

**Reading Roster**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>17th/18th June 2023</b>	<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Mass Time:</b>	VIGIL 5:00PM	8.00AM	9.30AM
<b>Priest:</b>	Fr Paul	Fr Paul	Fr Paul
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ed Junis	John Belfanti	Richard Merchant
<b>Commentator:</b>	Felix Kobus	Kim Crawford	Matt Aldous
<b>First Reading:</b>	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Jim Gresser	Steve Bishop
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Lynette Boyd	Loida Derbyshire	Phillip Saville
<b>Music:</b>	None	None	Chris Wilson
<b>Date:</b>	<b>24th/25th June 2023</b>	<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Mass Time:</b>	VIGIL 5:00PM	8.00AM	9.30AM
<b>Priest:</b>	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto	Fr Shinto
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ian Miles	Marek Grus	Bernard Ellis
<b>Commentator:</b>	Margaret Smith	Cecilia Hunt	Anne Ellis
<b>First Reading:</b>	Lynette Boyd	Ros Comfort	Ingrid Merchant
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Colleen Baker	Vicky Walker	Peta Sparkes
<b>Music:</b>	Chris Wilson	None	Streeters

**Morning Tea Roster - 18th June after 9:30am Mass:** Vinnies / Children's Liturgy

**Confirmation 2023:**

On Wednesday evening we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please join us in congratulating the following children:

Callum Gibbons, Leilani Abrahall, Miles Barker, Ashley Camilleri, Lilly Chalice, Anna Edwards, Lucy Gerlach, Kinley Goodman, Arwen Gordon, Eveleigh Jenkins, Lexie Mackay, Luke Malone, Ryan Mills, Ava Murphy, Matilda Nassif, Isabella O'Brien, William O'Neill, Ranae Santos, Isabella Smith, Arabella Stewart-Rowley, Miah Trope, Lia Trounce, Edward Whyllie

**With special thanks to the following who made the evening so special:**

Rev Peter Williams, Fr Paul Slyney, Fr Shinto Francis, Ian Miles, Leigha Wills, Jenni Wurf, James West, Serge Rosato, Greg Malone, James Costigan, Debbie Breytenbach, Rowena Cook (flowers), all the parents, sponsors and all who joined in this celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit.



**St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bulletin**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Paul Slyney - 4754 1052 **Emergency ONLY:** 0418 461 316  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Shinto Francis - 4754 1052 **Emergency ONLY:** 0415 077 969  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Suggestions to the Box at the Back of the Church  
**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00 pm, Sunday 8.00 am and 9.30 am  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 am  
**Healing Mass:** 1st Friday of the month, 9.30am  
**Rosary & Devotions:** Monday-Saturday, 9.00am  
**Children's Liturgy:** 3rd Sunday of every month, 9:30 am  
**Adoration, Rosary:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, 7.30 - 8.30 pm  
**Baptisms:** 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 10.30am and by appointment  
**Reconciliation:** Please Contact the Parish Office  
**Weddings:** By appointment  
**Funerals:** Please Contact the Parish Office

*We respect the Darug people and their elders both past and present, as the traditional custodians of this land on which we celebrate the Eucharist.*

**Prayer to the Sacred Heart**



O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you and with a lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.

Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within your heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me. Amen.



Immaculate Heart of Mary, my Mother, I come to you in childlike prayer. I earnestly desire that all the people of the world may be brought back to the humble knowledge and love of the Sacred Heart of your dear Son. I pray, dear Mother of my God, that the wonderful beauty and purity of your own Immaculate Heart may so win our souls that we may detest all sin and dedicate our lives to the honour and glory of the God who created us.

You revealed the secrets of your own sad heart at Fatima and begged for penance, prayer, and conversion of the world to God. What more can I do than unite my heart to yours in this great yearning? What can I add but the fervent prayer that all the world may listen to your pleading? I give my heart to you, my heavenly Queen, and in confidence I leave to you what is best for me in answer to my prayer for love and reparation. Immaculate Heart of the Mother of my God, I implore through your powerful intercession, the conversion of the hearts of men, complete victory over sin, and the return of the peace which you have promised. Amen.

**Today's Readings:** Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 99:2-3, 5. R. v. 3  
**R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!  
**Communion Antiphon:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.





**Recently Deceased:** *Susie Ziino (James Murray's Sister)*

**Sick:** Mary Whyte, Gwen Daly, Ray Lyons, Lally Sabater, Baby Leonardo Diaz, James Wallace, Mischa Damaguc and family, Margaret Day, Adam McCully, Christopher Coombs, Luca Hurley **and all Private Intentions.**

*Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.*

## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

**INFORMATION ON LITURGY:** The Parish Pastoral Council would like to hear from any parishioner who would be interested in helping our liturgical ministry. Liturgy is more than only words. We would like our parish to be a vibrant, meaningful and inclusive place of worship. Help us to establish a consistent, prayerful, and inviting liturgy for each Mass. Please email the Parish Pastoral Council on [springwoodparishpc@gmail.com](mailto:springwoodparishpc@gmail.com) or place your name into the suggestion box at the back of the church and the PPC will review submissions at the next meeting in June.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting for the PPC will be held on Tuesday, 20th June. If you would like to include any items to the agenda, please place into an envelope and put into the PPC Box situated at the back of the church.

**FR SHINTO:** It is with deep sadness we inform our parish community that Fr Shinto Francis, Assistant Priest to Springwood and Lawson Parishes has been requested to move over to Holy Family Parish in Luddenham-Warragamba from Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please join us in making Fr Shinto's last two weeks here as enjoyable as possible as the impact he has made during his tenure here has been extraordinary.

**ASSISTANT PRIEST:** The Diocese, at this stage, is not sending an Assistant Priest to our parish so while we negotiate the following few months, we will be relying on Supply and Communion Services. We will do our very best to keep you up to date as much as possible.

**SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL:** There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au)

**PAINTING:** Our Parish has been gifted a beautiful, original oil painting and we would like to have help from someone that may know of how the art world operates and how we can sell the art to raise money for our Parish (at the donors request). If you think you may be able to help, please speak with Debbie in the office. Thank you.



**DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CONFERENCE:** The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495), scan the QR code or contact [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org).

**DIOCESAN SYNOD INTERFAITH CONSULTATIONS:** In response to Bishop Vincent's invitation that all in the diocese engage with the upcoming Diocesan Synod, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocesan Interfaith Commission will be co-hosting a series of consultations on how we are called to walk together with believers from other religions. All are welcome to join in the consultations sessions: Tuesday 27 June from 6.30pm to 9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta; Wednesday 12 July from 6.30pm to 9pm at St Patrick's Parish, Guildford. Register your attendance via Humantix by scanning the QR code.



**AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE:** The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For further information please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.

**PARISH LIBRARY:** The approach of winter seems a timely opportunity to remind you all of the parish library which operates from the shelves on the eastern / organ side of our church. Wander over for a browse and take, swap or donate as your interests move you.

**FREE WELLBEING GROUPS HOSTED BY CATHOLIC CARE'S SPRINGWOOD DROP-IN CENTRE:** *About Time* is an exciting new group for men to discover, connect and be inspired at every stage of life. If you're looking to make new connections, to join in on a stimulating conversation or simply be in a group where ideas and stories are shared, valued and welcome,

*About Time* is the group for you! Led by an experienced educator and trained facilitator, *About Time* will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Springwood Town Centre from 10am-12pm. Men from all ages and stages of life are welcome. Be inspired. Discover things and people you didn't know and connect with your community.

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# Daily Reflection

## Of Creighton University's Online Ministries

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Exodus 19:2-6a

Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5

Romans 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36—10:8

**God takes care of us. All the readings stress this and show how it continues and progresses.**

**In the first reading God says to the Israelites, "if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." If we listen to God he will respond with care. "We are his people, the sheep of his flock." Like a shepherd knows and cares for his sheep, God knows and cares for his people.**

**Then God sent Jesus to redeem us, to love us, to care for us. What love and care that is. Can we really imagine actually sacrificing ourselves for someone, even for a good cause? But Jesus did. He gave himself for each of us.**

**But then he saw all the people like sheep without a shepherd and realized there needed to be more people here on earth to continue to care for the people like God has been, like Jesus has been, and to continue and progress he empowered the disciples to do what needed done. He made sure there were people here to love and care for the people, to heal them and protect them.**

**If we listen to God, he will care for us, through his love, the love of his son, and through those empowered to continue this love here on earth.**

Tamora Whitney

**We are looking for more volunteers to be part of our Eucharistic Ministry. If you would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion visiting the sick in their private homes and/or retirement aged care facilities, please contact Fr Shinto Francis or the Parish Office on 02 4754 1052. We are looking forward to welcoming you.**



### Volunteers Required



Our Children's Liturgy is a wonderful faith filled half hour which we operate one Sunday a month at our 9.30am Mass. In order for this beautiful ministry to continue we are seeking Leaders and Coordinators to join our team. A Coordinator walks the children to and from the church while the Leaders read the Gospel and places the children into their groups once in the parish office.

If you would like to know more about what we do at our Children's Liturgy, please contact Vicky Walker, Children's Liturgy Coordinator at [springwood@parracatholic.org](mailto:springwood@parracatholic.org)

We need you so please help us to keep our Children's Liturgy going.

