



# 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:

Joseph Camilleri, Alyssa Dansord, Carmela Ruotolo, Pamela Pekin, Eileen Muldoon, Dennis Lyons, Barry McCorkill, Fr Manoj Manuel, Alessandro Arcamone, Lionel Singh, Nick Sireilles, Les Harris, Brad Yates, Isaac Moses, Frank Malkoun.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Colin Francis Wright, Mili Scot, George Sant, Piera Della Vedova, Josephine Khoury, Stella Thompson, Fr George O'Mara, Dora Karam, Alfio Zappala - Saed Ayoub, Christopher Nalletamby, Albert Yen, Sayu Ketut Utari, Fr Lawrence Vincent Pedemont.

## Rosters – 5/6 March

### Cleaning Ministry

### Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

Anton & Anne Fernando

Sophie Russo

Mary Asic

Anne Marie Lyons

Patrick Edouard-Betsy, Michael Otter

Anne Betteridge, Anne-Marie Hewkins

Ron Della Vedova

Samuel Yu, Anton Fernando

### Counters:

### Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

## SACRAMENTAL DATES

The dates for the Sacramental Program for Children for 2022 are at the entrance to the church and on our website.

### LENT WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22> Call 1300 734 880 for more info.



## ONLINE RETREAT - HIGH HORSES, SCAPEGOATS AND DONKEYS: A LENTEN ODYSSEY.

"This retreat takes us into the realm of tears, the tears of compunction that St Benedict talks about in his chapter on Reverence in Prayer (RB 20). It is a calling forth of ourselves to a new and more authentic living; a dive into the deep; a naming of the truth of who we are before God. It is not a fear based compunction that we will enter into, but rather a compunction based on a deep desire to be in oneness with God." To register: [jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats) More details in the notice board.

## LENT

Lent begins on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Ash Wednesday). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance.

### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

This year is about CatholicCare's Community Centres – in particular the Springwood Drop-In Centre. This weekend our parish is having an appeal. Our quota is \$5,136. All donations are 100% Tax Deductible. If you wish to contribute, envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



### SINGERS WANTED

Choir rehearsal for Holy Week/Easter will commence on Wednesday 9 March at 7.30pm in the Church under the direction of Catherine Parker and John Galla. We need your voice. You do not have to be a Guy Sebastian or Delta Goodrem. New members most welcome.

### 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.

### WILCANNIA MISSION 2022

Have you ever wanted to become a missionary in outback NSW? This year's mission trip will be to the township of Wilcannia in western NSW. The mission will assist with the Baptism of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters in the Darling River, along with the manning of an evangelisation booth on the day. We will be joining and assisting with celebrations afterwards. On the following day we will travel to the Wilcannia Cemetery and pray for the faithful departed. We will be distributing statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary for placement on the graves for those families who would welcome them. The trip will also include a stay of two nights with the organiser of the mission, Br Dominic Levak, a Franciscan hermit who lives underneath the Christ the King Shrine near Condoblin. A prayerful stay with a bonfire on the final night.

How can you be involved? Most importantly, we are asking for your prayers for the success of the mission and for the ongoing formation and conversion of those being Baptised and for those who have been Baptised on prior mission trips. If you would like to become a missionary, please call Eddy Borovnjak on 0450 523 440. For those who cannot attend the mission in person, you can still be a part of it by your prayers, donations and financial support. A tub will be placed at the back of the Church for donations of religious items (catechisms, rosaries, prayer cards, miraculous medals, Catholic books for children and adults etc). If you would like to support the mission financially, please transfer your money to: Account name: Follow Me Mission. BSB: 062-313 ACC: 1034 4456. Please put "Wilcannia Mission" in the description field to ensure the money goes to this project.

If you would like to see what last year's mission trip was like, please watch the YouTube video titled "Catholic Mission to Menindee - March 2021" or use the link <https://youtu.be/Y8Chy5m0auk>

The mission leaves Sydney on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March and comes back on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your support. Ave Maria.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Two Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, 9.15am and 7.30pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome

### RYDALMEN

Our men's group Lenten program commences on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room and then continues for 5 consecutive Wednesdays (same time, same place). We shall follow the Diocese of Wollongong's program "Remember." All men, regulars and non-regulars, are most welcome to come, fellowship and journey through Lent together (contact details: [shane.young@ozemail.com.au](mailto:shane.young@ozemail.com.au), 0432 815 165).



### 'REMEMBER' LENTEN STUDY GROUP

You are invited to join a weekly Lenten group at Anne Young's home (9 Yimbala St, Rydalmere) starting Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12pm. We will be studying the Diocese of Wollongong's REMEMBER program. This is the same format as last year's program with some thought provoking and meaningful studies. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Anne-Louise for more information – 0450 308 351. If numbers are larger than expected we will meet in the parish meeting room. Look forward to meeting and sharing with you all.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations of the cross will commence on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.



### ALTAR SERVERS

Our parish is looking for new Altar Servers and a return to duty for our current Altar Servers. Altar Servers must be in Year 5 or above and have made their First Holy Communion. If you are interested, please place your contact details on the clipboard provided at the back of the church.

Fr Peter

### OUR ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Altar Society needs volunteers to clean the sacred vessels, candle sticks and arrange flowers etc. once every six weeks for 1-1/2 hours, either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you can help please approach Fr Peter.

### 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 MARY'S MOTHERS GROUP & PLAYGROUP

Calling all mums of children 0-5 years old! Come and join us for our playgroup session on Tuesdays, from 9.30am to 11.30am 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 on 0418 600 358.



‘There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.’

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. O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit’s reward. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

### 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 12: 6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by your saving gifts,

we beseech your mercy, Lord,

that by this same Sacrament

with which you feed us in the present age,

you may make us partakers of life eternal.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

We often hear it said that actions speak louder than words, and that talk is cheap.

While these sayings may well be true, what we say provides others with a window into our hearts. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect upon the quality of our speech and what it reveals about where our heart lies. As trees are judged on the quality of their fruit so our hearts are judged on the quality of our speech. Jesus’ words forcefully remind us that before we judge others, we would do well to look to ourselves and the quality of the fruit we bear in our actions and in the words we speak.

As Paul concludes his argument about the bodily resurrection, he praises God for the victory that has been won over sin and death. Like other Jews of his time, he understood that sin and death had entered the world through the fall of Adam. When Paul states that sin gets its power from the law, he invites the Corinthians to reflect on the paradox posed by the Jewish law. While the law calls us to righteousness, its very existence is living proof of the power of sin, since the commands of the law would not be necessary if there was no sin. Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as the first fruits of a crop that is yet to come. In the meantime, the community is called to continue to live their Christian lives in the hope that they are not working in vain.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

TAKE THE PLANK FROM YOUR OWN EYE FIRST. Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples’ shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 17: 19-20

The Lord became my protector.

He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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. Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man’s words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. R.  
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.  
3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.

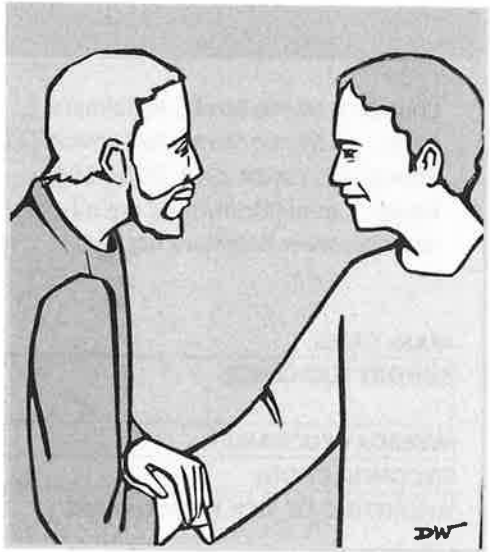
#### SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed



up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord’s work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

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.

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. ‘Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother’s eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,” when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother’s eye.