



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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"WHEN IT RAINS LOOK FOR RAINBOWS, WHEN IT'S DARK LOOK FOR STARS"

As we draw closer to the beginning of a new liturgical year in a few weeks, the readings of this Sunday speak about the 'end of times'. Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world is to be understood in the political backdrop of the time of the gospel writer Mark. Many of the scripture scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near. Through the apocalyptic language, the writer tells the community to be watchful and find consolation and comfort in God's never-ending love. The images used by Mark are not meant to frighten the people, but to make them strong in the face of adversity. The gospel highlights some deep truth of the current climate. Across the globe, "compassion has been darkened, kindness has lost its brightness, empathy has fallen to the wayside, and who we are meant to be in community has been shaken off of its axis. It's easy to feel like the end times aren't so far away" The harsh realities of life drive us to despair, fear and despondency; but this is when, God is closer to us and Jesus is right at our door. This sacred truth that the capacity to hope never leaves our doorstep was even proclaimed among our Jewish ancestors. Our first reading also speaks of a time of despair and a time of great suffering. The book of Daniel says that at those hard times, "the wise will shine like the bright heavens, and the leaders of justice like the stars."

Viktor Frankl, an Austrian, Jewish Holocaust survivor and author of the book *Man's Search for Meaning*, would probably have known this passage from Daniel. His ancestors lived story after story of steadfast hope. And perhaps these stories informed his miraculous and enduring hope in the time of the deepest despair imaginable. Dr. Frankl wrote that "when we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

In light of the essence of the readings, 'the end of times', I would like you to ask yourselves if you are willing to end all strife, abuse in the family and start building a harmonious, healthy and loving family! Will we end our addictions, unforgiving attitudes, manipulation of the vulnerable and the weak? Will we put an end to intolerance and appreciate the constructive differences? Will there be an end to violence, war in the name of God, or religion or politically motivated? The world we live in is an uncertain one. There is a crisis one after another. This uncertainty can cause great fear and anxiety. Amid this uncertainty, we need something to rely on. For us the followers of Christ, it could only mean Faith in God. When we have faith coupled with hope, even in the trying times - that the great Hope Bearer is right here, knocking at the door of our hearts - we can sustain any season. When we have hope, even in the trying times, especially in the trying times - the great Hope-Bearer is right here, knocking at the door of our hearts, we can sustain any season. So, take heart - take hope - and unlock your door. (quotes from Martha Ligas).

The leader of a certain Indian tribe was dying, so he summoned his three sons and said, "I am dying; before my death, I must choose one of you to succeed me as the head of our tribe. I have the same task for each of you. I want you to climb our holy mountain and bring me back something beautiful. The one whose gift is most outstanding will be the one who will succeed me". The following morning the sons set out on their search, each taking a different path up the mountain. After several days the sons returned. The first brought his father a beautiful and rare flower that grew near the summit of the mountain. The second son brought his father a valuable stone, round and colourful which had been polished by the wind and the rain. The third son, who came empty handed, said to his father, "I have brought back nothing to show you father. As I stood on the top of the holy mountain, I saw that on the other side was a beautiful land filled with green pastures. In the middle of these pastures is a crystal lake. I have a vision of where our tribe could go for a better life. I was so overwhelmed by what I saw and by what I could see that I could not bring anything back". The father replies: "you shall be our tribe's new leader, for you have brought back the most precious thing- the gift of a vision for a better future". (Dennis McBride)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First reading: Daniel, 12:1-3

'When that time comes your own people will be spared'

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book.

Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5, 8-11

**R: Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

Second reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Communion Antiphon:

Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 21st-The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 22nd-St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE ARRIVED HOME WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER AND MAKE THIS PRAYER THROUGH OUT THIS WEEK

Heavenly Father, we come to you with heavy hearts as we remember our dear sisters and brothers who have passed from this life. Please bring them into your loving arms and grant them peace and rest. We also pray for those who are left behind, that they would find comfort and hope in your presence and the promise of eternal life. Please grant them the strength and courage they need to face this difficult time, and may they find peace and healing in your loving arms. In your precious name we pray, Amen.

You are invited to write down the names of your loved ones in the book of life at the entrance of the church. 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.



Congratulations to Logan
whose Baptism is this Sunday.
We welcome him to our Parish family.



Please continue to pray
for the completion of the project
of the Parish Admin Office and Priest Residence



Last week 31 Children from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
This now brings to a conclusion the current Sacrament Team. **We wish the new Sacrament Coordinator, Lynette Rodrigues, well as planning commences for the 2025 programme.**
My thanks to all who have supported the programme during past years.
Diane O'Shea.

Sick

Maria Corazon Abello
Edmund Chavernia
Tom Nayler
Robert Power
Maree Buttenshaw

Louela Davis
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

Let us pray for ...

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

Individual names of our beloved departed will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November. The masses throughout this month will be offered for everyone in the Book of Life.

PARISH ROSTERS

23/24 November 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Mark Salter	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Cristian A Jemma L	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Lawrence Tsang Sheila Tapiador	Monica Jung	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Helen Wong Jodie MacGregor	Jenson M Judah M	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Joseph Andrews Julia Tapiador	Theo M Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

Children's Liturgy
Sunday 24/11/2024 at 10am
Gospel: John 18: 33 -37 Pilate questions Jesus about his identity

30/1 December 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Lynette Rodrigues	Eli Ogrizek Leah Garcia	Matilda S Harriet S	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Lawrence Tsang Francis Mathew	Susan Boulous & Family	Lily Hon O.Ham Maria Greenfield
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Glenys Oxlee Rozz Morris	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Sam Markarian Marco Tapiador	Priscilla M Angelina B Joanne J Chloe & Olivia G	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



This weekend of 16/17 November

Your local Rydalmere Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society will hold it's

Christmas Appeal 2024.

We ask you to be supportive and generous to this appeal, together we can be agents of joy, helping those in need to enjoy the celebration of Christmas.

"For it is by giving that we receive"

- St. Francis of Assisi

Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather once a month on **Sunday after 10am Mass** to enjoy great company and good food.

Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday 22nd December 2024

Where: The Family Inn

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends!

This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**

If you would like to attend our next lunch, you are invited to write your name on the sheet located at the back of the church, this is to assist Allison with the booking reservation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



PARISH



GROUP!

We are working to engage young people aged between 12 and 35 to join our group.

We encourage our youth to come onboard.

If you would like to join us, we invite you to write your contact details on our Youth Group Register located at the back of the church.

The next Youth Group Meeting will be announced shortly.

For more details please contact:

Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

I am pleased to meet with the volunteers of various ministries in our parish on **Friday 29th November** at **4.30pm** at the **Parish Hall**. It will be a golden opportunity for everyone to get to know each other, which in turn will enhance our collaborative ministry in our community.

We will have finger food with drinks. For catering purposes, could you please **RSVP** by **Wednesday 20th November 2024** of your attendance to Glenys Oxlee on 0488 228 633 or Nancy Grugan 0434 541 287, the Coordinator of Social Celebrations. I am expecting each one of you to be present for this event.

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

Maritza Graciela
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri
9:30am to 5:30pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator	Lynette Rodrigues
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator	Allison Markarian
Lectors Coordinator	Glenys Oxlee
Senior Server Coordinator	Anton Massillamany
Finance Chairman	Ron Della Vedova
St Vincent De Paul President	Ron Della Vedova
Rydalmen Coordinator	Mark Bannister
Social Celebrations Coordinator	Nancy Grugan

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