

Dear friends,

Ordinary Time

So here we are back in what's called 'Ordinary Time' in our worship cycle following last week's closing of the Easter Season with the Feast of Pentecost. We have two special Sundays known as 'Solemnities' to start us back into Ordinary Time; this weekend's 'Solemnity of the Trinity' and next weekend's 'Solemnity of Corpus Christi', each acknowledging special parts of our Christian belief.

First Holy Communion

Also next week is the start of two First Holy Communion weekends. Some children next Sunday (23 June) will celebrate at the 8am Mass then most at a special 11.30am Mass time. The following Sunday (30 June) some will celebrate at the 9.30am Mass then most at another special 11.30am Mass time. As you're reading this message right now, maybe you could pause and have a chat to God for those kids – perhaps ask that a parish spirit of belonging, welcome and meaning for the parents would encourage them in their guidance of their children's faith lives. We might especially give thanks for some of the parents who are not Catholic Christians themselves but who give their kids' faith a family priority. And many of us might ask God's blessing for parents who for whatever reasons have become distant from their own sacramental lives of faith. May this special step in their children's lives really encourage and enthuse the parents' belonging together in faith with us too.

One for One parish

I've shared a few brief comments with you about this idea that the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee have recently begun to consider. It's the idea that for every dollar we need to SPEND to be a parish family HERE (all the core 'family' costs of property, maintenance and operation) – we strive to MISSION a dollar OUT to make a difference for others. This 'mission out' concept includes our current parish support for St Vincent de Paul, Caritas, Catholic Mission and Catholic Foundation etc. It also aims to build some special outreach relationships in which we come to know the people and causes and develop a great parish affinity and love for them; an involvement through which we learn and grow as a parish family whilst making a difference that we can enjoy and celebrate. It will be good to have Parish Council reps share more about initial proposals after their July meeting and onwards.

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*What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God
MICAH 6:8*

And in the meantime as a parish family ...

we of course won't stop the current momentum. This very weekend is the opportunity for our significant parish sharing towards the formation of some potential great new priests for our diocese of Parramatta. Many of us might already know that in our own Parramatta seminary at Harris Park there are actually 15 young men in the formation community, yes 15, looking towards becoming priests! And this current June Bishop's appeal of the 'Catholic Foundation' of our Diocese is being devoted to this cause. See the details during Mass and also online (with a special video too) at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal – Thanksgiving for all who can share any gift of financial support for this cause. For those who can't, may their gifts of prayer for this cause enable a parish response we can feel deeply and spiritually satisfied about.

With friendship in God's mission, fr Paul

Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal – OLOW Appeal weekend will be—15 & 16 June

When God calls, will you help them answer? The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Queen's Birthday honour bestowed upon Fr. Bob Sheridan: Fr. Bob has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday 2019 honours list for service to the Catholic Church of Australia. Fr. Bob was a parishioner of Our Lady of the Way prior to his ordination to the priesthood at the age of 71. Fr. Bob has been parish priest in Blackheath for the last 10 years. We congratulate him on this award and pray every blessing for his continued ministry to the people of our Diocese.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am
3rd Sunday of the Month
Filipino Mass 1.00 pm

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 9.15 am
Thursday 8.15am &
Friday 7.15am.

Children's Liturgy

During 9.30 am
Mass on the
1st & 3rd
Sundays each
month

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.45pm-5:30 pm
Baptisms: By appointment
Weddings: By appointment

First Holy Communion and / or Confirmation
Please contact Parish Office
olowpar@pnc.com.au or
emuplains@parracatholic.org
R.C.I.A : The process for adults interested in becoming Catholic. Office: 4735 1041

Please pray for Recently deceased Peter Higgins & Frank Portelli and the Anniversaries of Arthur Reid, Grazia & Sam Gauci & John Vanderloo, Marie Warner & Paul McNulty, Charles Micallef & Con Cremona

Please pray 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, Bernie Payne, Shirley & Les Coburn, Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle Gardam, Melissa Reardon, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia, Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Habib Kaltoum Rahme, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, (baby—Jordan Edwards) Moira Thomas, Joyce Dukes, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare & William Simmonds.

