



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Fifth Sunday of Lent/ C
3 April 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	1st 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 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 Malkouni.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tony Malkoun, Frank Malkoun, Umberto Bruzzese, Thelma Herlihy - Edward Chua, Laurice Boulattouh, Wahib Al-Alam, Delfin Gonzalez, Dianne McGregor, Enid Mulcare, George Sant.

Rosters – 9/10 April

Cleaning Ministry Computer Operators:

Thomas & Sophie Russo
Vigil 5.30pm Lynette Rodrigues
Sun. 7.30am Mary Asic
Sun. 9.30am Anne Marie Lyons
Kathleen Burrows
Vigil 5.30pm Anne Betteridge, Anne-Marie Hewkins
Sun. 7.30am Sue & Len Farrugia
Sun. 9.30am Anton Fernando, Linda Tsang

Counters:

Lectors:

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Archie Jones, Korbin Jones, Beau Leonard, Charlotte Mitchell, Lily Mitchell and Charlotte Yap who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday.

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.

MENTORING COUPLES TO BE MARRIED

Following the success of the Masterclass on Mentoring Engaged couples for Marriage, we are offering an additional Zoom for those who missed out on recent face-to-face training. Are you a married couple looking to accompany Engaged couples preparing for Marriage using the SmartLoving Online program? This time limited commitment of 4-9 weeks can be undertaken in your own home. To learn more and register for the Zoom Session on Saturday 9 April at 10am, please call Marisa on (02) 8838 3460 or email met@parracatholic.org



PROJECT COMPASSION

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities 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.



RYDALMEN

Our men's group Lenten program continues on **Wednesday 6th April** 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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

The Lent/Autumn 2022 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine are available at the back of the church. It's free.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations of the cross will continue on Friday, 8th April at 7pm. Following the Stations there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30pm.

PHONE DISRUPTION

We apologise for people for not being able to contact us by phone. Please ring 9684 1541 or send email via our website or to admin@holymary.org.au

EASTER MEETING

There will be a meeting for acolytes and Altar Servers in the parish meeting room on **5th April** at 7.30pm to plan for the Easter ceremonies.

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.

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.

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

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.



HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30pm.
Adoration till 10.00pm, concluding with Night Prayer.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross – 10.00am.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass – 7.30pm.

Easter Sunday

7.30am and 9.30am.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday – Wednesday

After 9.15am Mass

Good Friday

After Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday

After Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
4.00pm – 5.00pm.

Please note there will be **NO Mass** on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday mornings.



The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, ‘Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?’ They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said Jesus ‘go away, and don’t sin any more.’

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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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 OR 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: 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

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

LIVING WATER

To the people of Israel in exile, Isaiah speaks of a new highway that God is making in the wilderness, a highway that would change the face of the wilderness forever. No longer desolate, the people would have what they needed, and their thirst for vindication and homecoming from exile would be satisfied.

On the road to Damascus, Paul’s world had been changed forever. He had come to see that, for him, the living water that Jesus the Messiah offers is the only prize worth striving for. As a Pharisee, he had sought perfection through faithfulness to the Jewish law. He had come to appreciate that, as beautiful as the Jewish law was, Jesus’ death and resurrection had opened a new pathway to God’s grace. He knew he was not perfect. In response to his experience of the Risen One, he set out to travel that road with all his heart and love as a missionary and apostle.

The episode of the woman caught in adultery is another moving example of how the living God can break into our world and provide water in the desert of the human heart. Surrounded by rejection and mistaken self-righteousness, this woman is isolated and faces the threat of a brutal death. As her accusers call for her execution Jesus writes in the sand. Ever so gently a new highway is being laid and we are invited to walk it. By not condemning or judging, Jesus shows how, we too, can walk this path and provide living water for each other.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

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STRAINING AHEAD. The Israelites in exile, St Paul the apostle and the woman caught in adultery all had shameful pasts. They acknowledged their sins but were not weighed down by them because they experienced the forgiveness of God. Freed of the burden of their sin they were able to continue on their way. We also are sinners but with God’s forgiveness we too can put the past behind us and strain ahead for the prize to which God is calling us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into 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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. R.
2. The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels the Lord worked for them!’ / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. R.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. R.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on



everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Jn 8:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.