



# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

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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:

Fr James Duck, Allan Kemsley, Maria Wise, 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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Emile Saad, Selman Saad, Khalile Saad, Nazih Saad, Thelma Ryan, Leo Keegan, Pierre Edouard-Betsy, Josephine Knight, Emmanuel Sammut - Thelma Henry, Betty Johnstone, Fr Eric Burton, Caroline Moses, Fr John Langtry.

## 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

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: 12 SEPTEMBER

The Parish of Holy Name of Mary, Rydalmere and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

## RYDALMERE LIVESTREAMED MASS

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

## 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.

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



## PASTORAL LETTER TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF WESTERN SYDNEY AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20

My dear young people of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains,

I write to you today from my own small apartment in Harris Park, in one of countless LGAs of concern across Sydney. COVID cases are frighteningly high in suburbs surrounding me. Like you, I have been locked down for almost 12 weeks and my balcony, with its small makeshift garden has become an intimate place of respite from the concrete walls of my building.

I want to let you know that I have been thinking deeply about the situation we share. There is no doubt that the restrictions and subsequent impact on your life, family, and friends is being felt just as strongly by you. It's OK to feel angry, emotional, overly dependent or withdrawn. I imagine, too, that you're overhearing the stress that your parents, guardians, or roommates are under with home schooling, working from home, loss of income, relationship strain, loneliness or even too many people living too closely together.

I can't imagine what the loss of important milestones in your life might feel like at this time, but I do know that through the example of Jesus you will be resilient, adaptive and bounce back. His resurrection is proof that there is always light in the darkness.

Most heartbreaking for me in recent weeks has been what reports are calling the "shadow pandemic". Each day more than 40 children and teenagers from our own backyard are being rushed to emergency departments due to self-harm and mental health problems.

We've put so many things on hold - during this time - that give us hope. Hope is what gives us the most joy in life and sometimes on our worst days I know it can feel like we're just not moving anywhere and progressing. Anxiety, depression, and far worse, is on the rise.

During this time, please, keep talking. Whether it be face-to-face around the dinner table or over the phone or Zoom. Please, also keep walking and keep active. Walk with a friend who lives nearby or someone you live with. Exercise is so good for our mental health and our bodies. It gets us out of the four walls that can feel oppressive, dark, and confined, and into the sunlight that is warm on our face and the fresh air moving through our lungs.

This R U OK? Day, I encourage you to consider going a little more deeply in supporting each other and turn that one, simple, but potentially powerful question into a true conversation.

I'm also pleased to share with you a website we launch today called With You ([parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou)) a collection of new initiatives we've developed to journey with you, accompanied by some outstanding resources that I pray will find, and grow that sense of HOPE in your hearts during these challenging times. This includes content from some wonderful organisations. Remember that there is absolutely no shame in reaching out to them for help.

I will continue to pray for you and your good health. May you find continued peace and serenity during these troubled times. As scripture reminds us, we are not to be afraid nor dismayed, for our Lord is with us wherever we go.

I have found great comfort lately in reflecting on the scriptural account of the 'Journey to Emmaus' and particularly turning my mind to how the disciples felt on the road and knowing that they could share with each other their doubts and struggles that the Lord became present to them. In such

company they journeyed on to Eucharist and then mission. We have so much to look forward to together.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta

## 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

## THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY

Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the Clergy Support Foundation can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well. The Clergy Foundation Committee is very grateful for your generous donations over the last few weeks, both via online portal or by mail, which have raised just on \$60,000 as of Thursday 9 September, about a third of our way to our target. Hopefully we will soon be able to hold the appeal in our parishes. Thanks again and if you haven't yet made a donation and would like to, please visit [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or call (02) 8838 3482.



## "I WILL CAUSE MY SPIRIT TO ENTER YOU AND YOU SHALL LIVE"

Seeing how distressed his parishioners were at being locked out of their church, Fr Joseph (Joe) Lam, parish priest of St Finbar's Parish in Glenbrook has written a book of reflections to help them cope and even find goodness that might come from the pandemic. For over 15 years, Fr Joe has lectured theology in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Africa, the US and Australia. He has authored six monographs and over 60 peer-reviewed articles in German, English, Italian and Spanish. **Costs \$AUD9.99 plus postage. It can be purchased directly from Fr Joe.** To order a copy, email Fr Joe at [joseph.lam@parracatholic.org](mailto:joseph.lam@parracatholic.org). He's also donating the proceeds of the book to the Diocese of Parramatta's Clergy Support Foundation

## OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING ONLINE TRAINING

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout **September** and **October**. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

## SIGN THE PETITION

In a sign of unity, major Australian church denominations and Christian organisations have come together to urge the Prime Minister to provide a special intake of an additional 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan and support the ongoing wellbeing of all Afghan refugees and their families. For more information and to sign the petition go to [www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta](http://www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta)



*You are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**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. Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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: 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

cf. Ps 35:8

**How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P. May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our**

**minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. 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

##### PATHWAY TO LIFE

In Caesarea Philippi as Jesus prepared to take the dark road to Calvary he asked his disciples whether they really understood his mission and the fearful fate that awaited him in Jerusalem. Not surprisingly, their understanding was limited and their vision clouded by hopes and dreams of an earthly kingdom and release from foreign oppression and domination. Peter was correct in identifying Jesus as the Christ, the anointed king, but completely misguided in thinking that Jesus could avoid the passion. It was precisely by this means that he would open a pathway to the glory of the resurrection. After the resurrection the early disciples came to understand that the mystery of the identity of the suffering servant of Isaiah was now revealed. Jesus was the one who was able to endure the shame and suffering of the cross with confidence and courage because he knew that the love of God would always be there to sustain him.

Jesus was clear that those who want to follow him must be prepared to courageously set out on the same path. The mystery of the paradox of losing our lives in order to find them is one that each disciple must embrace. The letter of James reflects on how this can be lived out at the most practical level by giving of oneself and what we have for the good of those less fortunate than ourselves. Acknowledging that Jesus is the Christ is one thing, putting it into practice is another. Our actions will speak louder than our words.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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WHO DO PEOPLE SAY I AM? In modern parlance, we could say that Jesus was seeking some feedback from his disciples about himself, especially how he was perceived, when he asked this question. If we were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?', what feedback do you think he might give? How do you think a non-believer might describe the Christian community?

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Sir 36:18

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

#### 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. You 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. Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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

Isa 50:5-9

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

**The Lord has opened my ear.**

**For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.**

**I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.**

**The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.**

**My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?**

**Then let us go to court together.**

**Who thinks he has a case against me?**

**Let him approach me.**

**The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?**

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### RESP PSALM

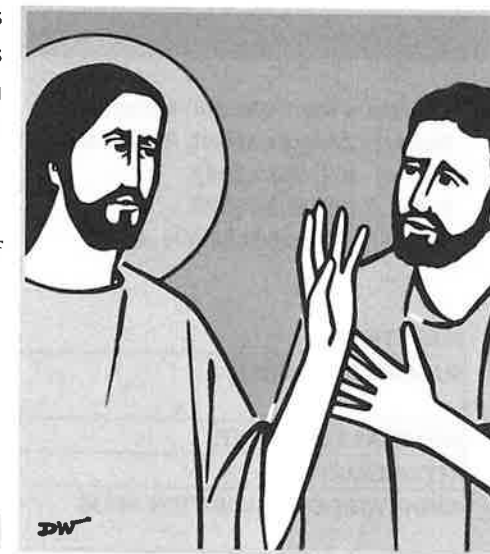
Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)**

**1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in the day when I called him. R.**

**2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver me! R.**

**3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our God has compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved me. R.**



**4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from tears / and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living. R.**

##### SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

**A reading from the letter of St James.**

*Faith without good works is dead.*

**Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.**

**This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'**

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

**Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!**

##### GOSPEL

Mk 8:27-35

**P. The Lord be with you.**

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**