



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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‘NOT EVERYBODY CAN BE FAMOUS BUT EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT, BECAUSE GREATNESS IS DETERMINED BY SERVICE.’ - MARTIN LUTHER KING:

“ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE FIRST MUST BE THE VERY LAST, AND THE SERVANT OF ALL.”

MARK 10:35b (NIV)



Greatness in the eyes of the world is usually associated with people who do great deeds and gain great power and recognition. They are few in number, an elite club in human history. Greatness in God’s kingdom is quite different. It is not a matter of gaining human power or recognition but of gaining God’s recognition and approval. And it is not limited to a few but open to all.

Think of all the ways we measure ourselves and how we gauge greatness. The clothes we wear, our GPA, our class rank, the colleges we attend, the jobs we hold, how much income we make. Think of all the ways we make life into a popularity contest; the neighbourhoods we live in, the cars we drive, our friends and the people we socialize with.

Today’s gospel pictures a scenario where the disciples quarrelling about who among them was the greatest. Of all the things to discuss at this time! Here’s Jesus talking about his suffering and death and the great affliction waiting for him in Jerusalem, and they’re worried about position and fame. Jesus’ answer to their squabble is “if any wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.” Jesus only teaches us that we must become like children to be great. Of course, this does not mean being childish. Instead, it means being child-like. It means that we have to live our lives in humble service to God and one another.

Is it ok to strive for greatness as Christians? “The drive to be great is a fundamental human drive. Martin Luther King Jr. referred to this drive as the “drum major instinct,” the desire to be out front and be recognized. The problem isn’t the desire, the problem is when that desire gets twisted and distorted. Jesus doesn’t say “don’t strive for greatness,” he instead says be great on my terms: be of service to others, embrace the least among us, the one society deems unworthy.

“At the screening of the film *Mother Teresa* during the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1983, the Secretary General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, rose from his seat to introduce *Mother Teresa* to an elite gathering of the representatives of all member countries of the U.N. He needed only one sentence for his introduction: “I present to you the most powerful woman in the world!” Hers was the power of humble, sacrificial, Christian service and agape love! On March 3, 1976, conferring on *Mother Teresa* the highest honour of India’s Vishwa Bharati University, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, who was at that time Prime Minister of India, said:



“I feel myself dwarfed when I stand before this holy and mighty woman who heroically showed the world how to practice Christian love in sacrificial and humble service.” For many years, the world watched, admired and honoured this weak and elderly nun, always dressed in a blue- bordered white sari, as the incarnation of humble and sacrificing Christian service. She was the living proof of Jesus' words in today’s gospel that real greatness lies in serving others. She served all with love and compassion. From 1962 onwards, she received national and international awards in

recognition of her greatness, attained through the humble service done to the “poorest of the poor.” On Sept. 5, 1997, the day of the death of this holy woman who lived with us, practicing what Jesus commanded his apostles in today’s gospel, Pope John Paul II said: “*Mother Teresa* marked the history of our century with courage. She served all human beings by promoting their dignity and respect, making them feel the tenderness of God.”

Let us strive to be great on God’s terms.

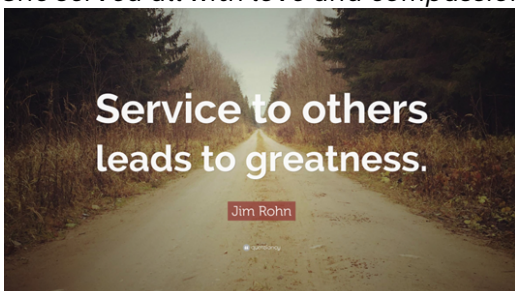
God’s blessings

Fr. Vince

Service to others leads to greatness.

Jim Rohn

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This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 53: 3-6, 8

R: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R**

Second reading: James 3: 16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity...

All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Communion Antiphon:

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 23 - **St Pius of Pietrelcina** priest

Friday 27 - **St Vincent de Paul** priest



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN?

Are you searching for a relationship with God?
Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Church and her teachings?

The Parish will soon start the formation process for the **Rite of Initiation of Christian Adults (RCIA)**. For more information, contact the Parish Office.



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

RITE OF ENROLMENT - CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our children enrolling in the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.



CONGRATULATIONS

Nancy & Colin Grugan on their 34th wedding anniversary.

LIKE TO SPONSOR?

One of our parishioners (would like to be anonymous) has volunteered to sponsor partly towards the purchase of the robes for the Junior Altar Servers and the Chasubles for the parish. Thanks to him and his family for being generous towards this cause. It would be fantastic, if some of you come forward to support this cause financially. Thanks for your generosity!

Fr. Vince

Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one.

Please visit <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>.

Applications close 18 October.

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

Recently Deceased

Louela Davis
Tom Nayler
Robert Power

Anniversaries

Madeleine Brown

PARISH ROSTERS

28/29 September 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Sue & Len Farrugia		Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Lawrence Tsang Tuti Sugita	Susan Boulous & family	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Anthony Wong	Gail Dick Anne Marie Lyons		Helen Wong Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Glenys Oxlee	Cynthia Oscar Jessica Tapiador		Elaine Gade Sheila Tapiador			

05/06 October 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Ben Garcia	Sr Maureen Eli Ogrizek		Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Lawrence Tsang Tyrone Wiratunga	Anton Massillamany Vartguess Markarian	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Jodie MacGregor Helen Wong		Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Julia Tapiador Linda Tsang		Evelyn Artiaga Sheila Tapiador			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FEAST DAY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who helped organise the Feast day celebrations last Sunday. Special thanks to Bro JV and Natalie Coghlan for training and preparing our new Junior Altar Servers. Congratulations to all! Our grateful thanks to Nancy, Barbara, Geoff and Glenys for their hard work in making the fellowship a very enjoyable and memorable time for all who attended. Thanks to all for your support. God's blessings, **Fr Vince**



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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