

# John Dusza – Ter

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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## **DIOCESAN NEWS**

#### The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon



Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at <u>www.parrawyd.org</u> and register their expression of interest. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement –

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#### Registrations for pilgrims open 11th November 2022.

#### **MET Event**

Registrations are STILL OPEN for next week TUESDAY 15 NOV: ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT with Dr Michele Connolly rsj INVITE others and <u>SIGN UP</u> now!

Venue: 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, off Flushcombe Road (Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre)



# **RECENTLY DECEASED**



# Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Charlie Camenzuli**

His funeral will be held on **Thursday 10th** of November at 11.00am

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Leodegario Alimangohan, Charlie Camenzuli, and all who have died from COVID-19.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Lorraine Vella, Romano Garofali, Clare Gale, Evelyn Reyes, Herbert Merz, Grant McLean, Fred Galea, Jack Bertles, Rafael & Nelida Posa, Giuseppe Pronestl, Carmela Pronestl Napali, Chanel Costa, Wal Wheller, Anastaciao & Primitiva Jereza Villanueva, Felising & Rogelio Maano, Margaret Donnolley and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Benita Azores, George Attard, Maria Bugeja, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**SICK:** Billy Downes, 1Sue Wheelahan, Heather Whitborn, Phil Thatcher, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, John Vella, John Wakeling, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Robin Harkin, Lisa Sperineck, Anne Maree Geagea, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Ashley Sawaya, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, John Sullivan, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Georgia Sullivan, Sheryl Oszust, Ting Cecila, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, Mel McSpadden, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.

The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

#### Gospel Focus - I am who am

The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I *was* the God of Abraham, but rather I *am* the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as 'I am who am' – represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh.



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## PARISH NEWS

### November Mass Envelopes

The envelopes for the masses for holy souls in November are now available on the pews, in the foyer and near the doors of the Church. Please print the names **clearly** with an offering, so that



they can be transferred to our Book of Remembrance, which will be kept on the Sanctuary throughout the month of November and updated each week. Envelopes may be put in either collection or in the office mail box on front veranda of the Presbytery. All masses celebrated at St Nicholas in the month of November will be offered for all those who have died, especially for those whom our parishioners have asked to be remembered.

#### God's Word 2023

Copies are available to buy from the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.00am—5.00pm and from the Piety Shop after the 8.30am and 10.00am Sunday masses . Cost is \$20.00





### Thank You

A big thank to the Liturgy and hospitality teams and office staff for the preparation of the All Soul's Day Remembrance mass. We received great feedback from the families who have lost loved ones during the past year. A big thank you to all who supported.

#### Welcome Fr Matthew

Father Matthew will be visiting Australia from 9th November, together with the La Salette Provincial, Fr Jenson MS. Fr Matthew will be staying here in the parish during this time.



We welcome the following children to our parish community who were baptised with water in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit during **October** 

Obie Hogan, Sophie Jones, Theo Poloan, William Mutton, Augustine Acosta, Nyrah Nesbitt, Flynn Kapitanow, Gus Richdale, Natalija & Aleksander Ostojic, Tigerlily Trigas, Abel Dodson, Thomas Stone, Josephine Stone, Ace Ricamara, Miles Cooper, Hayley Wilde, Kevin Abrenica, Aaliyah White, Willow

O'Rourke, Joseph Buttigieg

Up-coming Special Events in the Parish

#### December 4th 10am Mass: St Nicholas' Feast Day

We will celebrate the feast of our patron, St Nicholas of Myra, together with all the children who have been baptised in our parish this year. Invitations will be sent to all the families of these children. More information to come.

#### December 18th 10am Mass: Wedding Anniversary

We will celebrate a special wedding anniversary mass for couples who have celebrate their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th , 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th wedding anniversary this year. Please contact the Parish office if you wish to attend mass.

## CALENDAR

Monday 7/11	Tuesday 8/11	Wednesday 9/11 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast	Thursday 10/11 St Leo the Great Memorial	Friday 11/11 St Martin of Tours Memorial	Saturday 12/11 St Josaphat Memorial	Sunday 13/11 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
<b>9.30am Mass</b> 7.00pm Baptism Preparation	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Prayer Group Hall	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in PMR1 7.00pm Mass followed by Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.15am SMM Yr 2 Liturgy <b>9.30am Mass</b> 11.00am Funeral Charlie Camenzuli	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass followed by divine Mercy adoration	9.00am Mass & Adoration 9.30am Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

## PARISH ROSTER 12th / 13th NOVEMBER

If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement. Acolyte Altar Community Eucharistic AV Reader Music MATA Servers Rep Ministers I Hogan R DeBono Vigil C Limjap S Falleiro D'Souza Brothers Samara Dias D Wellfare A Linga E Sajonia L Davie 7.00am S Paterson C Bonus Brian Rees R Sajonia R Bru M Tolentino G Peters Y Baccan 8.30am O Plucinski Jeffrey Mizzi Carol Gill M Prendeville R Wood M Ostrea **U** Gomez I Iordan E Gal C Vella 10.00am D Dawson P Samuelu AMDG Adult Sharon Clarke J Tabone N McWhirter M Knox R Esteban C D'Mello 6.00pm R Esteban D Whalen K smith CFC CFC D Streher I Esteban

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