



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

First Sunday of Lent / B
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANointing OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1st Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	8.30am
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:	Tuesday	9.00am
	Friday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	1 st & 3 rd Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Peter Neville, Julie Egan, Elizabeth Nicholson, Fr Grove Johnson, Clive Constable, John Rizk, Fr Brian Rooney, Joseph Kutajczyk, Sunta Spinetti, Amada Enaje, Mariapia Ferioli, Abigail Tugaga, Claudio Spinetti, Patricius Hon, Rogato Meteoro, Eileen Platton.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom Donohoe, Joseph Wehbe, Wahid Frome, Colin Francis Wright, Phyllis Lamont, Phyllis Jennings - Nita King, Dorothy Coughlin, Joseph Rachmat, Ferdinand Loekito, George Sant, Frederick Herft.

Rosters - 24/25 February

Altar Servers:	Vigil 5.30pm	Jade Hewkins, Josephin Keyser, Mia Boulous
	Sun. 9.30am	Xavier & Oliver Homann
Ministers of Communion:	Vigil 5.30pm	Veronica Boulous, Rose Camilleri
	Sun. 9.30am	Gabrielle Spinetti, Elaine Gade
Counters:		Lawrence Tsang, Patricia Hild, Linda Zappia
Lectors:	Vigil 8.30pm	Enid Mulcare, Cathy Saad
	Sun. 7.30am	Anne-Louise Young
	Sun. 9.30am	Linda Tsang, Krystle Cassar



TUESDAY GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

The Group will be returning to the Meeting Room on **20th February**. Parishioners who would like to join us for Reflection during Lent following 9.15a.m. Mass contact Enid on 9683 7467.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mack Jones who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday.

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES

Natural Fertility Services specialises in helping couples identify the best time to achieve or postpone pregnancies. Natural Family Planning is based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. No drugs, devices, or side effects! For more information please contact Natural Fertility Services on 02 8838 3442, 0400 427 605 or nfs@parracatholic.org



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held during the Fridays of Lent. This is a traditional Catholic devotion especially during Lent. The Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, **23rd February** at 7pm.

MENALIVE MINISTRY

We are planning to begin a **menALIVE** group in our parish. Steven Lia will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, **21st February at 4pm** in our Parish Meeting Room to hopefully form a group in our parish.

LENT

Lent is the penitential Season to prepare us for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter). We can prepare for Easter by:

~ PRAYER - family prayer, visiting a Church, Rosary, reading the Scripture.

~ SELF-DENIAL - abstaining from meat, sweets or desserts, spend more time with family and people in general, limiting food and drink in support of the poor.

~ HELPING OTHERS - poor, sick, elderly, lonely, overburdened.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER

The adult choir will be practising for the Easter Masses every **Wednesday** evening in the Church starting at 7.30pm. Please bring your music from last year. Enquiries to Bernadette Flynn 9613 9296.



ORGANISTS

We urgently need organists to accompany the adult choir for Easter and also for weekend Masses. If you can help please speak to Fr Peter or Bernadette Flynn

CARITAS

I encourage parishioners to support the annual Project Compassion appeal during Lent. Boxes and Envelopes are available at the back of the church. All donations over \$2 are Tax Deductible. Please return the boxes by Easter Sunday.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

This Support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those going through a separation or divorce. We will be speaking about "Identifying Challenging Emotions and strategies for dealing with them." Next Gathering: **27th February**. Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. **Registration Essential:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Flyer on Parish Notice Board.

LIFE IN CHRIST LENTEN SEMINAR

Our world needs Christ. Few Catholics actually live out their Christian faith. Many do not go to Sunday Mass. Many go but do all sorts of sinful things outside of the church. We need to re-evangelise Catholics, know, love and live in Christ. I would encourage all parishioners to attend the seminar. The seminar will take the place of the Lenten discussion groups **this year only**. We need to be renewed in our faith and to be evangelisers. The seminar will be held in the parish hall, 10am to midday on the following dates:

2nd Session, **24th February**: CALLED TO WITNESS
3rd Session, 3rd March: REPENTANCE AND FAITH

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Any young parishioner in Year 4 or above who would like to become an altar server is invited to attend training sessions in the church after school on Tuesday, **20th and 27th February** at 3.30pm. Prospective altar servers must have made their First Holy Communion.



YOUTH GROUP LEADERS MEETING

On Wednesday **21st Feb @ 7.30pm** in church meeting room. We will be planning for the year ahead in the "Year of Youth". If you would like to be involved in leading our youth and encouraging their faith, then please come along. If you have any questions, please see Fr Peter or contact Anne-Marie Hewkins 0421 915 744 - ahewkins@yahoo.com

CHURCH PROTOCOL

Just a reminder that all mobile phones must be turned off in the Church. Also play games, etc. must also be turned off. People mustn't speak on their mobiles in the Church.

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS COURSE

The Catholic faith is a treasure given to us by God. The fortnightly course will continue on Tuesday, **20th February** in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30pm. This course is open to anyone who would like to become a Catholic. The course is also geared towards Catholics who would like to enhance their faith. The course will run over a number of months. Please contact Fr Peter for details on 9684 1541.

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether or not you are a parent. First Gathering for the Year will be held next Tuesday **20th February**. Please note new venue: **13 Buller St, North Parramatta**. **Time:** 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or E: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

LAUNCH THE YEAR OF YOUTH: 22 FEBRUARY

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta for an exciting night of entertainment at LIFTED Live feat. Fr Rob Galea this Thursday **22nd February** from 7:30-10pm in the showroom of the Rooty Hill RSL. Fr Rob was a finalist on X-Factor Australia and recently sold the rights to his autobiography for a future Hollywood film. The Year of Youth celebrates a focus on the renewal and reconnection of our current and future generations of young people in the life of our Church. All young people (16+ and up) to any age are invited. Parents, families and supporters of youth ministry are also very welcome. \$5 donation on entry. Email jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au or RSVP through Facebook to secure your seat.

ANNUAL LEAVE

I will be away on Annual Leave from Tuesday, 27th February until Friday, 9th March. The Friars of Saint Francis will celebrate the parish Masses during my absence.



CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

On 25 February, at 3pm. Sydney Philharmonia - Voyage of Voices: VOX and E Studio Youth Choir. Tickets - www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au