

Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

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"The only certain happiness in life is to live for others" - Leo Tolstoy



The season of Easter is a time of new life. We are called to celebrate this life by sharing it with everyone. Christ invites each one of us to the vocation of being "good shepherds," by imitating His qualities of leading, feeding, nurturing, comforting, correcting, and protecting. On this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of us and the entire humanity. We are called not only to pray for the increase of priestly and religious vocations, but encourage our children and friends to seriously consider the option of embracing the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

One of the salient features of the Good Shepherd is his unceasing love for the flock and his readiness to sacrifice his own life for the wellbeing of the sheep. Leo Tolstoy said, "The only certain happiness in life is to live for others." It is when we see the world with a larger level than self. It is when we become concerned with others that we find the depth of God's love for our lives." It is in loving and living for others, we

find our true lives. In the recent carnage at Bondi, the mother sacrificed her life to save the life of her child. What an incredible 'shepherd' giving her life for the sake of her 'sheep'!

One day a man stopped in a convenience store to get a newspaper. He noticed that the owner of the store had tears in his eyes and kept looking out the window. He asked what was going on. The store owner said, "Do you see that bus bench over there? There's a woman who comes there every day around this time. She sits there for about an hour, knitting and waiting. Buses come and go, but she never gets on one and no one ever gets off for her to meet. The other day, I carried her cup of coffee and sat with her for a while. She said that "Her only son lives a long way away. She last saw him two years ago, when he boarded one of the buses right there. He is married now, and she has never met her daughter-in-law or seen their new child. She told me, 'It helps to come here and wait. I pray for them as I knit little things for the baby, and I imagine them in their tiny apartment, saving money to come home. I can't wait to see them.'



"The reason the owner was looking out the window at that moment was that the three of them -- the son, his wife and their small child -- were just getting off the bus. The look on the woman's face when this small family fell into her arms was one of pure joy. And this joy only increased when she looked into the face of her grandchild for the first time. The store owner commented, "I'll never forget that look as long as I live." The next day the same man returned to the convenience store. The owner was again behind the counter. Before the store owner could say or do anything, the customer said,

"You sent her son the money for the bus tickets, didn't you?"

B *The store owner looked back with eyes full of love and a smile and replied, "Yes, I sent the money." Then he repeated his statement from the day before, "I'll never forget that look as long as I live." This man had discovered a measure of the abundant life. (King Duncan, Collected Sermons, Sermons.com)*

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them —not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;

1 Peter 5:2 NIV

BIBLE PORTAL

Jesus, the Good Shepherd gathers us together as one flock, one body. In our world today, we have our own brothers and sisters who suffer immensely due to various reasons, and we witness individuals fractured by hopelessness, mental illness, violence, and pain. As we experience the 'sacrificial love' of Jesus in our lives, we are called to unite our efforts and work together for healing and wellbeing of people. We are called to play the dual role of being the faithful sheep and dedicated shepherds in the context of our lives.

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made. Alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes! **R**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his
sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
'I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.
'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'

Communion Antiphon:

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank you!

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to **Susie Lee** who has been our Finance Secretary for some time. On behalf of our HNM community I would like to wish her the very best in all her future endeavours

welcome!

We welcome to our team **Deacon Leon** as our new Finance Secretary.

Please make him feel welcome to our community and support him to discharge his duties for the best of our community.

Fr. Vince

CCD Formation Opportunities: May and June 2024

SRE catechists and all members of our faith communities are invited to participate in a series of formation opportunities organised by the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Delve into St John's Gospel with a scripture expert,

Dr Laurie Woods, over 5 weeks on **3, 10, 17, 24** and **31 May**. Continue your Journey of Faith for 5 weeks with

Merilyn Hancock (Head, CCD) on **7, 14, 21, 28 June** and **5 July**.

All sessions will be held at the **Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown**, from **9.30am to 1.30pm**. For SRE Catechists to be accredited with Level 3 training, they must attend both sessions. Morning Tea will be provided. Enrol for one or both sessions via parracatholic.org/events or email ccd.training@parracatholic.org

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw,
Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Cecile Modesto, Fr. Giulio Ghezzi MI,
Kang Ho Mui, Violet Fernando, Jo Skinner,
Michael Foster,

Anniversaries

Jorge Guillermo Timoteo
Roman Tigas
Saed Ayoub
Hanna Ayoub

PARISH ROSTERS

27/28 April 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Samantha Winders Lynette Rodrigues	Matilda S Jemma L	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Patrick Edouard-Betsy Tuti Sugita	Marthe Nalletamby Jing Tapiador	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Anne Marie Lyons Ron Della Vedova		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Lynette Rodrigues	Jessica Tapiador Lorna Argal	Manuel S Theo M	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

4/5 May 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Sr Maureen Leah Garcia		Kathy Saad Susan Boulos	Patrick Edouard-Betsy Tyrone Wiratunga	Anton & Anne Fernando	Lily Hon O.Ham Maria Greenfield
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Jodie MacGregor Rozz Morris		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Glenys Oxlee	Lynette Rodrigues Julia Tapiador		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			



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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE "ANOINTING"

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on **Saturday 18th May** at **Servants of Jesus Centre**, 15 Park Road, **Seven Hills** for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>

Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening: **15 May**

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when it comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with **Dr Michele Connolly** rsj on **Wednesday 15 May 2024 - 6:30PM to 8:30pm**. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal available for in-person, telephone and Zoom appointments

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open **Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm** for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal office on **8838 3480** or email: tribunal@parracatholic.org.

FEAST THIS WEEK

**Friday
26th April
St Mark,
evangelist**



Voluntary Assisted Dying healthcare workshop: 4 May

The Diocese of Parramatta is organising a free healthcare workshop to explore the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Voluntary Assisted Dying statement: "**To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope**" on **Saturday 4 May** at the **St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta**, from **9.30am to 12.30pm**. Lunch will be provided. To register, please contact met@parracatholic.org. For enquires, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on michael.tan@parracatholic.org

Grace & Silence Retreat for Young Women: 5 May

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite single women aged 20 to 40 discerning a vocation to marriage and family, single life or consecrated life to a silent retreat day on **Sunday 5 May 9.30am to 4.30pm** at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, **Mulgoa**. Remaining session is on 2 June. Cost is \$25 per day or \$90 for the full series. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to each event. For details, contact **Hannah** on **0433 443 384**.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

First Friday of the Month

7:00pm - Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

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

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan

Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
9am to 4pm

Deacon Leon

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

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