



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

Rydalmere

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Sunday, 28th January 2024

"With pride, there are many curses. With humility, there come many blessings-
Ezra Taft Benso



There is a story about a rooster who would crow in the morning at sunrise. Soon he began to believe that his crowing made the sun rise. This made him very proud. But one day, he crowed, but the sun did not rise. He crowed and crowed, but nothing happened. According to the story, the rooster died exhausted, and broken-hearted one morning. Moral of the story? In our work for the Lord, let us be humble instead of being proud and arrogant (Source: Moments, Fr Jerry Orbos).

In today's gospel we witness the unassuming character of Jesus in his preaching and healing ministries. His fame was spreading like a bushfire, and still, he did not take undue pride in what he had been doing. His heart was throbbing every minute for the poor, and he tried everything to make their lives better, to bring hope to the hopeless etc. He was faithful to the Father till the end even to the extent of stretching his arms on the cross. Taking a close look at the gospel, we can find that Jesus slipped away quietly from the people every time they attempted to put him on the pedestal. He was totally God- Other oriented and never self- oriented or self-absorbed. As we see in today's gospel, Jesus uses his authority to liberate people from the evil forces that dominate their lives, and to bring them the blessings of health and healing, freedom and hope.

He came, as he himself states, 'to serve not to be served, and to give his life for us' (Mk 10:45). Even today, he continues to reflect himself in those who are involved in the pro-life activities, who reach out to the affected mass without expecting anything in return. What a charismatic, effective, powerful, influential leader Jesus was! And he wants us to imitate his example. He is the prototype of all who exercise power and do good deeds in the given context of one's life: family, school, business enterprises, government and so on...

"A man received a promotion to the position of Vice President of the company he worked for. The promotion went to his head, and for weeks on end he bragged to anyone and everyone that he was now VP. His bragging came to an abrupt halt when his wife, so embarrassed by his behaviour, said, "Listen Bob, it's not that big a deal. These days everyone's a vice president. Why, they even have a vice president of peas down at the supermarket!" Somewhat deflated, Bob telephoned the local supermarket to find out if this was true. "Can I speak to the Vice President of peas please?" he asked, to which the reply came: "of fresh or frozen?"



Remember the saying: Pride goes before a fall. Pride cuts us off from others, ourselves, and from God and God's ways. Let go of the false pride and soak up with the same attitude of Jesus!

*God's blessings
Fr. Vince*

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will raise up a prophet and put my words into his mouth

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
who songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers pit me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Give your undivided attention to the Lord.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with Him.

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

PARISH ROSTERS

27/28 January 2024

	Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Sun 8.00am	Sun 10.00am
Computer Operators:	Lynette Rodrigues	Glenys Oxlee	Vartguess Markarian
Lectors:	Eli Ogrizek Anne-Marie Hawkins	Ron Della Vedova Anne Marie Lyons	Lorna Argal Cynthia Oscar
Altar Society:	Maria Greenfield & Lesley Long		
Cleaning Ministry:	Anton Massillamany & Vartguess Markarian		
Counters:	Tyrone Wiratunga & TBA		

3/4 February 2024

	Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Sun 8.00am	Sun 10.00am
Computer Operators:	Thomas Russo	Pamela McKay	Lynette Rodrigues
Lectors:	Sue Farrugia Len Farrugia	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Jane Jimenez Anton Fernando
Altar Society:	Pam McKay, Annabel Manlutac & Gail Dick		
Cleaning Ministry:	Pierre Salomon		
Counters:	Geoff & Barbara Rosario & TBA		

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Ilias Atie, Mary Hanna, Sergio Montano Sanchez, Patrick Boswell West, Rolando Magsalin, Rev Dr William Aliprandi, Denise Murphy

Anniversaries

George Kheir, Martha Abraham, Shirley Ball, Antonietta Bruzzese, Giordano Procopio, Doreen Clinch, Sr Christine Hesel, Lorna Buckley, Fr Peter Neville, Barry Nicholls, Carmela Ruotolo, Les Riedling

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Return the Blessed Palms

Palms blessed on Palm Sunday become a "sacramental". These palms are burned and the ashes are used for the Ash Wednesday service.

We request you to return the blessed palms (last year) and leave them in the basket located at the back of the church

WEEKLY ENVELOPES TO RESUME

The parish will resume using the weekly envelope as a method of collection. New envelope numbers will need to be issued.

If you would like to register for weekly envelopes or direct debit, please complete the form located at the back of the church & return it to the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR NEEDED

Holy Name of Mary parish is a community of faith in the Catholic tradition with a rich diversity of cultures and backgrounds. The parish strives to grow as an inclusive, vital and faithful catholic community. Now, we need a Sacramental Coordinator, whose role is to prepare and coordinate the parish-based Sacramental Programmes and all related activities, liturgies and events, as well as support the RCIA process and parish team. The Sacramental coordinator will work in collaboration with catechists and leaders of St Mary's Primary School. Those who are interested in taking up this role in our parish, kindly approach me for further details. Your support in this regard is greatly appreciated! Fr. Vince



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED I

READERS NEEDED: We are desperately short of Readers for all Masses. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role. The next roster begins 3rd March and **training is provided**.

Please contact Glenys Oxlee on 0488 288 633 by **9th February** for more information &/or if you would like to join the roster.



If your talents lie elsewhere, why not consider volunteering for one of our other parish ministries such as Children's Liturgy, Altar Society, Counters, Lawn & Garden or the Sunday 10am Morning Tea roster.

Register your interest on the Parish Ministry Sign-up Sheet located at the back of the church.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Mikayla Chanel, Cecilia Chanel, Daniella Chanel & Amelia Chanel who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday.
- Congratulations to Nick Kashefi & Averie Medrano who receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.



Important Change to Wednesday Mass Time

Starting in February Wednesday daily Mass will return to 9:15am

Bishop Vincent presents a conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik. The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on **Monday 12 February at 6pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/> to register.



Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

Opportunities for face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, *this coming February*.

Monday 5 February (9.30am – 2.30pm) – Modules 1-3: For those new to Parish Ministry or for those who have not yet completed the initial Cycle 1 training, or

Monday 12 February (10am – 1.30pm) – Modules 4-5: Renewal Safeguarding Training is for those in Parish Ministry who commenced Cycle 1 Training two years ago.

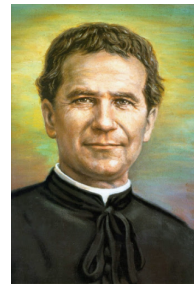
Please register for this training or for other convenient dates & locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

Saints of the Week

31st January
1st February
2nd February

St John Bosco
St Brigid
The Presentation of the Lord



Born in 1815, as a young priest in Turin, Italy, John Bosco instructed delinquent boys on Sundays at his "Oratory". He created homes for them and night schools to train them.

"I have promised God that until my last breath I shall have lived for my poor young people. I study for you, I work for you, I am also ready to give my life for you. Take note that whatever I am, I have been so entirely for you, day and night, morning and evening, at every moment." John Bosco founded the Salesians, and was canonised in 1934.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 6:15 - 6:45pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Wednesday 6:00pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM:

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
& 10:00 am

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Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
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