



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Fourth Sunday of Easter / C
8 May 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:

Manel Gunasekara, Leon Cruz, Jorge Timoteo, Francisca Matheson, Manel Gunasekara, Adela Estrada, Joselina Delgado, Joselito Delgado, Rodolfo Chuanico, Sr Angela Muellebner SSPS, Meilinda Iskandar, Emily Eggleton, Edward Chua, Ernesto F. Domingo, C.J. Perera, Jose Olivier.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jamel Saba, Lila Saba, n,bc, Carmen Vella, Emilia Camilleri, Alessandra Castellan, Ceferina Delos Reyes, Marica Prusac, Roger Joseph Flood, Dawn Walsh, Barbara Mackenzie-Hunter - Amparo Dy, Felicidad Golamco, Victoria Pustaj, Phyllis Cleary, Rosie Vivittorino, Fr Edmund Barry, Mary Hodgson, Teresa Totino.

Rosters - 14/15 May

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Susan Boulous & family
George Davidson
Anne Marie Lyons
Lynette Rodrigues
Joe Zammit, David Boulous
Len & Sue Farrugia
Will & Angela Finnane
Samuel Yu, Anton Fernando



Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

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.

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.

PEACE JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY SHARING ON ZOOM

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, find out and discuss what is currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. This time, the sharing is also a chance to meet the new Peace, Justice, Ecology Facilitator James. You are invited to join the conversation, Wednesday 11 May, 6:30-8:00pm. To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to MET@parracatholic.org

MT SCHOENSTATT, MULGOA - 15 MAY

The Annual Schoenstatt May Pilgrimage will be held for the first time since 2019. The program begins at 9.30 am to approx. 3.30 pm. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Holy Mass at 10.30 am outside, please bring your own chairs. Come for an hour or come for the day, everyone is welcome. Food is available to purchase or bring a picnic lunch. Details available at www.schoenstatt.org.au

FUNDRAISING EVENT - 22 MAY

The Cancer Council Biggest Morning tea will be held on 22nd of May at 10.30am in the parish hall. All funds raised will go towards the Cancer Council of Australia. Please RSVP by 15 May, 0434 541 287.

CAMPION COLLEGE - WINTER PROGRAM

Registration for the Campion College Winter Program is now open! If you know a 16-20-year-old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for our immersive four-day program from 5-8 July 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/winter-program/>

MT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The retreat centre is now taking bookings, with a few remaining weekends for 2022 and plenty of options for week day retreats. If you are planning ahead, 2023 is booking fast. Please contact 02 4773 8338 if you have questions about individual retreat or small/large group retreat for your organisation. Learn a little more about us at: <https://youtu.be/x-uFmsrKs5s>

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Springwood East Timor Support Group invite you to the 23rd anniversary Trivia Night to aid the Timorese people with medical and educational initiatives. Join them for an evening of fun and flashes of brilliance on Saturday 21 May from 7pm for a 7.30pm start at St Thomas Aquinas School Hall, Springwood. Tickets are \$20 each, payable on entry, for tables of eight to ten. BYO nibbles and drinks. Pre-reservation of your attendance is essential to Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking an experienced person for a full or part-time (4 days a week) role in our Governance, Risk, Compliance and Assurance team. You will have extensive experience in providing high-level administration support, and a customer-focused and 'can-do' attitude. If you would like to know more about the role and to obtain a copy of the Position Description, please contact Nevine Piperides at nevine@reachhr.com.au or 0418 698 327.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS MANAGER

Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

RYDALMEN

Our next men's group resumes on Wednesday 18th May at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room. We shall be having an election special - "Voting for the Common Good: will your faith impact your vote?" Come and discuss how faith and politics should mix. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165.



SUPPORTIVE HEARTS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

This group, formally known as the "Bereavement Support Group", meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from February to November. It's currently run online via Zoom. The group is open to men and women whose spouses /partners have died. If you've experienced the death of your spouse/partner and would like to be supported in your grief, while connecting with others in similar circumstances, please contact Rita at Catholic Care Solo Parent Services for more information. Please call Ph: 8843 2500 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Registration essential / Zoom gatherings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 10am - 12pm. Please see flyer on notice board for more 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.



PENTECOST RETREAT

The Advocate promised by Christ enters the believing community to guide and protect it until the second coming. Apart from being a very beautiful feast, the day of Pentecost is a celebration of God's hand guiding the Christian community through the trials and decisions that are presented to it.

In preparation for the Feast the Live Christ Share Christ St Patrick's Cathedral invites you to a Pentecost Retreat this Saturday 22 May, from 10am to 3:30pm at the Chapel/Cloister (RSVP required for catering and Covid -19 purposes - Email: enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au - St Patrick's office: 8839 8412).

Program:

10:00am to 10:15am - Registration, Introduction, Opening Songs & Prayer
10:15am to 11:45am - Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Confession
11:45am to 01:00pm - Lunch Break
01:00pm to 01:05pm - Welcome back song & prayer
01:05pm to 02:15pm - Talk by Fr Chris "Our Lady and the Holy Spirit"
02:15pm to 03:15pm - Bible Liturgy Session by Annette Hartman
03:15pm to 03:30pm - Announcements & Closing Prayer
Come and join us celebrate Pentecost in memory of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and launch of the Church's mission to broadcast goodness to the world!!!

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

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.

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
 I know them and they follow me.
 I give them eternal life;
 they will never be lost
 and no one will ever steal them from me.
 The Father who gave them to me is
 greater than anyone,
 and no one can steal from the Father.
 The Father and I are one.’

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. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy. 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-V OF EASTER

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 cf. Jn 20:27

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

HOPE IN FACE OF TRIAL

The lives of each of us are touched by the realities of death and suffering in our world. As Christians, we are challenged to dig deep and explain the basis for our Christian hope. Why should Christians be hopeful? Why should we not give in to despair and disillusion? What is the basis for our belief that God's love is more powerful than the forces in our world which oppress and cause suffering?

Like ourselves, the first Christians had to deal with these problems. Opposition and persecution were realities for the earliest Christians and today's readings show something of the early Church's response to such difficulties. Paul and Barnabas faced the opposition of Jewish communities as they preached the good news of Jesus to Jews and Gentiles. They had come to see that the good news was meant for all nations and, by preaching the message of Jesus, the call to be a light for the nations would be fulfilled.

Some years later the Christian communities in Asia Minor were persecuted by Diocletian. It was a brutal and fearful time as Christians saw their brothers and sisters put to death. The book of the Apocalypse was written to encourage these Christians not to lose heart since Jesus had overcome death and he would shepherd them amidst their suffering.

The Johannine community had to deal with the distress and anguish that accompanied the expulsion of Christians from the synagogue. It is in the midst of such turmoil that they are reminded that with Jesus as their shepherd they need only listen to his voice to be assured of eternal life.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

8 MAY 2022

I KNOW MY SHEEP. The apostles faced much opposition as they proclaimed the Good News of Christ. Since then, many Christians have suffered martyrdom in great persecutions. Today's Scripture readings make reference to such difficulties but they also offer a firm message of hope and consolation. The faithful followers of Jesus, those who listen to his voice, will have eternal life. They will never be lost forever or destroyed by evil forces. May these words console us as we strive to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the joys and struggles of life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32:5-6
 The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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 Acts 13:14,43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

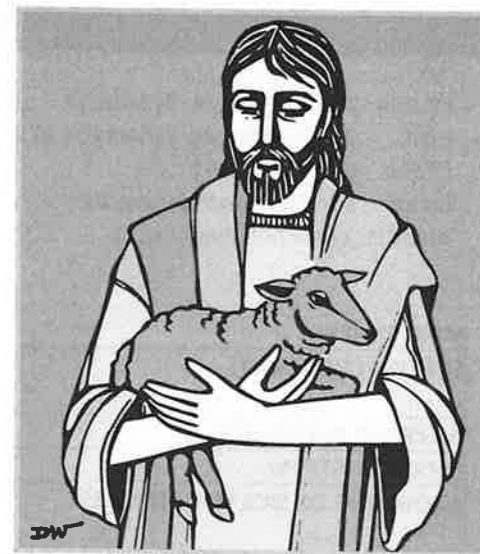
I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 99:1-3.5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. R.

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R.

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. R.

SECOND READING Apoc 7:9,14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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