team (Lily & John Cowen) are in the process of instructing Deni-Elle Hastings, Jamy-Lee McKeown and Ashlea Brown to become members of our Catholic Church. A Rite of Acceptance into the order of Catechumens for Deni—Elle and Jamy-Lee and Rite of Welcoming for our candidate Ashlea will take place at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 6th February. We offer our prayerful support to each candidate as they journey closer to full communion in the Body of Christ.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR 2021
 We have had and unprecedented year for 2020 due to the impact of Covid-19, one of its the consequences was the cancellation of the First Eucharist Program for your children.
Term 1: FIRST EUCHARIST for the children (who are now in Year 5) who had received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2019 – having been cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19.
Term 2: FIRST EUCHARIST for the children in Yr 4 who made their Reconciliation in 2020.
Term 3: CONFIRMATION for the children in Yr 5. – September 2021
Term 4: RECONCILIATION for the children in Yr. 3
NOTIFICATION OF DATES WILL BE PUBLISHED WHEN THE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL.

 The Rosary which will be said prior to the 9am weekday Masses commencing at 8.30am.

Please pray for the Anniversaries of Clare Boliver and Elizabeth Kay and for those who are sick in our community.
 Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley & Les Coburn, Michelle Gardam, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Angela Lonergan, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Nathalie Dhyon, Pam & Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, John Von Schomburg, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn & Graham and Christine Hall & Mike Hatch