



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Sunday, 16 June 2024



"It's the little things done over and over that add up to the big results. It's the small steps taken consistently that leads to the groundbreaking accomplishment. Start small, grow big!"

On this eleventh Sunday of ordinary time, we are reminded of the kingdom of God. Also, we are reminded that the church of Christ is like a tree planted in the world. From the smallest of seed it becomes the noblest of trees and a physical evidence of God's kingdom which fills the earth. We are therefore encouraged to seek this kingdom with Faith.

The first reading is a message of hope, liberation and restoration. Through the prophet Ezekiel God promised to restore, elevate and establish his people who were in exile in Babylon. This means that God wishes to transform and transfer his people from a kingdom of oppression, poverty and austerity to a kingdom of peace, justice, and prosperity. This is obviously the kingdom where Christ reigns as king over his people and where he is the fountain that supports their life. This is the kingdom where God wishes us to be. The visible sign of this kingdom is the church to which all people come to seek refuge.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of the fact that we are on a journey towards the kingdom of God where Christ is. This is why irrespective of whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we should be intent on pleasing the Lord. The journey to this kingdom is a journey which must be approached with faith. Hence Paul reminds us: "...Going as we do by faith and not by sight, we are full of confidence...and actually want to leave this body in order to be with Christ." In light of this, we need to walk towards this destination diligently so that finally we shall be admitted into this kingdom by Christ.

In the gospel, Christ uses two parables to describe and invite us to the kingdom of God. The kingdom he invites us to is a simple and peaceful one which grows gradually and steadily. It is open to all who seek it with a sincere heart. God owns, controls, and sustains everything within it. The focus of this parable is not on the work of the farmer who planted the seeds, but on the work of the seed, which obtains its growth from a mysterious source and grows so slowly that one can hardly notice it. In this kingdom, God is present and doing His thing in a manner that we can hardly explain. The only thing we need to do is simply to sow a seed of faith in Christ Jesus, and God himself will be in charge of the rest. Only those who have faith and believe in Christ would be admitted into this kingdom.

*Big things
often have
small beginnings.*



Hence, in the second parable, the mustard seed which is the smallest seed refers to our faith as a church and, in relation to the kingdom of God. This is why Christ also tells us that: "If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you (Mt 17, 20)." Faith grows and when it does, it achieves great things. As it grows it leads us to Christ and consequently to his kingdom. Also, it opens up rooms for others to come to Christ and the Church, his body. This is what Christ means in the parable: "The birds of the air come to take shelter under its branches." Hence, when we preach, and witness, the result we achieve is greatly ordinary. For example, a few children may come forward to listen, a youth may present him or herself for a particular sacrament, and a young couple may decide to get married in the church. Also, someone may decide to give up a very old bad habit and another may decide to forgive someone or even ask forgiveness from someone else. These may seem little effort or achievements, but the seed is growing! As our faith grows, the church, the body of Christ grows and more people are drawn into the comfort of God's kingdom.

In a restaurant, a family of five bowed their heads in prayer before beginning to eat. One of the children, a girl of about ten, expressed thanks for the entire family in a hushed voice, her head bobbing expressively. A few moments later a couple, on their way to pay their check, paused at the family's table. "It's been a long time since we've seen anyone do that," said the man, extending his hand to the father. The father smiled and replied, "It was strange at first, but we always express thanks at home before we eat. Cont. on Page 2

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am
the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
in him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**



*Parents are the ultimate
role models for children.
Every word, movement
and action has an effect.
No other person or outside
force has a greater
influence on a child than
the parent.*

- Bob Keeshan

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we
are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember
that to live in the body means to be exiled from the
Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are
full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled
from the body and make our home with the Lord.
Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we
are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will
be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us
will get what he deserves for the things he did in the
body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows
into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of
God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and
day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is
sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its
own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the
ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is
ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the
harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is
like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard
seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the
smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it
grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big
branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its
shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to
them, so far as they were capable of understanding it.
He would not speak to them except in parables, but he
explained everything to his disciples when they were
alone.

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to
live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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*The children continued it when we went to restaurants, so we just went along
with it, and now it's our way." The woman who had come up to the table patted
the little girl on the shoulder and, obviously touched, looked at the mother and
said, "Don't ever stop. It means a lot to those around you." It seems like such a
little thing, but it was a witness. The seeds of the Kingdom are little, and we are
called to scatter them. (Sources of the above sharing are duly acknowledged)*

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



IMPORTANT UPDATE....

During the move to the demountable we have experienced difficulty in connecting to the internet. Our phone has been down for the last two weeks.

We are trying our very best to get connected but it may take another week or two. In the meantime, we have a **new Mobile number 0450 422 165** to contact the Parish Secretary. Please email admin@holymary.org.au for any enquiries as we are checking this daily.

Congratulations to the newly baptised this Sunday:
Christopher Zuzic-McIntyre

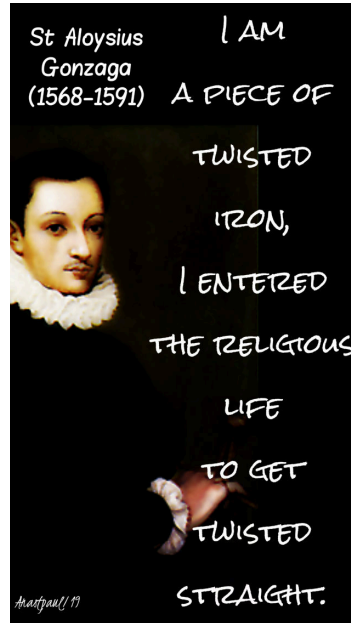


Kindly say a prayer for the
**construction of the Parish Admin Office
& Priest's residence** to commence with
the providence of God.



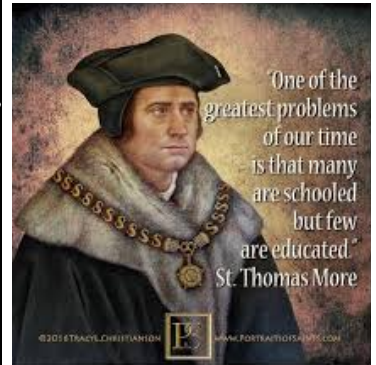
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 21 June - **St Aloysius Gonzaga**, religious
Saturday 22 June - **Sts John Fisher**, bishop, and
Thomas More, martyrs



St John Fisher, bishop & martyr

John Fisher was canonized a Saint in 1935. By his example of learning, holiness, faith, loyalty and courage, by his service to God and others, John Fisher's life and death were truly a witness to our faith.



Let us pray for ...

Sick

Aileen Pelias, Estelito Fenis,
Tom Naylor, Louela Davis,
Linda Dysoco, Judy, Catherine,
Elizabeth, Monika, Naza Nazah,
Maree Buttenshaw, Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Carmen Coppini

Anniversaries

Rita Pereira- Gonzago Verdy Markarian
Edward Murray Procopio Family

PARISH ROSTERS

22/23 June 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Mark Salter	Michael Marston Anne-Marie Hewkins		Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Patrick Edouard-Betsy Tuti Sugita	Thess Davidson & family	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Will & Angela Finnane		Lina Flores Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Jessica Tapiador Lynette Rodrigues		Evelyn Artiaga Sheila Tapiador			

29/30 June 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Ben Garcia	Maddison Boulous Sr Maureen		Kathy Saad Susan Boulos	Patrick Edouard-Betsy Tyrone Wiratunga	Marthe Nalletamby Jing Tapiador	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Anton Fernando Gail Dick		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Elizabeth Yeo	Julia Tapiador Joseph Andrews		Elaine Gade Evelyn Artiaga			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Are you up-to-date??

Do you volunteer your time at the parish?
Did you know that every volunteer must complete their Safeguarding modules **every 2 years AND parish volunteers who work alongside or care for children must also hold a Working with Children's Check?** This is a mandatory requirement by the Government.
Visit <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to sign up and log into your Safeguarding modules.
For more information please contact the Parish office.

For more information, please email:
safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at **Mamre House**, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a **Tuesday & Wednesday** from **10am to 2pm** during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) **8843 2506** or Nepean Community College (02) **4724 9000**.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This weekend **15/16 June** we will have the annual **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. Your generosity will help greatly to close the financial gap that people are experiencing daily.

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. Contact the Tribunal office on **838 3480** or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 30 June

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass **'Round the Diocese** is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at **St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood**, on **Sunday 30 June** for **9:30am Mass**. Please join us after Mass for a picnic at Buttenshaw Park. For more information, contact Laura Burton on laura@stbernadette.org.au

Adult Faith Formation opportunities in 2024

- Preparing for marriage or know couples who are?
- Looking to learn more about the Bible, spirituality, theology or practical skills for ministry?
- Searching for encouragement and growth by listening to life & faith stories from adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s?

View and share a copy of the 2024 adult faith formation calendar ([link: https://shorturl.at/grLV3](https://shorturl.at/grLV3)) OR via met@parracatholic.org

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

*Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm*

SUNDAY MASSES

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

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan
Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
10am to 3pm

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

Diane O'Shea
Allison Markarian
Glenys Oxlee
Anton Massillamany
Ron Della Vedova
Ron Della Vedova
Mark Bannister

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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan