



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Fourth Sunday of Lent / C
27 March 2022

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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:

Emily Eggleton, 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:

Edward Chua, Laurice Boulattouh, Wahib Al-Alam, Delfin Gonzalez, Dianne McGregor, Enid Mulcare - Kevin Williams - Gordon Boulous, Fr Paul Gardiner SJ, Lyal West, George Sant.

Rosters – 2/3 April

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Pierre Salomon

Sophie Russo

Anne Marie Lyons

Lynette Rodrigues

Kathleen Burrows

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Leah Garcia, Eli Ogrizek

Angela & Will Finnane

Sr Maureen, Lorna Argal



ROUND TABLE LISTENING

Following on from last year's "Parramatta for the Common Good" Candidates Forum, the local "Sydney Alliance" Group for Parramatta LGA is inviting parish community to an evening of round table discussions on Tuesday **29 March**, 6:30pm (Northmead Uniting Church, 3-7 Hammers Road, Northmead). The evening will be about building relationships, sharing stories from our varied experience, discussing the issues of mutual concern (e.g., social housing, affordable and renewable power) and taking appropriate action. Please register at <https://events.humanitix.com/parramatta-alliance-roundtable-listening-march-29th>

PASTORAL FORMATION OFFERING LEADERSHIP AND FORMATION COURSES

In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith! To encourage this, Pastoral Formation – Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU – all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session).

Details: pparra.org.au or email met@parracatholic.org

PROJECT COMPASSION

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life. Please donate to Project Compassion and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations. 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 and envelopes available at the back of the church, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday **29th March** at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.



RYDALMEN

Our men's group Lenten program continues on **Wednesday 30th 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.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PASTORAL FORMATION FACILITATOR

This role will be responsible for supporting Catholic communities, particularly parishes, with their formation and the delivery of various programs under the direction of the Head: Formation for Mission. Applications Close 10pm Sunday **10 April**.

ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

A Part Time position, 1 day/week. Applications Close 10pm **28 March**.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

ACN is seeking to fill two job vacancies:

~ Benefactor Support Officer

~ Coordinator, Friends of the Suffering Souls Association (FOSS)

Located in Penrith, each role is part time but if both roles suited one person ACN could make a full time position. The job descriptions containing all relevant information can be found at www.aidtochurch.org/jobs. Applications close **3 April**.

AMBROSE RECRUITMENT

Ambrose, a social enterprise of Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL), has positions available for all experience levels of caring early childhood service – attractive wages and conditions:

~ Ambrose Activities and School Age care (OSHC)

~ Ambrose Early Learning (Preschool)

Apply online: linktr.ee/CDPSLFireflyHR or email: fireflyhr.com.au Details on the Notice Board.

CYP GOOD FRIDAY WALK - 15 APRIL 10PM - 6AM

Catholic Youth Parramatta facilitates the annual Diocesan Good Friday Night Walk. The overnight pilgrimage of young Catholics (aged 14-35) starts at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and ends at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, passing through four additional churches along the route for prayer and reflection. The initiative has been supported by our partners and collaborators for over 10 years involving our parishes, youth leaders, multiple Councils, Local Area Police Commands and the Blacktown Division of St John's Ambulance alongside the Diocese of Parramatta, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and our private security team. Each year, the pilgrimage promotes a renewed source of faith, hope, and unity through the spiritual journey and lens of Holy Week. Please register online using the link CYP_Good_Friday_Walk. This year the number of participants is capped.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On behalf of Br Dominic Levak and the entire mission team, I would like to say thank you for your generosity and support of the Wilcannia mission. Thanks be to God the mission witnessed 27 people being baptised, and many people took miraculous medals, Rosaries and other religious items and books. The donated items were most welcome, and the celebrations saw much joy in a town that has suffered greatly over the past two years. Please keep praying for the people in Wilcannia and especially for their conversion. May God bless you all, and thank you once again for all your support and prayers. A short video of the mission has been uploaded to YouTube with the name "Catholic Mission to Wilcannia - March 2022". Here is a link to the video, Ave Maria. <https://youtu.be/nSNltcS2TTk>

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DIOCESE ARE ENROLLING NOW!

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations of the cross will continue on Friday, **1st April** at 7pm. Following the Stations there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30pm.



COMMUNITY CHOIR

We want you Come and join in the fun of singing with a lovely group of people. Where: Saint Mary's Rydalmere Church hall. Day: **Monday 5.30pm - 7pm**. Choir master none other than Peter O'Regan from the band The Kites. Sing a huge cross section of songs from Neil Sedaka, Beach Boys, Paul Kelly and many more you will love. Contact Peter on 0417 278 866 or Anne Marie Lyons 0410 299 681 or just turn up on the night.

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.



I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

“The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” ’

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. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 AND II 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

Lk 15:32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life;

he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy

and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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

GRACIOUSNESS AND MERCY

After many years in the desert journeying towards the land of promise, it must have been difficult for the people of Israel to comprehend that they had finally arrived. A new stage in their lives was beginning and it was fitting to rejoice and remember what God had done by celebrating the Passover. The God who had nourished them in the desert would no longer provide manna; it was no longer necessary since now they had their own land which had been provided by God’s graciousness. For Paul, God’s graciousness and mercy were nowhere more apparent than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In the second letter to the Corinthians, much of chapters two to six are taken up by Paul sharing his understanding and experience of apostolic life with them. There had been considerable friction between Paul and the community and this, no doubt, had called Paul to reflect on the sort of reconciliation and harmony for which he longed and worked. Misunderstood and hurt, Paul looks to the heart of the gospel message, a message of a new creation through forgiveness. As Jesus had reconciled us to God by his own death, so we are called to be reconciled to one another.

The call to reconciliation and graciousness is continued in today’s Gospel. The timeless beauty of the parable of the loving father and his two sons calls us to look to our own hearts. Are we ready to forgive and be forgiven? Will we share in the new creation that Jesus died to bring us?

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus’ words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son’s return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Isa 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.”

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-7. 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. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

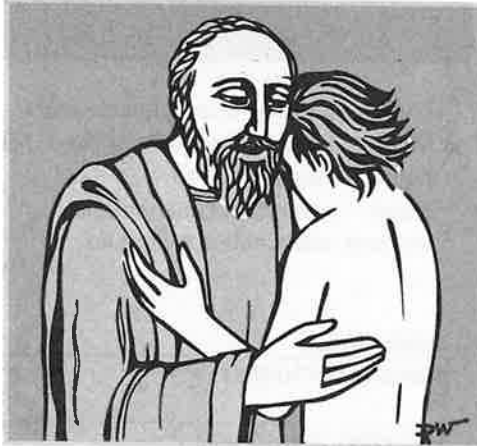
R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:



Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father,