



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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PRIORITIES - WHOM DO WE WANT TO IMPRESS?



The readings this Sunday show the need for unity between our knowledge of God's laws and our observance of them. The first Reading from Exodus shows Moses telling the people, "obey all the laws that I am teaching you, and you will live and occupy the land which the Lord, the God of your ancestors is giving you" (Dt 4:1). In the same vein, James in his letter reminds the community, "Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice" In the Gospel reading, Jesus reminds his hearers about the meaning of true observance of the law. It is observing not just the letter but the true intent of

God's law. And he quoted from Isaiah, "This people pays me lip service but their heart is far from me" Jesus describes the lack of congruence in what we say and do. He knows that human nature is flawed in a way that we do not always do what we say or follow our own ideals. In other words Jesus is telling us to mean what we say and do the good that we mean.

Jesus also speaks about various sins, such as acts of fornication, theft, and murder. He then says that such sins originate in the deep recesses of the heart. One of the sins he mentions is "an obtuse spirit." If we look at the dictionary, the word obtuseness" is defined as "thick headedness," "insensitivity," and "imperceptiveness." An obtuse person is one who is foolish, blind, and imperceptive. The antonym of obtuseness is "sensitivity," with synonyms such as "alertness," "receptivity," and "wisdom."

In short, by pointing out "an obtuse spirit" as one of the major sins; Jesus suggests that we develop the opposite spirit, one that is sensitive to the way God works in society and in our own heart. The enemy, then, is dullness, insensitivity, and the many ways by which people either ignore or block out the many ways God tries to communicate with us in our daily life.

Many cultures place a strong emphasis on passing down their traditional dances and mother tongues to ensure that future generations remain connected to their heritage. These practices are often seen as vital for preserving cultural identity and fostering a sense of community.

How much emphasis is given to know and love the Father and creator of our very existence? The God who choose us to be part of a family and community would also love if we showed by our example the importance of faith in Jesus in our lives.

We can fall victim to praying with only lip service - ticking the boxes of receiving the Sacraments, attending Mass as a mere obligation rather than the fulfillment of our lives as it really is. We can instead look to respect and acknowledge the very presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and to participate with heart and soul in the miracle that is taking place on our altar at every Mass.

Let us reflect, today, upon the burning desire in the heart of our Lord to draw us into worship. Reflect upon how well we allow ourselves to be drawn into this worship every time we attend the holy Mass. Seek to make our participation not only an exterior one but, first and foremost, an interior one. Doing so will help ensure that the rebuke of our Lord upon the scribes and Pharisees does not also fall upon us.

How do we behave in public - having a meal at a restaurant - do we feel comfortable to say Grace and make the sign of the cross. Do our actions on the outside show this faith we profess to be.

Let the words of Jesus promising to always be near and giving us eternal life really permeate our very interior so that our exterior radiates this in our day to day lives.

Is my heart in tune with God? Is he the one I value more than anything else?

God's blessings



This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

℟: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **℟**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **℟**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **℟**

Second reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the

word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord that you keep for those who fear you.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 3 - St Gregory the Great pope, doctor

St. Gregory the Great was Pope from 590 to 604, leading the Church through a turbulent period with skillful reforms. He made significant contributions to Christian doctrine through his writings, including his "Moralia in Job," which provided profound insights into Scripture and Christian teaching. His commitment to spreading Christianity is highlighted by his mission to convert the Anglo-Saxons in England, which had a lasting impact on the religious landscape of Europe.



Confirmation for Children

Confirmation is on
Friday 8th November 2024, for children
Year 6 and above.
Enrolment forms are at the main
entrance to the Church.
Enrolment Days are:
Saturday 21st September – Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd September – 10:00am Mass



PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the gift of our fathers and for their love, guidance, and strength. Bless all fathers today and always, and grant them wisdom, patience, and joy as they lead their families in your light.

May they always feel your presence and grace, and may their example inspire us to grow closer to you. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

"God chooses ordinary men for fatherhood to accomplish his extraordinary plan."

Wishing all our Father's a happy and blessed Father's Day.

VOLUNTEER
you can make a difference!



VINNIES - NEW MEMBERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Our Vinnies group meets every fortnight. Next Meeting is on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7:00pm** in the Meeting Room.

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

Let us pray for ... Recently Deceased

Louela Davis
Tom Nayler
Robert Power

Anniversaries

Violeta Corona
Norman Hanna Leo Keegan
Filipinas Delos Reyes

PARISH ROSTERS

07/08 September 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Sue Farrar	Anne-Marie Hewkins		Kathy Saad Susan Boulos	David & Sue Boulous Dominic & Lynnette Rodrigues	Anton & Anne Fernando	Lily Hon O.Ham Maria Greenfield
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Ron Della Vedova Glenys Oxlee		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Lorna Argal Linda Tsang		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

14/15 September 2024

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Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Rozz Morris Anton Fernando		Helen Wong Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Juvy Austria	Khush Jilla Julia Tapiador		Evelyn Artiaga Sheila Tapiador			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



**Mother Thrice Admirable,
Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt**
On **Saturday 7th September** we
will celebrate **in our church** the
Mother of Mercy and Queen of the
Family Crowning Anniversary (2016).

The program starts at **1:00pm**.

1:15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Recitation of Holy Rosary and Devotion Prayer

2:00pm Holy Mass will be celebrated by

Fr Pawel Barszczewski OP

Blessings of the Pilgrim Shrines.

2:45pm Input from Sr Luisa Maria

3:00pm Refreshments - **Please bring a plate to share.**

Please bring your Pilgrim Mother Shrines. ALL WELCOME

Contact: Edna 0403 160 584 or Agnes 0407 662 665

COMMISSIONING MASS FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

On **Sunday 15th September** at **10am Mass**
followed by fellowship.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our Retired Priests

This **Father's Day**, let us show our thanks and appreciation
for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have
dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and
emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your
compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and
wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give
generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you.

POSITION VACANT - PARISH SECRETARY

Our Parish has a position vacant for a
Parish Secretary.

We are looking for a trustworthy, reliable and faith
driven individual who can put the needs of
others first.

The normal working hours are from Tuesday to Friday -
21 hours, however the hours may vary sometimes,
based on the emerging needs.

Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Canva and experience in
a similar field would be desirable.

Any Catholic/Christian who is committed to faith can
apply for this position.

The applications can be sent to ysvince85@gmail.com

The job description is available upon request.

More details will be discussed in the interview.

Applications to be submitted by close of business

6th September 2024.

From Darkness to Light – An exploration of domestic violence: 8 September

The Marist Family Justice, Peace and Integrity in Creation
Committee are hosting an event, **"From darkness to light: an
exploration of domestic violence"** at **Holy Name of Mary
Church Hall, Hunters Hill**, on **Sunday 8 September** from **1:30pm
to 4pm**. Guest speakers include **Livia La Rocca**, a psychologist
with 20 years' experience and **Nicole Yade**, CEO of the Women
and Girls Emergency Centre. **RSVP by 1 September** via
www.maristlaityaustralia.com/dark-to-light



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

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