



## bbHOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Second Sunday of Lent / C  
13 March 2022

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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:

Ernesto F. Domingo, C.J. Perera, Jose Olivier, 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:

Gordon Boulous, Fr Paul Gardiner SJ, Lyal West - Rebecca Orsini, Maureen Lowe, John Crawley, Fraolina Stornelli, George Sant.

### Rosters – 19/20 March

#### Cleaning Ministry

#### Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

Susan Boulous & family

Thomas Russo

Glenys Oxlee

Vartgues Markarian

Joe Zammit, David Boulous

Sr Maureen, Lynette Rodrigues

Anne Marie Lyons, Helen Wong

Linda Tsang, Danny Yu

#### Counters:

#### Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 9.30am

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations of the cross will continue on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Following the Stations there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30pm.

### AMBROSE RECRUITMENT

Ambrose, a social enterprise of Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL). Currently is seeking people of all ages to facilitate activities (OSHC), also offering traineeship – Early Learning (Preschool). Please find details on the Notice Board.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent. Please donate to Project Compassion and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available at the back of the church.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome

### ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last week our local Catholic Primary School - St Mary's - opened its gates and welcomed prospective parents for tours and a Q&A session with the Principal - Richard Blissenden. If you missed the tours or would like more information about Kindergarten please visit the school's YouTube Channel and watch this short walk through... <https://youtu.be/wc6p5uGnm6k> For more information about enrolling please call 8844 5700 as applications for enrolment are NOW OPEN.

### 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 22nd. Thank you for your support. Ave Maria.

### RYDALMEN

Our men's group Lenten program continues on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room. We shall follow the Diocese of Wollongong's program "Remember." Come and experience this inspirational program with searching reflections on the upcoming Sunday's Psalm and Gospel as well as study of some magnificent art masterpieces. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165.



### SINGERS WANTED

Choir rehearsal for Holy Week/Easter will continue on Wednesday 16 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.

### 'REMEMBER' LENTEN STUDY GROUP

You are invited to join a weekly Lenten group at Anne Young's home (9 Yimbala St, Rydalmere) each Friday starting 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.

### PUBLIC ROSARY AT ERMINGTON SHOPS

'The Rosary brings joy to Mother Mary. The Rosary helps save souls. The Rosary helps us too and our families'. Please join us in a public Rosary which takes place at 3pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday this month. We will be asking Our Lady of Fatima to obtain God's merciful blessing for Australia. The next Public Rosary will commence at 3pm sharp next to the Betty Cuthbert monument at Ermington shops (opposite the post office) on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. Advice: March is the month of St Joseph. He looked after Jesus and Mary. He will help you too if you ask. Bring your Rosary and a smile. If you need a lift or have a question please call Brian Nairn on 0409 306 381.

### ST. PATRICK'S PARRAMATTA CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Recruitment is open to all, aged 15 and over, at this time we are really aiming to recruit young, talented, and competent Tenors and Basses - male voices. Paid and voluntary places are available. The choir sing at the 11am Solemn Mass every Sunday from February to Christmas, various major occasions on the liturgical calendar, such as Holy Week and Christmas, and major Diocesan events such as ordinations. The full list of commitments we expect of our Choristers is detailed in the expression of interest form. Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest here: <https://bit.ly/3sLep7S> All questions can be directed to the Choir Librarian, Samuel Verceluz, samuelverceluz@gmail.com

### 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.



### 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.

which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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 sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

*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

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

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

### OUR TRUE GOAL

As Abraham travels towards the land of promise he seeks a sign from the Lord. While he was told that his descendants will number as the stars, he and Sarah are childless and, not unreasonably, they look for assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the awe-inspiring events that follow, he is encouraged to continue the journey as God confirms the promises already made by means of a covenant.

When Jesus journeys towards his own death the disciples stand in similar need of assurance and revelation. On entering the cloud they, like Abraham before them, are filled with terror. It is in this moment of uncertainty and confusion that they hear the Lord's voice calling them to see Jesus as God's chosen one and to listen to his message. Jesus' death is not the end of his journey and mission, rather, it is to be understood as the means by which he makes his saving exodus to the Father.

Located on one of the great trade routes, Philippi was a city of great strategic importance in the Roman Empire. Large numbers of veteran soldiers were settled there in order to secure it for Rome. The word that Paul uses for homeland/commonwealth is precisely the word used to describe such a colony of relocated veterans. In the midst of the changes, uncertainties, and journeys of life, Paul reminds his converts of a power greater than Rome – the power of Jesus to transform us and subdue all of creation. It is in Jesus that we find our true home and goal.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

13 MARCH 2022

**STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH.** In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 26:8-9  
Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

## GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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.

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

## COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your 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

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.

Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

**The word of the Lord.**

R. Thanks be to God.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? R.

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' R.

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. R.

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! R.

## SECOND READING

Phil 3:20-4:1

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from



heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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*Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:**

**this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 9:28-36

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.**

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing