



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Sunday, 10 November 2024

"TO GIVE IS TO LOVE AND TO LOVE IS TO LIVE."

Quite at the outset, I would like to congratulate the students who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. May I urge the parents to encourage their children to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the loving service of others. May I request them to motivate them to get involved in the youth groups whereby they own the parish and help the community grow! I would like to thank Diane O'Shea, the Coordinator of the Sacramental team and the team who have prepared the students for the reception of this Sacrament. Here below is the reflection for this Sunday:

"There was a newly-wed couple that ended up being stranded on a remote country road. A terrible rainstorm had flooded their route. Unable to go any farther, they got out of their car and set out on foot toward a dimly-lit farmhouse. When they reached the remote house, an elderly couple, carrying a kerosene lamp met them at the door. Explaining their predicament the new groom asked if they could spend the night in their home – on the floor, in a chair, anywhere that was warm and dry. As he asked this favour, the elderly wife noticed a few grains of rice in the new bride's hair. The elderly couple glanced at each other with a knowing glance and told them that they were welcome to stay. The owners of the house told the newlyweds to go get their things from the car, while they freshened up the one guest room that they had in the house.

The next morning the newlyweds got up early and prepared to leave without disturbing the couple that hosted them for their first night as husband and wife. They dressed quietly, put a ten-dollar bill on the dresser, and tiptoed downstairs. When they opened the door to the living room, they found the husband and wife asleep in chairs. They had given the newlyweds their only bedroom."

The couple had given out of their poverty, not their wealth. And, yet, rich they were! The couple had given from their own meagre resources, and made the newlyweds rich through generosity beyond measure. Here's the grace of the story: they gave not only generously, but also joyfully". An authentic giving is a sign of our self-surrender to God. Joy of giving is not in the reward but in giving itself without expecting anything in return.

"Giving opens our spiritual eyes to the many small blessings before us each moment." – Steve Brunkhorst. Everyone has got something to give to others. "No man is so poor as to have nothing worth giving." Not necessarily material goods, but the most precious gift of an encompassing spirituality reflected in physical presence, quality time to God and to our dear ones, a sense of belonging beyond the social bounds, genuine love, acceptance, forgiveness, presence, and living faith. What do I give? How do I give?

"Dom Helder Camara of Brazil, who was known for his work among the poor, told this story of Severina, an old widow. The archbishop came to visit her place together with a lady visitor from France. Severina was the guide. On seeing the subhuman condition of the place, the visitor uttered: "Lord, what wretchedness!" The remark was overheard by Severina who told the archbishop: "Did I hear the lady talk of wretchedness? Please tell her I realize how terrible conditions are in our shanty town.... But I do not consider myself to be in any way wretched. I have the riches that all the money in the world cannot buy: my eyes, my ears, my nose, my mouth, my hands, my arms, my feet, my legs, my head, my heart! And, above all, my faith. This faith I would not exchange or sell for all the money in all the banks in the world". (365 Days with the Lord, St. Paul's Publications)

In the prevailing culture of 'accumulating', we are invited to create a counter culture of 'giving'... The so-called 'have-nots' of today around the impoverished nations (like the widows in the first reading and the gospel) are the real challengers... God has given us all... to give and to share....

Let our parish community set itself as a challenger in living out the "ever Living ... Giving, & Loving God"

"Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, investigate. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try. Before you retire, save. Before you die, give." - William A. Ward (American Anthropologist)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First reading: 1 Kings, 17:10-16

'The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah'

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

℟: 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. **℟**

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

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. **℟**

Second reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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**

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.

I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.

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.



FUNERAL OF BEVERLEY ANN HANNA (BETTY)

The funeral for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner **Beverley Ann Hanna (Betty)** will be on **Wednesday 13th November at 11am.**

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.

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



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 11th - St Martins of Tours, bishop
Tuesday 12th - St Josaphat, bishop, martyr



Congratulations to Beau and Myah

who were Baptised on Sunday 3/11/2024

We welcome these children to our Parish family

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maria Corazon Abello
Edmund Chavernia
Jelka Josipovic
Tom Nayler
Robert Power

Maree Buttenshaw
Louela Davis
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

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

16/17 November 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Sue & Len Farrugia	Oscar G Isabella W	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows Bill O'Shea	Sue Galletto	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Ron Della Vedova Barbara Rosario	Maya R Cristian A	Lina Flores Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Glenys Oxlee	Astrid Kossim Jessica Tapiadr	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues			

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			

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.

We invite you to write your contact details on our Youth Group Register located at the back of the church.

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 Nov 17, Sunday Dec 22

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 and/or to RSVP

contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

We had 30 attend our parish lunch at The family inn hotel, lots of conversation and laughter and new friends made! 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.



Diocese of Parramatta

Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: **Wednesday 13 November 2024, at 10:30am - 1:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.**

BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form:

parracatholic.org/streetfeast

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/Thu/Fri
9:30am to 5:30pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator	Diane O'Shea
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
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Social Celebrations Coordinator	Nancy Grugan

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