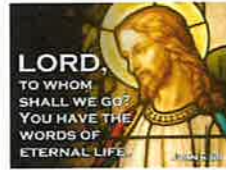




HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time / B
22 August 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
ANointing 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	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th 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:

Enid Mary Vanderputt, Fr Frank Furfaro, Khne Abremeya, Harris Abood - Bill Ryan, Siglinde Landsperger-Uhlmann, Bernie Cudmore, Vincenzo Conciatore, 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

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 or call (02) 8838 3460.



VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>



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. During this pandemic you are dispensed from Sunday Mass obligations.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

RYDALMERE LIVESTREAMED MASS

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

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.

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 or visit www.parralmf.org.au

EMERGENCY AID FOR HAITI

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International) has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (\$800,000 AUD) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time. To donate visit www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

IMPORTANT

Please DO NOT COME TO THE CHURCH. Everyone must adhere to the restrictions placed by the NSW Health.

SACRAMENTS

Parishioners have requested to receive Holy Communion and the other Sacraments. According to government regulations, the priest is allowed to visit parishioners who require the Sacraments. If you wish to receive the Sacraments, please contact me anytime at the parish house 9684 1541 to arrange a visit.
Fr Peter

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 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. Thank you. **Clergy Support Foundation Committee**

FEAST OF THE WEEK

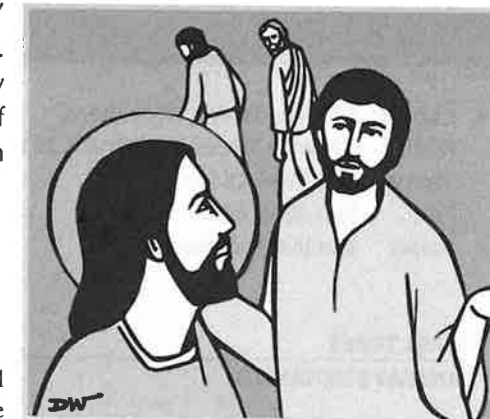
Thursday, 26 August – St. Joseph Calasanz

From Aragon where he was born in 1556, to Rome where he died 92 years later, fortune alternately smiled and frowned on the work of Joseph Calasanz. A priest with university training in canon law and theology, respected for his wisdom and administrative expertise, he put aside his career because he was deeply concerned with the need for education of poor children. When he was unable to get other institutes to undertake this apostolate at Rome, Joseph and several companions personally provided a free school for deprived children. So overwhelming was the response that there was a constant need for larger facilities to house their effort. Soon, Pope Clement VIII gave support to the school, and this aid continued under Pope Paul V. Other schools were opened; other men were attracted to the work, and in 1621 the community—for so the teachers lived—was recognized as a religious community, the Clerks Regular of Religious Schools—Piarists or Scolopi. Not long after, Joseph was appointed superior for life. A combination of various prejudices and political ambition and maneuvering caused the institute much turmoil. Some did not favor educating the poor, for education would leave the poor dissatisfied with their lowly tasks for society! Others were shocked that some of the Piarists were sent for instruction to Galileo—a friend of Joseph—as superior, thus dividing the members into opposite camps. Repeatedly investigated by papal commissions, Joseph was demoted; when the struggle within the institute persisted, the Piarists were suppressed. Only after Joseph's death were they formally recognized as a religious community.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

22 AUGUST 2021



THE HOLY ONE OF GOD. It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:1-3
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
you all the day long.

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.
All: I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly
sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do, (striking the breast) through
my fault, through my fault, through my
most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed
Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and
Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.
R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

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. O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose, grant your people
to love what you command and to desire what
you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of
this world, our hearts may be fixed on that
place where true gladness is found. 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 Josh 24:1-2, 15-18
A reading from the book of Joshua.
We will serve the Lord God, because he is
our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel
together at Shechem; then he called the
elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel,
and they presented themselves before God.
Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you
will not serve the Lord, choose today whom
you wish to serve, whether the gods that your
ancestors served beyond the River, or the
gods of the Amorites in whose land you are
now living. As for me and my House, we will
serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no
intention of deserting the Lord our God who
brought us and our ancestors out of the land
of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked
those great wonders before our eyes and
preserved us all along the way we travelled
and among all the peoples through whom we
journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he
is our God.'

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

RESP PSALM Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his
praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my
soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall
hear and be glad. R.
2. The Lord turns his face against the
wicked / to destroy their remembrance from
the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the
just / and his ears to their appeal. R.

3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues
them in all their distress. / The Lord is close
to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is
crushed he will save. R.
4. Many are the trials of the just man / but
from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He
will keep guard over all his bones, / not one
of his bones shall be broken. R.
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those
who hate the good are doomed. / The
Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. /
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. R.

SECOND READING Eph 5:21-32
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians.
This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and
the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to
Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as
they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head
of the Church and saves the whole body, so
is a husband the head of his wife; and as the
Church submits to Christ, so should wives
to their husbands, in everything. Husbands
should love their wives just as Christ loved
the Church and sacrificed himself for her to
make her holy. He made her clean by washing
her in water with a form of words, so that
when he took her to himself she would be
glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything
like that, but holy and faultless. In the same
way, husbands must love their wives as they
love their own bodies; for a man to love his
wife is for him to love himself. A man never
hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks
after it; and that is the way Christ treats the
Church, because it is his body – and we are its
living parts. For this reason, a man must leave
his father and mother and be joined to his
wife, and the two will become one body. This
mystery has many implications; but I am
saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

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. O Lord, who gained for yourself a people
by adoption through the one sacrifice offered
once for all, bestow graciously on us, we
pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your
Church. 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 I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

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: When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
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 cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the
healing work of your mercy and graciously
perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we
may please you. 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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

MAKING DECISIONS

In the lives of us all there are moments
when we have to make decisions –
decisions which will radically shape
our future. When Joshua gathered all
the people of Israel to the shrine of
Shechem it was a moment of decision.
Having finally taken possession of their
own land, the risk was that they would
be assimilated into the religious culture
of the people that surrounded them. An
even greater danger was that of forgetting
the God who had made all this possible.
Joshua saw that the time had come for the
people of Israel to choose.

In a similar fashion, as Jesus concludes
the bread of life discourse, his disciples
and his contemporaries are challenged to
decide where their allegiance lies. While
Jesus' words are a scandal for even some
of the disciples, the Twelve, through
Peter, decide that Jesus' message is truly
life-giving and that it comes from God.

The decision which is envisaged in the
second reading is that married couples
decide to model their relationship on
the love that Jesus has shown in giving
up his life for us all. The regulation of
relationships in households found here
is clearly coloured by its first century
context and its language of submission
can give the modern reader a jolt. Despite
this there are reciprocal demands made
on both spouses to model their love on
that of Jesus who gave his life for us all.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 6:63, 68
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:60-69

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words
of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the
followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable
language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus
was aware that his followers were complaining
about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What
if you should see the Son of Man ascend to
where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not
believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those
who did not believe, and who it was that
would betray him. He went on, 'This is why
I told you that no one could come to me unless
the Father allows him.' After this, many of his
disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about
you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter
answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You
have the message of eternal life, and we believe;
we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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.