



# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary / B  
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## MASS TIMES

<b>SUNDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
<b>WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
<b>ANointing OF SICK WITHIN MASS</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &amp; BENEDICTION</b>	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month	11.30am

## Please Pray For

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph Mifsud, Catherine Ewing, George Sparnon, baby Anthony, Peter Khoury, Kathleen McFadden, Kathleen Lourey, Soccorsa Crotti, Kathleen Krahe, George Williams, Enid Mulcare, Abigail Deam, Jill Shanks, Verdy Markarian, Min Ling, John Buttenshaw, Bernadette Suarez, Leo Fernando Wanigaratnam, Lorraine Evans.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill Ryan, Siglinde Landsperger-Uhlmann, Bernie Cudmore, Vincenzo Conciatore - Therese Caruana, Albert Jacobs, Joan Morris, Daphne Thornton, John Spithill, SJ, George Sant, Frederic Herft.

## Rosters –

### Cleaning Ministry

### Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

### Counters:

### Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

## HOME GROUND

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight **until 20 August**, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at [parracatholic.org/homeground](http://parracatholic.org/homeground). The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.



## SACRAMENTS

Any parishioner who requires the Sacraments, please contact the parish office on 9684 1541 or email [admin@holymary.org.au](mailto:admin@holymary.org.au). I'm available at any time.

Fr Peter

## RYDALMERE LIVESTREAMED MASS

There will be livestreaming Mass in Rydalmere church on Sundays at **10am**, during lockdown.



## PASTORAL LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA ON THE COVID-19 VACCINATION

Dear sisters and brothers,

As the COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading through Australia, particularly in Western Sydney, with deadly consequences, I am writing to reiterate the importance of vaccination as a means to protect yourselves and others. It is overwhelmingly evident that the virus is spreading largely among the unvaccinated population. Hence, being fully vaccinated is an important step in not only keeping us safe but also our families and others in the broader community safe, and enabling us to get back to some sort of normality. I understand some people have concerns about the ethical origins of some vaccines. The Catholic Church, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has declared that even the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with abortion. Therefore, all vaccines which are recognised as clinically safe and effective may be taken by Catholics in good conscience.

Pope Francis himself has encouraged Catholics to take the vaccine saying in an interview earlier this year, "I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others."

Indeed, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI and many cardinals and bishops have already received their COVID-19 vaccines. For my part, I am fully vaccinated since the end of July.

I call on you to heed this clear and strong message from the Pope. I also alert you to the anti vaccination movement and those who spread misinformation on social media, and regrettably even some clergy.

Their opposition to vaccines and public health orders is not in accordance with the Catholic Church.

The pandemic has caused much uncertainty, pain and suffering to the whole world. Let us pray, however, that it can be an opportunity for renewal and transformation for the human family.

May we grow in the spirit of solidarity and compassion for all who are vulnerable, here and beyond. May we emerge out of this crisis a better people for a better world.

The Diocese and partners are working with health authorities in facilitating the vaccine rollout to members of the community in more vulnerable areas. Let us do our part for the common good and work together to end the pandemic.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv

Bishop of Parramatta

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRST COLLECTION - WHILE IN LOCKDOWN

With the continued lockdown of our Church, you may wish to make an EFT contribution to support your Clergy, i.e. what you would normally place on the first collection. To do, please use the following details:

BSB: 067 950

Account No.: 00004265

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy

Reference: 6034 (followed by) your name.

This will enable us to credit your donation to your parish. Thank you for your contributions – they are much appreciated.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are **closed**. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19). During this pandemic you are dispensed from Sunday Mass obligations.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 29 August

"The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven *Laudato Si'* Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or Tel (02) 6201 9845."

## BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Due to the COVID lockdown, the Clergy Support Foundation is postponing the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal in-Parish collection to a later date, when Churches will once again be open. Parramatta Catholic Foundation is assisting us with a mail and online appeal around the beginning of September. Your thoughtful gift to the Appeal will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves. For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a kind donation today, please visit [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal). Thank you. Clergy Support Foundation Committee

## LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.



## MANAGE YOUR FERTILITY NATURALLY!

Are you looking for a natural effective method to manage your fertility? Are you trying to achieve pregnancy? Are you breastfeeding and looking for a natural way to space your children? **Natural Fertility Services – Diocese of Parramatta** might just have the answers you're searching for. For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

**Monday, 16 August – St. Stephen of Hungary**

Born a pagan, he was baptized around the age of 10. At 20, he married Gisela, sister to the future emperor, Saint Henry. Stephen established a system of tithes to support churches and pastors and to relieve the poor.

went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;  
because he has looked upon his lowly  
handmaid.  
Yes, from this day forward all generations  
will call me blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great things for  
me.  
Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches from age to age  
for those who fear him.  
He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart.  
He has pulled down princes from their  
thrones and exalted the lowly.  
The hungry he has filled with good things,  
the rich sent empty away.  
He has come to the help of Israel his  
servant, mindful of his mercy  
– according to the promise he made to our  
ancestors –  
of his mercy to Abraham and to his  
descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**  
**PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED**  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /  
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /  
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and  
was buried; / he descended into hell; /  
on the third day he rose again from the  
dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is  
seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty; / from there he will come to  
judge the living and the dead. / I believe  
in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic  
Church, / the communion of saints, / the  
forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of  
the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
*After the priest raises the paten with the bread  
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to  
each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**  
**P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that  
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to  
God, the almighty Father.**  
**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at  
your hands for the praise and glory of his  
name, for our good and the good of all  
his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**  
**P. May this oblation, our tribute of homage,  
rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the  
intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
whom you assumed into heaven, may our  
hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly  
long for you. Through Christ our Lord.**  
**R. Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  
**P. The Lord be with you.**  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
**P. Lift up your hearts.**  
**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**  
**P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**  
**R. It is right and just.**

**PREFACE OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
*After the Preface, we sing or say:*  
**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**  
**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**  
**P. The mystery of faith.**  
**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

**COMMUNION RITE**  
**P. At the Saviour's command and formed by  
divine teaching, we dare to say:**  
**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**  
**P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray. . .**  
**All: For the kingdom, the power and the  
glory are yours now and for ever.**  
**P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said. . .**  
**R. Amen.**  
**P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.**  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
**P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**  
*All exchange a sign of peace.*

**LAMB OF GOD**  
**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  
**P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who  
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are  
those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**R. Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Lk 1: 48-49  
**All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great  
things for me.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
**P. Having received the Sacrament of  
salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord,  
that, through the intercession of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into  
heaven, we may be brought to the glory of  
the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.**  
**R. Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**  
**P. The Lord be with you.**  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
**P. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy  
Spirit.**  
**R. Amen.**  
**P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**  
**ANTICIPATING  
OUR RESURRECTION**

What do we Catholics mean when we express our conviction that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory? Are we simply heaping praises upon Mary for her 'specialness'? Or is there something deeper at stake?  
In fact, like all Marian teachings, the Assumption speaks of the saving love of Christ that envelops our human lives. 'For the Son of God became human, so that we might become God' is a saying of the Church Fathers (cf. *Catechism*, 460). Mary, the 'first disciple' of Jesus Christ, walks with and before us in our own path of Christian discipleship. Her singular participation in her Son's Resurrection is an anticipation of our resurrection. *Who Mary is, we are becoming.* One day we, too, will live forever with God in heavenly glory.  
The Assumption is a compelling celebration of Christian hope, an affirmation of the human body, and deep-down encouragement in our earthly struggles.

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY / B**

**15 AUGUST 2021**

BLESSED IS SHE . . . Having completed the course of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Her assumption reminds us that heavenly glory is our Christian destiny. As we keep the end of life's pilgrim journey before us, we join with Mary in praising the greatness of God.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**  
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Apoc 12: 1  
**A great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, and the  
moon beneath her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

**GREETING**  
**P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.**  
**R. Amen.**  
**P. The Lord be with you.**  
**R. And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**  
**P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us  
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**  
**P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the  
unseen God: Lord, have mercy.**  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
**P. Your are the first born of all creation:  
Christ, have mercy.**  
**R. Christ, have mercy.**  
**P. You are the head of the body, the Church:  
Lord, have mercy.**  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
**P. May almighty God have mercy on  
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.**  
**R. Amen.**

**GLORIA**  
**Glory to God in the highest, / and on  
earth peace to people of good will. / We  
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore  
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks  
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly  
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord  
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord  
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /  
you take away the sins of the world, /  
have mercy on us; / you take away the sins  
of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are  
seated at the right hand of the Father, /  
have mercy on us. / For you alone are the  
Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you  
alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /  
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God  
the Father. / Amen.**

**COLLECT**  
**P. Almighty ever-living God, who assumed  
the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of  
your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory,  
grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the**

things that are above, we may merit to be  
sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for  
ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST READING** Apoc 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10  
**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.**  
*I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the  
moon at her feet.*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 44: 10-12, 16. R. v. 10  
**R. The queen stands at your right hand,  
arrayed in gold.**  
1. The daughters of kings are among your  
loved ones. / On your right stands the queen  
in gold of Ophir. / Listen, O daughter, give  
ear to my words: / forget your own people  
and your father's house. R.  
2. So will the king desire your beauty: / he  
is your lord, pay homage to him. / They are  
escorted amid gladness and joy; / they pass  
within the palace of the king. R.



**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 15: 20-26  
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians.**  
*As members of Christ all people will be raised,  
Christ first and after him all who belong to him.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all die in Adam, so all will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Lk 1: 39-56  
**P. The Lord be with you.**  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
**P. A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke.**  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Almighty has done great things for me; he  
has lifted up the lowly.*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She