



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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“FAITH IS THE ANCHOR THAT KEEPS US STEADY IN THE STORMS OF LIFE”

The readings of this Sunday are about storms of life and the role of God in calming those storms.

Life can be compared to a voyage. Some people hold the view, “paddle your own canoe.” The life of a Christian is not meant to be a solo voyage. We journey with our own fellow Christians, and thus can support each other in times of difficulty.

For the Jews the sea and wind were seen as signs of evil and chaos which God only could control. Hence, we can understand the reason for the disciples to get frightened in the wake of a terrible storm. The disciples witnessed the divine power of Jesus as work in calming the storm. They were really in awe at what Jesus did and they were given another insight into who he really was. It was interesting that when Jesus was in the boat during the storm, he was asleep in the stern. He showed his tremendous faith and trust in his Father and also assumed that the disciples, as seasoned fishermen, knew how to deal with the elements. But they were terrified and even questioned him how he could not care about them as they were going down.

We are not different from the disciples at least sometimes. When the storms come into our own lives like a tragedy – a severe sickness, a sudden death of a loved one, an unexpected ‘bad’ event etc- we may think that God doesn’t care. But He is always there even if we think he isn’t. God does not always answer our prayers in the way that we want but our faith tells us that he is surely with us giving us the courage, strength and perseverance that we need to cope with the particular event / situation we are asking help for.

We like to be in control of our lives. To be ‘not in control’ is not a pleasant experience. We experience small signs of it when we get caught in a very slow and long traffic jam, yet especially with more serious cases when it is severe illness and tragedy. To find oneself in such a situation is both humbling and terrifying. But it is precisely at these times that we find we discover if we have faith and trust in God.

It reminds me of the story of a little boy who was calmly reading in a plane caught

in an electric storm with great turbulence. The passenger next to him who was terrified asked him: ‘are you not scared to death like I am?’ ‘No’, he replied ‘why should I be? My father is the pilot of this plane!’

For the early Christians this miracle was very relevant. The boat represented the Church, and the storm the persecutions unleashed on it by evil powers that wanted to wreck it. This event gave them strength to stay firm and steadfast in their faith and encouraged them to bear witness to Jesus. The story challenges us to trust in God’s power especially when storms assail us. When we have faith, we give up the need to be in control.

There is a beautiful catchy phrase of Forrest Gump in the film Forrest Gump. “Mama always used to say, “life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you’re gonna get”. Life is so unpredictable that we don’t know what surprises lie in store for us from day to day, sometimes even from hour to hour.

We need to be persistent.... We need to be resilient ... The words of God to us in Isaiah 43 are so beautiful. He promises: “Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are Mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.”

The story is told about Shila Ghosh, an 83-year-old woman who lives in Bally in West Bengal, a state in the eastern region of India and is the nation’s fourth-most populous. Her only son had a heart ailment and passed away a few months ago. To make ends meet, Shila now works.

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God’s blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave
Job his answer. He said:
Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 106:23-26, 28-31

**R: Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.**

Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. **R**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. **R**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R**

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. **R**

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Communion Antiphon:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

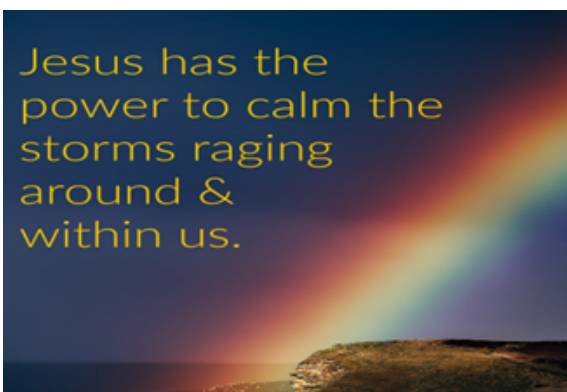


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Every evening, Shila comes from Bally to Kolkata to sell chips. When asked if she has a problem in traveling, she weakly smiled and said: "No, the bus gets me here and my health is not that bad."

Circumstances could have easily forced her to beg but her dignity and respect is everything for her, she is determined to work until the end of her life rather than to beg on the streets. When we go on complaining, let us remember her.... She chose to solve her problems on her own for as they say God helps those who help themselves. (Story courtesy of Sufia Khatoon and sources of the reflections are duly acknowledged).

Jesus has the
power to calm the
storms raging
around &
within us.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



NEW MOBILE NUMBER

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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 June - **The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
 Friday 28 June - **St Irenaeus** bishop, martyr
 Saturday 29 June - **Sts PETER and PAUL** apostles



What lessons do we learn from the birth of **John the Baptist**?

Believe in Miracles

Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist against all odds – and she thanked God for that blessing. In Luke 1:25 she said, “The Lord has done this for me. In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”

John the Baptist's own birth story should inspire us to trust God.



St. Irenaeus is the patron saint of apologists and catechists. The name “**Irenaeus**” means “**Peacemaker**”.



Peter and Paul are often seen in the Church as a complementary pair. Peter represents the institutional church, while Paul represents the charismatic or spiritual church. Both are associated with the church in Rome. But what binds them together, above all, is that they were utterly seized by Jesus' message.

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

Rosemary Vander Burg

Anniversaries

Alice Lim Man Hoe
 Margaret & Gerald Kohler
 Bayani Manuel Catherine Murray
 Giovanna Talia Anthony Vella

PARISH ROSTERS

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 Boulous	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			

06/07 July 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Eric Flores	Lynette Rodrigues Eli Ogrizek		Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	David & Sue Boulous Sheila Tapiador	Anton & Anne Fernando	Linda Tsang/ Lily Hon Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Ron Della Vedova Helen Wong		Lina Flores Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Sam Winders Nada Coorey		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SAFEGUARDING MODULES & WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

The Diocese requires an updated list of all the volunteers in this parish who have completed their Safeguarding Modules and have a current Working with Children check. Can you please email/contact the Parish Office and provide the details at your very earliest.

This is a mandatory requirement by the Government.

To complete the Safeguarding modules please Visit <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to **Enrol** /sign up or sign in to the modules. For more information please contact the Parish office.



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**.



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



Congratulations to Barbara & Geoff Rosario on their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

CYP LIFTED Retreats:

Looking for an opportunity to get away? Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups!

- 5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. Cost \$150.00.
- 12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville, free of charge.
- 19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, cost \$150.00.

Registration is essential! Please head to parracatholic.org/events for more details.

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