



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Sunday, 21 July 2024

“The work of shepherding begins in relationships of mutual love and trust, spiritual friendships where sheep and shepherd know, love, and care about one another.”- T.M. Moore.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

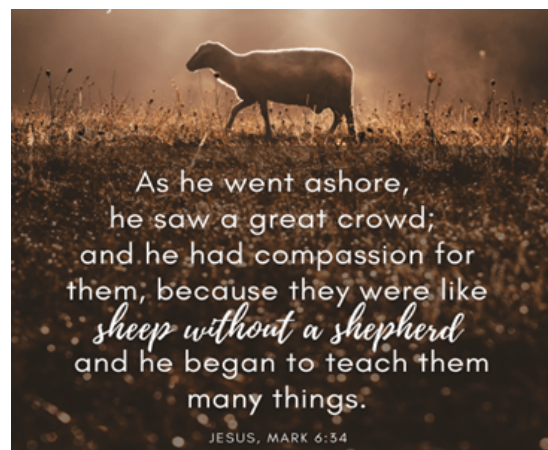
I believe the students and the teachers have had a good break and are refreshed for the third term of the school year. Wish you all good luck!



I will be off from the parish for nearly five weeks, and I have organized the priests for the Masses during my absence. Cheryl, our parish secretary, will guard the port and she will be able to assist you in your pastoral and spiritual needs. Bro J.V. and Natalie Coghlan will facilitate the altar servers' training and we will have the commissioning of the altar servers during the 10am Mass on 8th September followed by a fellowship. You will get the needed information before time and may I request the parents

to encourage your children to actively participate in the Altar Ministry... Let us not forget that they are the future of the Church. Kindly keep me in your prayers!

In today's Gospel, St. Mark very strongly brings out the compassion, the human understanding of Jesus for man. He first planned to give his Apostles a well-earned rest. They had evidently worked hard while out on their mission and a few days rest would restore their lost energy. He himself, too, must have been hard pressed, preaching and dealing with the crowds. In the absence of the Apostles, he had no one to help him—he too needed a rest. He therefore planned that he and they should go to a quiet corner of the Sea of Galilee where there was no village and where, therefore, they would not be disturbed. The desire of the crowds, however, to see him and to hear him speak upset these plans. The people got to the quiet spot first. There they were waiting when the boat pulled to shore. He could have sent them away, but again his human compassion took over.



Seeing these simple people of Galilee so anxious to hear about God and his mercy, he let them stay and began to preach the good news of forgiveness and hope to them. For the most part they were simple, unlettered villagers, shepherds and fishermen. They knew a little about the Law of Moses but only a little. There was no one but the local rabbi to teach them and the local rabbis were not very educated at the time. The doctors of the law, the great theologians were all in Jerusalem where they got the respect and the financial reward which they felt they merited. Hence the people of the country were more or less forgotten and neglected. They were, as our Lord described them, "like sheep without a shepherd," wandering about half-lost.

They were certainly fortunate, however, in finding the true shepherd who would lead them to the eternal pastures. Not only would he now sacrifice his rest to come to their aid, but he would, later on, lay down his life for them and for all of us. We, like those poor people of Galilee, have so much to be grateful for. The compassionate Christ has had pity on us too and has brought us into his fold. He knows all our infirmities and all our human weaknesses, and he is ever ready to have pity on us and pardon us. Those people of Galilee were not saints, they were ordinary, run-of-the-mill, not over religious people. They cheated one another; they were often uncharitable to one another; they were not always chaste and pure; they prayed very little and perhaps only when they wanted some material benefit. Yet our Lord had compassion for them.

This should give us great confidence, great encouragement. Christ has not changed: he is the same yesterday, today and forever. He has the same compassion for us that he had for those Galileans; we too are often like sheep without a shepherd wandering half-lost through life. {Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M}

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God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

**R: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

**R: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

Second reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Kindly keep praying for the completion of the intended project with God's grace and guidance.

Fr.Vince

FUNERAL OF BERNARD HARRINGTON

The funeral for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner **Bernard Harrington** will be on **Monday 22nd July at 10:30am.**

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.



Congratulations to **Tobias Gutierrez Sencil** whose Baptism is this Sunday. We welcome him to our Parish family.



Let us pray for ...

Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Bishop Kevin Manning
Bernard Harrington
Marie Thomas

Anniversaries

Jennifer Gaffney
Gloria Therese Murray
Jill Frances Shanks

PARISH ROSTERS

27/28 July 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Maddison Boulous Anne-Marie Hewkins		Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows Dominic & Lynnette Rodrigues	Charles	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon O.Ham
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Jodie MacGregor Anton Fernando		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Lynnette Rodrigues	Linda Tsang Jessica Tapiador		Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

03/04 August 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Leah Garcia Sr Maureen		Kathy Saad Susan Boulous	Lawrence Tsang Tuti Sugita	Anton Massillamany Vartguess Markarian	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Gail Dick Ron Della Vedova		Lina Flores Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Lorna Argal Julia Tapiador		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



ALTAR SERVING
Children who have received their **First Holy Communion** are invited to join the **Altar Serving**.

The dates & times for training will be announced shortly.
Please get in touch with the Parish office by email admin@holymary.org.au or M) 0450 422 165



Vale Bishop Kevin Manning
(2 November 1933 – 15 July 2024)

The Diocese of Parramatta mourns the death of Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, who died peacefully on Monday 15 July in Bathurst, NSW, at the age of 90. The Diocese of Parramatta owes much to his leadership and vision, and we pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life. Read more about Bishop Manning on Catholic Outlook (catholicoutlook.org).



SEA SUNDAY APPEAL

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest!"
(Matthew 11:28)

This week we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to:
<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on **Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens** for **Modules 1-3**. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

July

Monday 22 - **St Mary Magdalene**
Tuesday 23 - **St Bridget** religious
Wednesday 24 - **St Sharbel Makhluf** priest
Thursday 25 - **St James** apostle
Friday 26 - **Sts Joachim and Anne** parents of **Blessed Virgin Mary**

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

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
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
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