



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Sunday, 08 September 2024

“BE OPENED” – OPEN TO GOD, OPEN TO LIFE, OPEN TO LOVE!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

How are you? *The **Most Holy Name of Mary** feast takes place each year on **September 12th**, four days after the feast of the **Birth of the Blessed Mother**. This feast day has been celebrated since 1684 when Pope Innocent XI officially included it in the General Roman calendar, but actually dates back to 1513 as local celebrations were held in Spain. The feast day encourages us all to pray for her intercession to deepen our love of Christ and our relationship with the Lord. Mother Mary is the patroness of our parish and so, we will celebrate the feast on the coming Sunday at **10am Mass** where in*

the newly trained Junior altar servers will be commissioned and after the mass, we will have a fellowship.

May I request you to bring a plate and enjoy the friendship of everyone in our community!

*Most Holy
Name
of Mary*



Healing has been a part and parcel of life all through the ages. Today's gospel presents a healing story. A man who was deaf and had a speech impediment was brought to him for healing. Jesus touched his ears and his tongue and uttered "Ephphatha" (Be opened), and immediately the man's ears were opened and his speech impediment was removed (Mk 7:34-35). Jesus' action was a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy in the first



reading, "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the dumb will sing," (Is. 35: 5-6). The church continues this healing activity of the Lord in many ways. The proclamation of the Good News is often at times accompanied by healing activities. Even in its early beginnings, proclamation and healing action often went together. Peter cured a cripple (Acts 3:6) Philip went preaching and healing (Acts 8:7) Even Saul who claimed his priority was to preach, effected cures (Acts 14:10) (Acts 28:8).

A young man got up to speak at the local university prayer gathering last week. At first, I thought he was speaking a language unknown to me; then gradually I realised he was speaking my language. But his ability to make himself understood was nearly strangled by an impediment that made him repeat himself in a loop, over and over, until he could complete a single sentence. I felt sad and frustrated for him.

When he finished speaking, an attractive young woman translated his message for him, emphasising his main points. And the group of people cheered his name, over and over. I realised that this young man, though impaired, was practically a cult figure among his peers. They knew him, liked him, and accepted him. Though his tongue was bound, his spirit was free.

Many of us labour under impediments to love that seem insurmountable. They may be physical, mental, or spiritual in nature, rooted in past injury or present dysfunction. However impossible it seems that we may be freed from what holds us bound, the appearance is deceiving. Jesus cured the deaf mute with his spirit. He holds the power to open hearts too.

There are times when some of us can be selectively deaf, hearing only what we want to hear. We can do this to our spouse, parents, children, and even to God. Jesus today addresses every one of us with the powerful word "Ephphatha" and heals us of our spiritual deafness and dumbness. He does not want any one of us to remain in the 'spiritual silent world.' "Being open to His words and ways means my being open to the attitudinal rearranging inside me and a changing of behaviours consequent to that rearranging". That is not the end of it all!

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145: 7-10

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

Second reading: James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold

ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Bless
THE Lord
Oh MY
Soul 

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Unlike in the gospel, Jesus invites us today to be a powerful sign of His healing presence in the midst of wounded, broken human beings and families and communities as well. There are always people who are going through times of doubt, sickness or poverty. We are called upon to be the modern Isaiah to communicate the healing love of Jesus to these people. We ask Jesus to help us to see with His eyes, to listen with His compassionate ears and to speak with His healing voice. We ask Jesus to open our eyes to His loving presence next to us and cherish them with a loving heart. (Sources are duly acknowledged)

Let our parish community be reborn and renewed that we may lay our hands on those near and dear to us and be able to say “be opened” – open to God, open to life, open to love!



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

**God's blessings
Fr Vince**

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.



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

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

Recently Deceased

Madeleine Dardanne

Anniversaries

Teresa Alvaro
Alston Mortier
Joseph Orsini
Tereso Pelias
Frank Talia

PARISH ROSTERS

14/15 September 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Jenny Hendry	Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza		Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows Marthe Nalletamby	Sue Galletto	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Rozz Morris Anton Fernando		Lina Flores Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Juvy Austria	Khush Jilla Julia Tapiador		Evelyn Artiaga Sheila Tapiador			

21/22 September 2024

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Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Eli Ogrizek		Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Kathleen Burrows Bill O'Shea	Monica Jung	Barbara Rosario
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Angela & Will Finnane		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Nada Coorey Joseph Andrews		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**, on which we pray

for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 9 - **St Peter Claver** priest
Thursday 12 - **The Most Holy Name of Mary**
Friday 13 - **St John Chrysostom** bishop, doctor
Saturday 14 - **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

On **Sunday 15th September** at the **10am Mass** we will celebrate the Feast Day of our Church as we honour the Most Holy Name of Mary.

We will also be commissioning and welcoming our newly trained altar servers.

After Mass we will all gather together in the Parish Hall to celebrate and enjoy the company of our fellow parishioners.

Please bring a plate to share.

For more information contact

Barbara M) 0417 084 659 or Nancy M) 0434 541 287.



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 find the **envelopes on the pews** of the church and on tables near the church doors.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. Please note donations of \$2 and above is **tax deductible**.

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

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