



Weekly Bulletin

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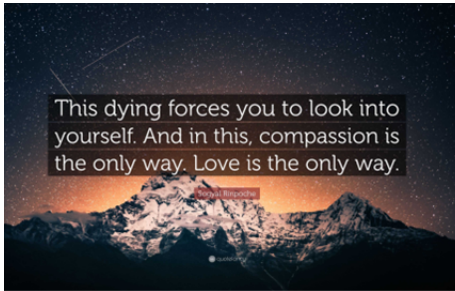
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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Sunday, 17th March 2024

"THE ONE TRUE WAY OF DYING TO SELF IS THE WAY OF PATIENCE, MEEKNESS, HUMILITY AND RESIGNATION TO GOD" -

Andrew Murray



One stormy night many years ago, a man in his forties who had come down with his wife from New York entered the lobby of a small hotel in Philadelphia. Trying to get out of the rain, the couple approached the front desk hoping to get some shelter for the night. "Could you possibly give us a room here?" the husband asked. The manager, a friendly man with a winning smile, looked at the couple and explained that there were three conventions in town. "All of our rooms are taken," the manager said. "But I can't send a nice couple like you out into the rain at one o'clock in the morning. Would you perhaps be willing to sleep in my room? It's not exactly a suite, but it will be good enough to make you folks comfortable for the night."

When the couple declined, the Philadelphia manager pressed on. "Don't worry about me; I'll make out just fine," the manager told them. So, the couple agreed. As he paid his bill the next morning, the New Yorker said to the manager, "You are the kind of manager who should be the boss of the best hotel in the United States. Maybe someday I will build one for you." The manager looked at them and smiled. The three of them had a good laugh. As they drove away, the couple agreed that the helpful manager was indeed exceptional, as finding people who are both friendly and helpful isn't easy. Two years passed. The Philadelphia manager had almost forgotten the incident when he received a letter.



It was from the man, who recalled in it that stormy night and enclosed a round-trip ticket to New York so the manager could pay them a visit. The man from New York met him at the railroad station. He then brought him to a great new building in the city, a palace of reddish stone, with turrets and watchtowers thrusting up to the sky. "That," said the New Yorker, "is the hotel I have just built for you to manage." "You must be joking," the Philadelphia manager said.

"I can assure you I am not," said the New Yorker, a sly smile playing around his mouth. The New Yorker's name was William Waldorf Astor, and the magnificent structure was the original Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, one of the world's most glamorous hotels. The Philadelphia guy who became its first manager was George C. Boldt. Here is a striking proof of what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, "If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it produces much fruit." Young George Boldt buried his own comfort and convenience by giving up his room. His sacrifice sprouted and brought forth the reward of becoming the manager of the most outstanding hotels in the world. (Unknown Source)



Every life is filled with moments of change and discovery – some difficult and painful. Jesus' image of the "grain of wheat" reminds us that life demands change, risk and "dying" to our fears, despair and sense of self – but if we're willing to risk loving and allowing ourselves to be loved, Jesus promises us the harvest of the Gospel wheat. In our willingness to nurture healing and forgiveness, in our openness to God's grace and the compassion of others, there will always be new beginnings, second chances, constant plantings and unlimited bounties. Only by loving is love returned, only by reaching out beyond ourselves do we learn and grow, only by giving to others do we receive, only by dying do we rise to new life.

(A Connections Sampler).

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

It's not dying you need to be afraid of, it's never having lived in the first place.

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

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.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Communion Antiphon:

Amen. Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PARISH ROSTERS

23/24 March 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Len Farrugia Sue Farrugia	Matilda S Olivia G	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	David & Sue Boulous Tyrone Wiratunga	Susan Boulous & family	Lily Hon O. Ham Maria Greenfield
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Anne Marie Lyons Ron Della Vedova		Lina Flores Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Glenys Oxlee	Lynette Rodrigues Cynthia Oscar	Manuel S	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

30/31 March 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Lynnette Rodrigues	Eli Ogrizek Anton Fernando Jodie MacGregor	Isabella W	Maddison Boulous Michelle Acharya		Anton Massillamany	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Rozz Morris Helen Wong		Lina Flores Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Glenys Oxley	Nada Coorey Joseph Andrews	Isabella C Theo M	Elaine Gade Evelyn Artiaga			

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw,
Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Anthony Huynh Van Hoang, Ruby Moses,
Noelene Wilkinson, Jaime Pablacio,
Fr Kevin Bates SM,
Deryk Anthony Rodrigues, Ilias Atie

Anniversaries

Emily Eggleton Lyal West,
Fr Paul Gardiner SJ, Kevin Williams,
Andre Daaboul, Gordon Boulous,
Peter Howard, Newhead Bacha,
Jason Bacha, Charbel Makerry, John Azize

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



St Mary's Primary has a long and proud history. Our school was opened 135 years ago this year by the Sisters of Mercy.

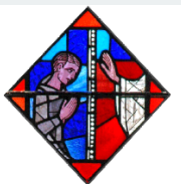
Enrolment packages are available now for families seeking a Catholic Education at St Mary's Primary School.
Call **8844 5700** for more information.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on:

**Tuesday 19th March 2024
7pm**

Come and experience the unconditional love and forgiveness of God through this Sacrament, a better way to prepare for the Paschal festivities.



Holy Name of Mary Lenten Activities

Lenten Reflection Stations of the Cross
Wednesdays 7pm-8pm Fridays 7pm

All are welcome!



Divine Mercy Sunday at Holy Name of Mary

We happy to announce that we are again celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday here at Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere on 7 April 2024.



We need volunteers to help with the following: Kitchen committee, Crowd control for the procession. Children to hold the picture of our Blessed Virgin Mary during procession.
Ushers to assist people during holy confession, as we have 4 Priests with the Parish Priest that day: Fr Sypher FSSP, Fr Benedict, Fr Thomas Green. Someone to operate the computer and microphones and monitors during the reflection and Holy Mass. To volunteer or inquire, please **text or call 0415998310**. God bless.

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

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (24 March 2024)	Vigil Mass 5.30pm
Holy Thursday (28 March 2024)	Morning Mass 8am & 10am
Good Friday (29 March 2024)	Mass of the Last Supper 7pm with Altar of Repose until midnight
Easter Vigil (30 March 2024)	Stations of the Cross 9.30am & The Passion of the Lord 3pm
Easter Sunday (31 March 2024)	5.30pm (Blessing of Fire, Candle Procession preceded Mass)
	Mass 8am & 10am

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Holy Thursday
Washing of the Feet
Volunteers

Volunteers for the
washing of feet on
Holy Thursday evening
are asked to sign the list at
the back of the Church.

Please pray for

the 43 children who will be
making their First Confession at
our Parish on Tuesday 19th
March 2024.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

"Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.



Please donate to Project Compassion. 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 from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Saints of the Week

18th March

in Ireland & Australia

St Patrick

19th March

St Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
St Enda

21st March

Matthew records that
Joseph "named him Jesus"
(1:25).

Though not in a direct
quotation, the one word
attributed to Joseph in
scripture is the holy name
of Jesus, Son of God and
Son of Mary.



As the Father eternally speaks forth his Son, the eternal Word, Joseph the foster-father of Jesus speaks the name of the Word-made-flesh in the womb of Mary. This is the mark of sanctity: having Jesus always before our minds, always in our hearts, singing for ever of the Lord's love.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

SUNDAY MASSES

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

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the
Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan
Jodie MacGregor
Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
10am to 5pm

Susie Lee
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator
Lectors Coordinator
Senior Server Coordinator
Finance Chairman
St Vincent De Paul President
Rydalmen Coordinator

Diane O'Shea
Allison Markarian
Glenys Oxlee
Anton Massillamany
Ron Della Vedova
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Shane Young

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