

Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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"LIFE BECOMES HARDER FOR US WHEN WE LIVE FOR OTHERS, BUT IT ALSO BECOMES

RICHER AND HAPPIER."

-LBERT SCHWEITZER

For in self-giving, if anywhere, we touch a rhythm not only of all creation but of all being.

An old woman was dying. While examining her records, the heavenly court could not find a single act of charity performed by her except for a carrot she had once given to a starving beggar. Such, however, was the power of a single deed of love that the merciful Lord decreed that she be taken up to heaven on the strength of that carrot. The angel brought back the carrot from heaven and gave it to her soul which was leaving her body. The moment she caught hold of the carrot, it began to rise as if pulled by some invisible string, lifting her up toward the sky. The soul of a beggar appeared.

He clutched the hem of her garment and was lifted with her; a third person caught hold of the beggar's foot and was lifted too. Soon there was a long line of souls being lifted up to heaven by that carrot. And, strange as it may seem, the woman did not feel the weight of all those people who held onto her.

In fact, since she was looking heavenward, she did not even see them. Higher and higher they rose until they almost reached the heavenly gates. That was when the woman looked back to catch a last glimpse of the earth and saw this whole train of people behind her. She was indignant! She gave an imperious wave of her hand and shouted, "Off! Off, all of you! This carrot is mine!" In making her proud gesture, she let go of the carrot for a moment – and down she fell with the entire train. De Mello concludes:

There is only one cause for every evil on earth: "This is mine attitude!" (Rev. Anthony De Mello S. J.)

Today's gospel describes how Jesus handled greed in two of his disciples. The request of James and John revealed their lack of understanding of true discipleship. Jesus gave them a sharp rebuke when he said, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" In Scripture "cup" and "baptism" are sometimes images of suffering. To drink the cup is to accept the reality of suffering and to do God's will in the midst of it as Jesus himself did in his entire life. He was the ransom for many in the past, at present and he will be in the future. True discipleship involves suffering and sacrifice. It is inevitable. Just recall last Sunday's gospel where the young man who wanted to know the path for eternal life was not ready to part with his wealth. The words of Jesus such as "sell what you have and give the proceeds to the poor", "the first shall be the last, the last shall be first" have to be put into the context of love and service.



In the broader context of sacrificial love, these words turn into the foundations of our life.

For indeed, what is love without the courage and willingness to accept the potential and inevitable experience of suffering?

- The parent at the bedside of a sick child
- The soldier shielding a comrade in the heat of the battle
- The labourer with bills to pay the mortgage and mouths to feed
- Confrontation with authorities about matters of justice
- Consolation within a family at the time of a death
- Reconciliation between friends at a time of hurt



"Every day
We must try
To make at least one person
Happy."

- Sri Chinmoy

Discipleship demands courage... because love without suffering is love without substance. The best place to begin the process of "self-giving," is in our own homes and in the workplace. We have to look upon our education, training, and experience as preparation for service to others. Whatever may be our place in society ... whether important or unimportant ... we can serve. This is possible whether we are in military service, social service, law, medical service, government or business. If we want to be leaders, we must learn to be available, accountable, and vulnerable. This triad --- availability, accountability, and vulnerability -- qualifies us for what Robert Greenleaf has called "Servant Leadership. Shall we drink of the cup? (Sources duly acknowledged)

This Sunday's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonment, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place our hope in you.

Second reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been



tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

All Souls' Day Saturday 2nd November 2024

A day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed.

This is a moment to commemorate our loved ones who are no longer with us but remain forever in our hearts.

All Souls' Holy Mass will be at **9am** on **Saturday 2nd November, 2024**.

There will not be Eucharistic Adoration that morning. We will light a candle for our loved ones at the start of the Mass and so, I would like you to be present on time to be a part of this prayerful tribute.

Throughout the month of November, the masses will be offered for our loved ones who have gone before us. The Mass intention envelopes are

available at the entrance of the church.

The Book of Life is at the entrance of the church where you can pen the names of your loved ones to be prayed for.

Fr Vince



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The **Parent session** is on **Thursday 24th October 7.00pm**, in the **Church**.

The *Children's Preparation* Session is on **Saturday 26th October 3.00 to 4.30pm**, in the

CONFIRMATIONThe Sacrament of Confirmation for Children will

be on Friday 8th November at 7.00pm.

These Sessions are a requirement for the preparation for Confirmation.

FUNERAL OF BRENDAN CLEARY

Our heartfelt condolences to Heidi Cleary and her family on the sad passing away of her husband Brendan.

The funeral Mass will be on **Friday 25th October at 10:30am** in our church.
Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

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



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COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Would you or someone you know like to have Fr Vincent visit you at home and receive Holy Communion on a regular basis?

For details please call the Parish Office.

Maree Buttenshaw

Romenda McGregor

Louela Davis

Aileen Pelias

Let us pray for ...

Recently Deceased

Brendan Cleary

Anniversaries

Valerie Felix
Carmen Filamorr-Canapi
Issac Moses
John Murphy
Frank Talia
Feliks Wiatrowski

Robert Power Danilo Delos Reyes

Sick

Maria Corazon Abello

Edmund Chavernia

Jelka Josipovic

Tom Nayler

PARISH ROSTERS

26/27 October 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	ЕМНС	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Sue Farrar	Eli Ogrizek Sr Maureen	Harriet S Matilda s	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	David & Sue Boulous	Thess Davidson & family	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Anton Fernando Anne-Marie Lyons	Maya R Tara C	Helen Wong Lina Flores	Frank Camilleri		
Sun 10.00am	Elizabeth Yeo	Lynette Rodrigues Lorna Argal	Priscilla M Angelina B Joanne J Chloe & Olivia G	Lynette & Dominic Rodrigues			

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Sun 8.00am	Anthony Wong	Daniel Cakarun Rozz Morris	Jensen M Judah M	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Dominic & Lynnette Rodrigues							
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Khush Jilla Nada Coorey	Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade								

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Morning Tea to Celebrate our Parish Youth



Following the **10am Mass** on **Sunday, 10 November**, we will be hosting a morning tea to celebrate the young people in our Parish and to kick start our

Youth Group! While all are welcome, we are working to engage young people aged between 12 and 35 to help form and establish our group.

Come and meet the Youth Group leaders and get to know your fellow parishioners over a bite to eat.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Diocese of Parramatta

Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday 27 October** at **11am** at **St Patrick's Cathedral**,

Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family & friends are welcome.



Information Evening for Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

We will be hosting an information session for all those who are interested or know someone interested in joining the Catholic faith on **Tuesday, 22nd October** at **6:30pm** in the church **Meeting Room.**

The session will explain the course contents, RCIA program and general information to assist in better understanding what to expect. We also invite all those who are interested in joining the RCIA team.

For further information, please contact **Nazli Guler** (RCIA Team Leader) on **0426 243 016.**



Reach out. Give life.

This weekend of 19/20 October

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia.

Please Note: \$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

Maritza Graciela

Parish Secretary Mon / Tue / Wed / Fri 9:30am to 5:30pm **Deacon Leon**

Finance Secretary Thur 10am to 2pm Sacramental Coordinator Childrens Liturgy Coordinator

Lectors Coordinator Senior Server Coordinator

St Vincent De Paul President

Finance Chairman

Rydalmen Coordinator

Diane O'Shea Allison Markarian Glenys Oxlee Anton Massillamany

Ron Della Vedova Ron Della Vedova Mark Bannister

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