

Date:	21st June/22nd June 2025		The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	
Mass Time:	Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
5:00 PM	Ed Junis	Margaret Smith	Wilhelmina de Raadt	Chris Wilson
8:00 AM	Randall Noney	Georgia Cook	Ros Comfort	
9:30 AM	Bernard Ellis	Lisa Vaughan	Phil Saville	Streeters

Date:	28th June/29th June 2025		Saints Peter and Paul, apostles	
Mass Time:	Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
5:00 PM	Ian Miles	Anne Maureen Scarff	Felix Kobus	No One
8:00 AM	Marek Grus	Vicky Walker	Kim Crawford	
9:30 AM	Phil Saville	Steve Bishop	Anne Ellis	Couples for Christ
Morning Tea:	Fr Jack's Welcome to the Parish Morning Tea			

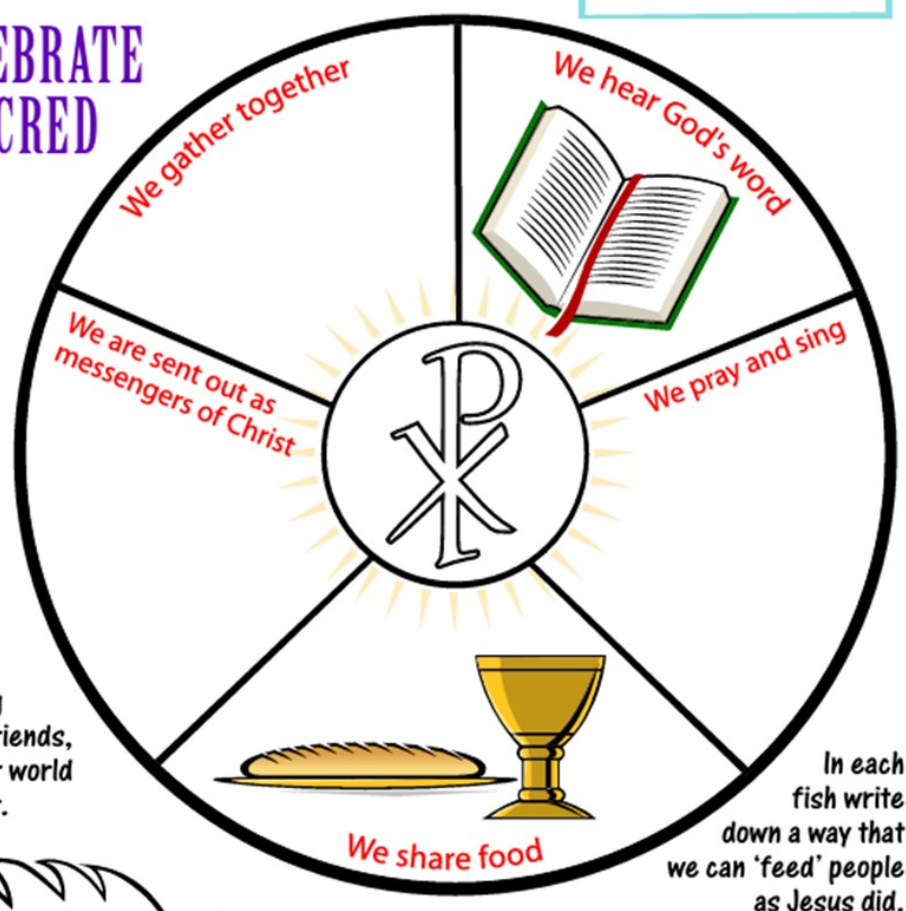
KID'S CORNER



WE CELEBRATE THIS SACRED MEAL

Draw some of the things we do at mass.

Jesus feeds us when we are hungry. Write in each loaf something that we, our friends, families or our world are hungry for.



In each fish write down a way that we can 'feed' people as Jesus did.



Luke 9:11b-17

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Parish Administrator:	Fr Jack Elkazzi (E: jack.elkazzi@parracatholic.org)
Parish Pastoral Council:	Email suggestions to springwoodparishpc@gmail.com
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: 9:30 am & 7:00 pm; Wednesday - Saturday: 9:30 am
Adoration:	Tuesday: 8:15 am & 6:00 pm; Wednesday - Saturday 8:15 am
First Friday Adoration:	Every first Friday of the month 5:30 pm
Reconciliation:	Saturday after 9:30 am Mass and 4:00-5:00 pm before the Vigil Mass
Children's Liturgy:	3rd Sunday of every month, 9:30 am
Baptisms:	2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 11:00 am and by appointment
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.



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters let us love the Most Blessed Sacrament by reflecting on the words of St. Peter Julian Eymard.

St. Peter Julian Eymard invites us to develop a passionate and consuming love for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament—a love that becomes the central force and purpose of our lives.

He explains that when Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself," He spoke not only of His Crucifixion but also of the Eucharist, where He continually draws souls to Himself with divine, sacrificial love.

To respond to this love, St Eymard insists we must move beyond shallow affection or occasional devotion. He challenges us to let love for Jesus in the Eucharist become our one ruling passion, just as people are passionately devoted to worldly goals like wealth, honour, or human love.

Using examples from daily life—ambitious professionals, devoted lovers, and tireless parents—he illustrates how powerful human passion can be. In the same way, but for supernatural ends, we are called to love Jesus with such intensity that He becomes the centre of all thought, affection, and action.

He exhorts us to:

- Cultivate faith in the Real Presence.
- Reflect constantly on the love of Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Let that thought enrapture and inflame our hearts.
- Visit and adore Jesus in the tabernacle frequently.
- Love Him not out of mere duty, but with generosity and abandonment, like a candle that burns itself out for His glory.

St Eymard laments that many Christians can be deeply devoted to saints or Gospel stories, yet neglect the living Jesus present in the Eucharist. He warns that at the Last Judgment, what may grieve Jesus most is not our past sins but our lack of love for Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

He affirms that true love always "exaggerates"—it goes beyond obligation, beyond reason, beyond self. Jesus' Eucharistic love is extravagant; our love must be likewise.

The saint concludes by calling us to surrender: to cease living for ourselves and let the Eucharistic Christ live in us, consume us, and be our all.

O Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, you gave the world Jesus, the Bread of Life. Teach us to love Him as you did—with a heart full of faith, reverence, and devotion.

Draw us close to His Eucharistic Heart, and help us to live for Him alone.
May your intercession inflame our hearts with a burning love for His Presence.

Mary, Mother of our Eucharistic Lord, pray for us. Amen.

May God bless you +

Fr Jack Elkazzi

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he
was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this
blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of
heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing over
your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

(R.) You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ **(R.)**
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot
you. **(R.)**
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are
proclaiming the death of the Lord.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed
on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed,
the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it
and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for
you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he
took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new
covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a
memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every
time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are
proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

*Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God’s true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
in fields of immortality;

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
with saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about
the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need
of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said,
‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and
farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a
lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat
yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five
loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy
food for all these people.’ For there were about five thou-
sand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down
in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit
down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised
his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then
he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute
among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and
when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve
baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



Recently Deceased: Maria Thi Nguyen, Dane San Pedro, Martina Galea, Naziha George
Sick: Cliff Smith, Peter Avery, John Hunia, Eva Fitzgerald, Philip Coggan, James Connor, Richard Ford, Julie Somerville,
Fr Bob Bossini, Marama Watson. We also pray for private intentions including the sick, dying and the suffering.
*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

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND ITS WORKS: Please support our Parish and its projects.

- **Direct Debit:** Please contact the Parish Office for more details.
- **Direct Deposit:** Details are as follows:
Bank Account Name: Springwood; BSB: 067-950
Bank Account Number: 00000560
Reference: Your name in full.

FIRST COLLECTION: This goes to the Board of Management. The fund supports the living expenses of the
priests within our Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION: This goes to our Parish of St Thomas Aquinas—directly funding operational costs, pastoral
activities and various programs that enrich our community.

MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES are also available which can be
used to express your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you.



For all the latest information and updates about our parish,
please follow our Instagram page:
@stthomasaquinas_springwoodnsw

ST THOMAS AQUINAS READING GROUP: A wonderful
opportunity to engage in discussions and connect with like-minded
individuals. This is an ongoing session **every Sunday at 3pm** in our
Parish Centre. Feel free to simply show up.

Our church is always in need of volunteers, generous people who
can help us:

- Catechists – if you love children and feel the need to spread the
Word of the Lord to these little ones
- Musicians – if you are specially gifted and would like to share
your talent in music
- Cleaners – if you have a few hours to spare to help maintain our
church, often the unsung heroes of our church
- Acolytes, Ministers of the Holy Communion, Readers at Mass –
free formation is to start in September, please see more
information on the right side of this
page

Anyone interested please call: 02 4754 1052 or
email: springwood@parracatholic.org



All Parishioners are invited to join a visit to **Mary McKillop Museum
and Chapel** on **FRIDAY 18th JULY**. The outing will include a train
journey with only a small amount of walking. Lunch will be available
to purchase at the on-site café. Contact Colleen Kime (0407 125 427)
to register your interest. Further details and costs will be available
later.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 25: is an event of Ignite
Youth, a national Catholic youth ministry that springs
out of the Emmanuel Community, Brisbane. This is
going to be held on the **10th to 13th July 2025**
(Thursday afternoon to Sunday lunchtime) at 27
Yardley Avenue, Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct,
Waitara NSW 2077. For more details or enquiries
contact: Noah Tabone on 0493 490 960; E: ntab12110@gmail.com



MOUNTAINS PRIMARY SCHOOLS OFFER FEE DISCOUNTS:
To help more families access quality Catholic education, three local
schools are offering major fee discounts from 2026 (T&Cs apply). Our
Lady of the Nativity Lawson and St Thomas Aquinas Springwood will
offer a **50% discount on Diocesan fees** while St Canice’s Katoomba
will be **fee-free!** Contact the schools or visit their websites to learn
more.



**STA 2025 Reconciliation
Sacramental Program**

All parents with children in Year 3 and older
in 2025, who have not yet received the
Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to
attend. For enquiries, please call 02 4754 1052 or email:
springwood@parracatholic.org

Parent Information Sessions:

Thursday 7th August at 7.00pm, STA Church
Wednesday 13th August at 7.00pm, STA Church

Children and Parent Information Sessions:

Thursday 21st August at 7.00pm, STA Church
Thursday 28th August at 7.00pm, STA Church **(and practice)**
*Reconciliation will take place on Wed 3rd September at 6.30pm
St Thomas Aquinas Church*

**Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church,
STA Parish Office or online by visiting our website:
www.stachurchspringwood.org.au**

WELCOME TO THE PARISH MORNING TEA – 29/6/25

As Fr Jack settles into our parish, we invite you all to join us for a
Morning tea after the 9.30am morning mass.
This will be a great opportunity to meet Fr Jack, ask questions, and get
to know our Parish Administrator, who has been appointed to guide us
all faithfully.
You are welcome to bring a share plate for morning tea.

EXCITING NEWS: STA PIETY SHOP OPENING SOON!!!

Our parish will be opening a piety store with catholic gifts for all
sacramental occasions, religious gifts for families and for your own
spiritual journey. We ask for your support in purchasing and helping our
parish as all sales goes towards the maintenance of our beautiful
church.

We will officially open in July, but you are more than welcome to come
visit us to see our extensive range.
**Store will be open; Tuesday – Friday: 9am – 2.30pm, Sunday: 9am
– 11am**

Located in the parish office building!

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent
support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in
the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many
desperate Christian families will be forced to
leave. To make an emergency donation
visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland or
scan the QR code.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE – STARTS SEPTEMBER 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in
September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in
the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either
as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of
Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol
and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship
ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795. Registrations close **19th
August**, but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS continue on
Sunday 6th July at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9
Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is **Fr Tom Green** who
will talk about and lead discussion on **Bl Franz Jägerstätter**. All adults
18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation,
pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on
0477 004 678.