

**GOSPEL**

Jn 1: 29-34

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.***This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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 us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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: 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**

Ps 22:5

**You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread

one in mind and heart. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.****BREAKING OPEN THE WORD****LIGHT TO ALL PEOPLES**

Like Archimedes, there are times we can call out 'eureka' (I have found!) and know that we have come to a moment of understanding and insight about ourselves. In the first reading, the mysterious servant figure found in the book of Isaiah has arrived at such a moment. They have come to see that their ministry is not only to bring the exiled people of Israel back to their land and to their God but to stand as a light and beacon to the nations.

In a similar fashion, John the Baptist comes to understand himself most truly when he sees Jesus and can proclaim him as the Lamb of God. At that moment, he understands that his ministry's purpose is to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism of repentance is one that prepares the ground for the baptism of the Spirit which Jesus will give.

During the next seven weeks, the second reading will be taken from Paul's first letter to the community he had founded in Corinth. It was a vibrant and volatile community that was just as varied in status, nationality and wealth as the cosmopolitan city itself. The city was a hive of activity situated where trade routes north-south and east-west intersected. As Paul begins the letter, he is mindful of the international character of the city and of the early Christian movement itself and so it is with this insight that he prays with all those throughout the world who call with faith on the name of Jesus.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 JANUARY 2023

THE LAMB OF GOD. Jesus is the servant of God who brings salvation to the ends of the earth. He is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He reveals the compassion of God who stoops down to hear the cries of those in distress.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Ps 65:4

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

**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.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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. Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.

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 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,

my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations

so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**The word of the Lord.****R. Thanks be to God.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 1: 1-3

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

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**The word of the Lord.****R. Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 1: 14, 12

**Alleluia, alleluia!****The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.****He enabled those who accepted him****to become the children of God.****Alleluia!**





# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / A  
15 January 2023

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## MASS TIMES

<b>SUNDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
<b>WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	11.30am

## Please Pray For

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, Corazon Santos - Betty Griffin, Des Howard, Maurice Reid - Fr Peter Maher

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Judy Stanton, Fr Manoj Manuel, Alessandro Arcamone, Antonietta Russo, Edna Mary Pyne, Valma O'Mara, Pack Hee-Yea (Columba), Radolfo Agcaioli, Clive Constables, John Zouki, Cecilia Hiutama-Purnama, Nat O'Laughlin, Greg Shore - Howard family, Bartlett family, Freestone family, Butterfield family, Robyn Murray, Catherine Veronica Murray.

## Rosters – 21/22 January

### Cleaning Ministry

### Computer Operators:

Thess Davidson & family  
George Davidson  
Anthony Wong  
Glenys Oxlee

### Counters:

### Lectors:

Lawrence Tsang, Patrizia Hild  
Maddison Boulous, Lynette Rodrigues  
Jodie Macgregor, Ron Della Vedova  
Lorna Argal, Samuel Yu



### READERS NEEDED:

We are desperately short of Readers for all Masses. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role. The next roster begins 5<sup>th</sup> March and training is provided. Please contact Glenys Oxlee on 0488 288 633 by 11<sup>th</sup> February for more information &/or if you would like to join the roster.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is from: **7pm – 12am Monday to Friday**. All are invited to come and spend some quite time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

### PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER

by: **St. Francis de Sales**

"You should not reproach yourself if you are not finding consolation in meditation, but proceed gently and with humility and patience, not in any way injuring your spirit. Make use of a book when you find your mind to be weary, that is to say, read for a bit and then meditate, and then read again for a bit and then meditate, until you reach the end of your half hour. Teresa of Avila made this her practice in the beginning, and she tells us that it did her great good. Keep as your rule the truth that the grace of meditation cannot be won by any efforts of our-minds, what is required is a gentle and very affectionate perseverance, full of humility." – St. Francis de Sales, "Roses Among Thorns"



### ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE CARDINAL PELL

Please pray for the repose of the soul of His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell. Holy Mass was offered at Holy Name of Mary on Thursday for Cardinal Pell.

### SAVE THE DATE – PARISH OF RICHMOND ST PAUL'S FEAST: 21 JANUARY

Plans are underway for the Parish of Richmond's 2023 Annual St Paul's Feast. More information to come soon. The Parish relies on the hands of many to continue the St Paul's Feast tradition. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Vicki on 0410 545 783.

### SAVE THE DATE – MEMORIAL MASS OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: 19 FEBRUARY



You are invited to the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on **Sunday 19 February at 2pm** at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia and worldwide and look forward to celebrating the legacy of St Josephine Bakhita with you.

### DIocese OF PARRAMATTA WYD23 PILGRIMAGE

Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can now view our itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing, register and pay their \$800 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. Visit [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org)

### TOONGABBIE PARISH POSITION VACANT

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is advertising for a Sacramental/SRE Coordinator. The successful applicant will be in charge of the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. Hours will be 18 hours per weeks worked over 3 days. Please forward applications and resumes to the parish Secretary by **1 February 2023** to [secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au)

### SACRED CONNECTIONS RETREAT

**Beginning 12 February**, Jamberoo Abbey is hosting a series of online retreats pondering the values of Silence/Listening, Reverence and Community, which are integral to both Aboriginal and Benedictine Spirituality. The cost of the retreat is \$300. Register at [jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats). Enquiries & registration, contact [online retreat@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:online retreat@jamberooabbey.org.au).

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

### 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.

### DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on **Saturday 11 February 2023** at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)



### FAITH & FORMATION SESSION FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

You are invited to a faith & formation session for those who work & volunteer in the health care ministries of the Church on **Saturday 11 February**, from 9am to 10.30am at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Join us afterwards for the World Day of the Sick Mass at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Please **RSVP for catering purposes by 6 February** to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org). For enquiries, please contact Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org

### FEAST OF THE WEEK

#### Saturday, 21 January – Saint Agnes

St. Agnes is the Patroness of the Children of Mary. In her early life, St. Agnes' wealth and beauty made her greatly sought after by the noblemen in Rome, but today the Church extols her adherence to the beautiful virtue of purity. To her suitors, she answered that she had consecrated her virginity to Jesus Christ, her divine spouse. It was the time of Diocletian's persecution, and her suitors vindictively accused her as a Christian. The judge tried gentle persuasion and promises at first, for she was only 13. She was dragged before idols and shown fires and other instruments of torture, but she remained firm and even joyful. Finally she was sentenced to a house of sin, to which men rushed, but then stopped short in awe of the sight of her. One man attempted to be rude to her, but his sight was immediately taken from him and he collapsed. He was carried to the Saint, who was signing hymns of



praise to God, whereupon his health and sight were restored by her prayers. Finally, the governor condemned her to be beheaded, and St Ambrose writes that she "went to the place of execution more cheerfully than others go to their wedding".

