



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

Rydalmere

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Sunday, 14th January 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Peace and joy of Jesus to you all.

It's been a week since I stepped into our parish community. I have found a lot of good things in our community. Everyone is special and unique in the eyes of God. Your devotion to God in prayer, your assistance in the sacramental celebrations, and your volunteering and your involvement in various ministries in our community are highly commendable. I wish to see more people coming on board to enliven our community in faith, love, and justice. Help me also to grow with you in my relationship to God and the people.

This week, two personnel from the chancery of our diocese visited our parish. Based on their observations, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- In compliance with the legislation of the government and the requirements of the insurance company, we can't keep the church open 24/7. The Diocese is also concerned about the safety and the well-being of the people after hours. Hence, the church is open from 7 am to 9.30 pm throughout the week. You are most welcome to spend time with our Lord during the set time. Another reason for this change is that I am not living on site and I can't oversee what is happening around or in the church. Needless to say that our church is responsible for any unexpected occurrence. Earnestly, I look forward to your understanding and cooperation. In line with the change of hours, the church will be automatically closed by 9.30pm to 7am.
- The bee men are looking at the removal of the bees and the beehives and hopefully, it will be done asap so as to ensure the safety of everyone around the church.
- Kindly note that every **First Friday** of the month, we will have Eucharistic Adoration for half an hour followed by Mass. It will start at **7 pm**.
The **Wednesday** Masses are brought back to morning **9.15 am** from February 2024.
The **Saturday morning Mass** with Adoration will go for a while and it all depends on my schedule with my Chaplaincy (I am the chaplain for the Tamil Community in the diocese of Parramatta) and Weddings etc.
- I am getting in touch with the planning committee for the new parish office cum priest's residence and kindly pray that this plan gets implemented with the blessing of our Lord Jesus and the maternal care and love of our Mother Mary. I shall keep you in the loop as we proceed.
- You are welcome to have a chat with me over a cuppa and kindly get in touch with the Secretary for appointments. I will be happy to meet with you.

There are other needs to be addressed in our parish in terms of resources and pastoral and spiritual activities in our beautiful community. With your cooperation and support, it will all happen in due time. Have a blessed and joyful week ahead !

Gospel Reflection

It is the second week of the New Year! Can't believe that time is flying! It's just a blink of the eye! Our lives are flat out like a lizard drinking. As we are in a rush in our lives for various reasons, Jesus is challenging us with a question 'what are you looking for?'

Most People are after name, fame, success, prominence, prestige, popularity, more money and prosperity in the competitive world >>>anything wrong> NO... But what is the Number one in life and what really matters in life! The challenge for us today is not just to "see" in our midst but to "behold" his presence : to put aside our fears and stop our constant busyness in order to open our lives to being constantly transformed and re-created in the light of Christ.

The story is told about an elderly man had just been admitted to a hospital for treatment. After the nurse made him comfortable, she asked him a few routine hospital questions. One was, "What is your religious preference?" The man looked at her and said, "I'm awfully glad you asked me that. I've always wanted to be a Catholic, but nobody ever asked me before." (Source acknowledged)

Andrew's sharing of his faith in Jesus (the gospel), and the old man's response to the nurse, invite us to ask, "What answer would I give Jesus if he asked me why I don't share my faith with others, more than I do?"

God's blessings

Fr.Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

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

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10

R. *Hear am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

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.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offering,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

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.**

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with Him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Communion Antiphon:

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

PARISH ROSTERS

20/21 January 2024

Sat Vigil 5.30pm

Sun 8.00am

Sun 10.00am

Computer Operators: George Davidson

Anthony Wong

Anne Marie Lyons

Lectors: Maddison Boulous
Eli Ogrizek

Glenys Oxlee
Jodie MacGregor

Jessica Tapiador
Samuel Yu

Altar Society: Grace Coco

Cleaning Ministry: Susan Boulous & family

Counters: David & Sue Boulous & Tuti Sugita

Let us pray for

Recently Deceased

Patrick Boswell West,
Rolando Magsalin, Rev Dr William Aliprandi,
Denise Murphy

Anniversaries

Robyn Murray, Colin Wright, Edna Mary Pyne,
Antonietta Russo, Alessandro Arcamone,
Fr Manoj Manuel, Fr John De Luca,

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Please welcome
Father Vincent to the parish &
enjoy a cup of tea or coffee
after Mass:



5.30pm Saturday 13th January

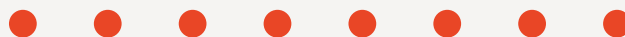
WEEKLY ENVELOPES TO RESUME

The parish will resume using the weekly envelope as a
method of collection.

Please note 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 and return it to the Parish Office.

Any parishioners who would like to share **Religious and other items** in the church *must* seek Fr
Vincent's permission before anything is placed in our Church. Thank you.



Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit
www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation 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 or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or
Marisa on 0412 280 017.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. 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 or visit our website to enrol: www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry



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 10 February 2024 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 2024** to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Saints of the Week

15th January St Ita
17th January St Anthony the Abbot
20th January St Sebastian

St Ita (c.570) is thought to have been born in Drum, county Waterford, and led a female community at Killeedy, county Limerick. She was famous for her penances and miracles, and her monastery ran a school that is said to have educated many other Irish saints.



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

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
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