



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

First Sunday of Lent / B
21 February 2021

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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
ANOIDING OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1 st 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:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Milika Tanumi, Fr Lawrence (Joseph) Anzel OFM, Flor Bolotaolo, Barry Nichols, Philip Wilson, Macia James, Camillo Saparamadu, Fr Timothy Cahill (Bathurst), Terry Lynch, Rodolfo Agcaioi, Pack Hee-Yea (Columba), Bernard Lourey, Geoff Kirby, Heidy David Robinson, Ligaya Praxedes MC, Louise Nicholas, Mary Ngoc-K Mai, Hazel Wallace.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Lawrence Vincent Pedemont, Dora Karam, Albert Yen, Sayu Ketut Utari - Frank Fressard, Joseph Antoun, Najla Antoun, Charles Camilleri, Carmen Vella, Joseph Rachmat, Ferdinand Loekito, George Sant, Frederick Herft.

Rosters – 27/28 February

Cleaning Ministry

Counters:

Lectors:

Joe Zammit, David Boulous
Vigil 5.30pm Len & Sue Farrugia
Sun. 7.30am Anne-Louise Young
Sun. 9.30am Yolanda & Romeo Urqueza



LENT

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

ZUMBA

Please join our Zumba class at St. Mary's Hall (opposite the church). The session is **every Thursday**. Registration from 6.45pm, for 7pm sharp start. Cost: \$10 per class. Contact Ruth 0412 341 112 for information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The group meet after 9.15am Mass and reflect on Sunday's Liturgy of the Word. All welcome. Contact Irene 0418 403 358 if you need transport.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Parishioners attending the church are required to complete their details on the **Mass Attendance Sheet** provided at the back of the church **or scan the QR code** with your smartphone camera before entering the church. The maximum number of people at places of worship will only be limited by the 2 square metre rule. First come first serve is applied in this church.

All worshippers at Masses in the diocese of Parramatta are encouraged to wear a mask to, during and from mass and other services.

Please sanitise your hands.

Social distancing must be observed at all times.

If you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, having a temperature or have been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, you should not enter the church.

During this pandemic you are dispensed from Sunday Mass obligations.



HOME LENTEN GROUP

Anne-Louise Young (0450 308 351/theyoungones@ozemail.com.au) will be hosting a Lenten group for 5 consecutive Wednesdays starting **24th February** at 9 Yimbala St, Rydalmere for a 7pm start. We will be following the Diocese of Wollongong's Lenten program "Comfort" where we will reflect on each of the Lenten Sunday Readings. COVID restrictions mean we can have up to **8** people so please respond to Anne-Louise if you are interested.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN



The dates for the Sacramental program for children, for this year, are at the entrance to the church. As we had to cancel Reconciliation and Holy Communion for last year we having two sessions this year, one for this year's **Year 4** and up and one for **Year 3**.

For the **Year 6** children for Confirmation they will be combined with this year's **Year 5** group. The only difference is that the Year 6 children will be Confirmed by the Bishop.

The enrolment forms will be available in the coming weeks.

Contact: Diane O'Shea – email: dcoshea@bigpond.net.au

PROJECT COMPASSION – VIRTUAL IMMERSIONS

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to lent.caritas.org.au.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR

This is a full-time position. The Social Justice Coordinator is responsible for raising awareness of major political, social and environmental challenges, in accordance with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, within the Diocese of Parramatta. If you would like more information, a copy of the full job description or to have a confidential chat, please email Ms. Deeanne Martin on parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org Applications Close 5pm Monday **22nd February 2021**.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please give generously. All donations are 100% Tax Deductible. Our quota is \$3,608. Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

RYDALMEN

This week is Week 2 of our Lenten Program "Comfort": Wednesday **24th February** at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room. We will enjoy Sunday Scripture reflections, readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions as well as contemplating and meditating on some beautiful artwork from the Masters. Shane (shane.young@ozemail.com.au/0432 815 165) is our contact if you would like to come.



CARITAS

Almsgiving is one of the hallmarks of the Lenten Season. One way in which we can help the poor is through Project Compassion. Boxes and Envelopes are available at the back of the church. All donations are 100% Tax Deductible. Please return the boxes by Easter Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will commence on Friday, **26th February**. There will be a Holy Hour every Friday during Lent commencing at 7pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, concluding with private prayer at 8pm. Please come along and spend time with the Lord during Lent.

JOIN THE BELLRINGERS OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The Peal of Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral have been officially installed. Bell ringing commences 10.30am Sundays ahead of the Solemn Mass. If you would like to enquire about learning to ring the bells, please contact Fr Christopher Del Rosario on Christopher.Del-Rosario@parracatholic.org. For further information, please visit <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/bellsfstpatricks/>

CATHERINE MCAULEY WESTMEAD - ENROLMENT

Catherine McAuley Westmead is enrolling now for Year 7 2022. Please read details on the Notice Board.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena will be held in the Church **every Wednesday** evening at **6.30pm**.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS GROUP & PLAYGROUP

Calling all mums of children 0-5 years old! Come and join us for our playgroup session on **Tuesdays** at **9.30am** in the Parish Hall (access from Myrtle Street). Playgroup will run weekly during the school term. Pop in for a chat, a coffee and make new friends. We hope to see you there! For further information contact Natalie at nhochbaum@hotmail.com or 0418 600 358 who will ensure you to adhere to COVID protocols.

