



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

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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:

Presentacion Asinas, 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:

Madeleine Brown, Joyce Bell, Lachlan Becket, Adba Frome - Emile Saad, Selman Saad, Khalile Saad, Nazih Saad, Thelma Ryan, Leo Keegan, Pierre Edouard-Betsy, Josephine Knight, Emmanuel Sammut, Frederick Herft, George Sant.

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

DONATE TO CARITAS' EMERGENCY RESPONSE APPEAL FOR HAITI

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. Donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal by visiting www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll-free.

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.



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) 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

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

On 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday). Pope Francis invites us to work Towards an ever wider "we" and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. The "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" team invites you to a Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees on **26 September** from 3pm to 4.15pm. RSVP via www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee. Find more information and resources at migrants-refugees.va and acmro.catholic.org.au.

"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. He's also donating the proceeds of the book to the Diocese of Parramatta's Clergy Support Foundation

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

RYDALMERE LIVESTREAMED MASS

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

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.

IMPORTANT

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

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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. Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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 Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;

may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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

LIVING WITH OUR DIFFERENCES

As the letter of James observes, wherever there is jealousy and ambition there is disharmony. It is the sign of both human and spiritual maturity to be able to live in peace with ourselves and others. A reality of life is that there are differences between people and that they can often be a source of division and discontent. Today's readings invite us to reflect on the ways in which differences can be life-giving rather than destructive.

For the writer of the book of Wisdom the truly righteous person will be a thorn in the side of those whose values they do not share. The implied challenge is that of daring to be different when it means being true to our values.

Even within the Christian community the problems provided by our differences and desire for recognition need to be addressed. It is to the credit of the early Christians that they did not veneer over their very real differences and honestly admitted their difficulties in this area. At the very moment that Jesus is speaking of the violent death that awaits him the disciples are already arguing among themselves about who is the greatest. It is precisely in this context that Jesus reveals to them that true greatness has always been found in the ability to serve and sacrifice oneself for the good of others. It is not that differences do not exist, or that some have the responsibility of leadership. What counts is the manner in which that responsibility is exercised. In that, Jesus remains our most enduring example.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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THE BATTLE WITHIN. Today's readings highlight the battle between good and evil. The virtuous person in today's First Reading, and Jesus in the Gospel, both suffer greatly at the hands of the godless. But as James notes in today's Second Reading, and as we see in Jesus' disciples, the battle between good and evil is waged within each one of us as well. While we give thanks to God for the good within us, we also acknowledge the part of ourself that is drawn to evil and humbly seek God's mercy.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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. O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. R.

2. For proud men have risen against me, / ruthless men seek my life. / They have no regard for God. R.

3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with willing heart / and praise your name for it is good. R.



SECOND READING

James 3:16–4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

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.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.