



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, 1 December 2024

"EMBODY JUSTICE IN THE WORLD"

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

How are you? Christmas is just around the corner and everyone of you will get busier with parties, gifts etc.

In the midst of all this, let us not lose sight of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of a meaningful and relevant Christmas. Just to help, there will be an **advent prayer meeting every Tuesday at 7pm and you are encouraged to be part of it. We will follow the book **The Light: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2024**, available for purchase in the Parish...**Please sign up!****

I have invited a few priests to help us with the **Second Rite of Reconciliation on 10th December 7pm. May I encourage our parishioners to avail this opportunity to make peace with oneself, others and thereby with God!**

I would like to share with you the reflection for this first Sunday of Advent by Céire Kealty. (U.S. Catholic)

As we begin another liturgical year, our world cries out, begging for peace. On this first Sunday of Advent, God hears the sorrowful laments of many throughout the world, from Ukraine to Sudan to the Middle East. So many of us, myself included, want peace. During these terrible times, I am reminded of Pope Paul VI, who said: "If you want peace, work for justice." How fitting, then, that our readings today speak of justice, and show us how to embody it.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah relays God's promise of deliverance and restoration in times of despair. Jeremiah's words bring us reassurance, with the grounding reminder that God's promises will come to be. As Christians, we know this promise comes through Christ Jesus.

So, we start the Advent season with this reading in mind. We know that justice is near. Yet we need not wait for justice to arrive to embody it in our lives. As St. Paul reminds the church in today's second reading: "you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus." Here, Paul shows us that we know what to do: we just need to look to Christ to know how to act.

As Paul explains, these instructions contain a call to grow in love for God and our neighbours. Pope Benedict XVI once said that "Justice is the primary way of [love]" and that love completes justice. So, the pursuit of justice, in our words and deeds, must be grounded in the love that Christ's life models for us. We must approach those pushed to the margins like Christ did, restore their dignity through love like Christ did, and walk with them on the long road to justice, like Christ did.

Today's gospel reading reminds us that this road to justice is not without its trials. Luke notes that during times of tumult, "nations will be in dismay." How this reading resonates in 2024, when nations buckle under climate destruction, famine, corruption, and death.

As these times wear on us, it is tempting—and often easier—to turn inwards and to ignore the cries of the needy for our own comfort. But this is not God's redeeming way. In contrast to our culture of indifference, God calls us to tend to the wounds of the world. Luke's message is clear: We must stay the path that Christ has laid before us. In trials and tribulations, we must remain steadfast and sober to realize our redemption in serving God and our neighbours. We must turn towards humanity's pain and remember those who others have forgotten, like Christ, who has never forgotten us.

So, as we await the arrival of Christ this Advent season, we should explore ways to embody God's justice in the world, following the loving example of our Lord. In doing so, we can bring about the peace that our world so desperately needs.

May we have a wonderful preparation for a joyful Christmas!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First reading: Jeremiah, 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the
House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R**

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts
in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love
and make you love one another and the whole
human race as much as we love you. And may he so
confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be
blameless in the sight of our God and Father when
our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in
the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in
the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life
that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you
are already living it. You have not forgotten the
instructions we gave you on the authority of the
Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the
sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony,
bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its
waves; men dying of fear as they await what
menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will
be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When
these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold
your heads high, because your liberation is near at
hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened
with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of
life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly,
like a trap. For it will come down on every living
man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at
all times for the strength to survive all that is going
to happen, and to stand with confidence before the
Son of Man.’

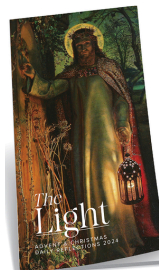
Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 3rd - **St Francis Xavier**, priest

Saturday 7th - **St Ambrose**, bishop, doctor



THE LIGHT: ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

DAILY REFLECTIONS 2024

You are invited to attend the
Advent Prayer Meeting every
Tuesday at 7pm


We will follow the book
The Light: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2024

Available in the Parish: \$6 each, limited stock.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Christmas Choir

Rehearsals for the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass, have commenced.

 We welcome you all to come along and join us at rehearsals, on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at the Parish, until Christmas.

For any enquiries, please phone or text Catherine on 0417 060 021

Advent Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays: 7pm

Second Rite Reconciliation

Tuesday, 10th December: 7pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, 24th December: 5:30pm - Vigil Mass

9pm - Vigil Mass

(Please note there will be NO Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day, 25th December: 8am - Mass

10am - Mass

Thursday, 26th December: No Mass

Friday, 27th December: No Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm / Sunday 8am & 10am

The blessing of the ground last week



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



Congratulations to Jacob
whose Baptism is this Sunday.

We welcome him to our Parish family.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

URGENTLY NEEDS HELP THIS TUESDAY 3RD PLEASE

We have to unpack 120 Food Bank Boxes from pallets into the Hall, anytime from 8.30am onwards. We have tried to set a more exact delivery time to no avail. **If you can help at anytime that day from 8.30am please text msg Glenys Oxlee on 0488 228 633** with your available times & you will be contacted if your availability matches the delivery time. There will be trollies on site to use. Thanks in advance for any assistance you can offer, even if it's for only 30 minutes or so. Thanks Glenys

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maria Corazon Abello
Edmund Chavernia
Robert Power
Maree Buttenshaw
Louela Davis

Recently Deceased

Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes
Sandra Ylagan
Joan Nayler

Anniversaries

Anto Junkovic
Frank Moio

PARISH ROSTERS

7/8 December 2024

	<u>Computer Operators</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Cleaning Ministry</u>	<u>Altar Society</u>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Anne-Marie Hewkins Sr Maureen	Oscar G Isabella W	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Dominic & Lynette Rodrigues	Vartguess Markkarian	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Gail Dick Anton Fernando	Maya R Cristian A	Helen Wong Lina Flores	Frank Camilleri		
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Lynette Rodrigues Linda Tsang	Ava E Isbella C Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Lawn and Garden	Romeo Urqueza	Children's Liturgy Sunday 8/12/2024 at 10am

14/15 December 2024

	<u>Computer Operators</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Cleaning Ministry</u>	<u>Altar Society</u>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Matilda S Harriet S	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Dominic & Lynette Rodrigues	Pierre Salomon	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Helen Wong Daniel Cakarun	Daniella M Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Geoff & Barbara Rosario	Lawn & Garden	
Sun 10.00am	Lynette Rodrigues	Khush Jilla Marco Tapiador	Angelina B Avril L	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade		Volunteer Positions Available	

If you are able to assist, please contact

Romeo via email: romqueza@hotmail.com

Thank you.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND

CHRISTMAS CARDS
&

2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Your local Rydalmere Conference of
St Vincent de Paul Society will be selling

2025 Columban Calendars: \$10.00 each

10 pack Christmas Cards: \$10.00 each

Proceeds go to our St Vincent de Paul
Rydalmere Conference clients.

Thank you for your support.



Thank you for your generosity and support

Once again we are indebted to our parishioners for your wonderful response to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, due to so much going on in our Parish at the moment we were not able to give you warning of this Appeal, yet you responded in your usual generous way. The tally so far is \$4,198.20 which will go a long way in supporting the clients we assist in our area to have a better Christmas than they would have had. Thank you all, & God bless you. Rydalmere SVdP Conference.



PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

**Homeless young mothers
and their children desperately
need your help this Christmas**

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will provide practical
and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home.



parracatholic.org/appeal



**YOUTH
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

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 a 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!



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/Thu/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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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan