



# Weekly Bulletin

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**Sunday, 26 January 2025**

## **“HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY”**

— MATTHEW 24:35

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to reflect on the importance of listening to and living out God’s word, recognizing the dignity and value of every member in the Church, and sharing the good news of Jesus. These readings help us see how Scripture guides us, strengthens our community, and empowers us to live our mission.

Nehemiah showed the people that reading and understanding Scripture brings joy and strength. When we take time to listen to God’s word, we find guidance and comfort. It helps us grow in our faith and live better lives.

The gospel also shows us that Jesus studied and understood Scripture. Jesus knew God’s word well and used it to teach and help others. By following His example, we can also learn more about God and how to follow Him. Studying Scripture helps us know what God wants for us and how we can live in a way that pleases Him.

The readings encourage us to not just hear God’s word but to act on it. It is not enough to listen and understand; we must also live out our faith. This means helping others, being kind, and following God’s commandments. By doing this, we show our love for God and others.

Living out God’s word every day can be challenging, but it is what we are called to do. Our lives can be choked by worries, health issues, broken relationships, addictions, inordinate attachments to the mundane world etc. Relying on the Good News, we will be able to decipher the essentials of life and fill our lives with the ineffable joy flowing from Jesus Christ. When we listen, understand, and act on it, we grow closer to God and become better people. We will be empowered to continue our journey with positive vibes. Let’s make a commitment to read, study, and live out God’s word in our daily lives.

St Paul teaches us that every part of the body is important. This means that every person in the Church is valuable and has a role. Just like a body needs all its parts to work well, the Church needs every member to be strong and healthy. Each person has unique gifts and talents that help the Church grow and serve others. The importance of coming together as a community for worship is implicated in the words of St Paul. When we worship together, our faith is strengthened, and we feel more connected to each other and to God. Being part of a community helps us support one another and grow in our faith. Worshipping together also reminds us that we are not alone in our journey of faith. We have a community that cares for us and helps us stay on the right path. This unity makes us stronger and helps us face life’s challenges.

In the gospel, we see Jesus explaining His mission. He came to bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Jesus’ mission is to help and save everyone, showing God’s love for all people. This reminds us that Jesus cares deeply for those in need and wants to bring hope and healing. Jesus starts His mission filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives Him the strength and guidance to carry out His work. This is important because it shows that Jesus relies on the Spirit for help. For us, it means that we, too, need the Holy Spirit to guide us in our lives and missions.

The challenge for us is to bring good news and help those in need. Living our mission means being kind, helping those who are struggling, and sharing God’s message of hope. The Holy Spirit is with us, giving us the strength and courage to do this. By living out our mission, we show God’s love to others and make a positive impact on the world. How can I make more time to read and understand Scripture? What gifts do I have that can help my Church community? (Source: US Young Catholics)

### **Stories for reflection**

- I once read about an elderly lady in London who had just crossed the street, when a man walked up to her and said politely, “Excuse me ma’am, but I must thank you.” Taken aback, the lady said, “Thank me! For what, may I ask?” “Ma’am” he explained, “I used to be a bus conductor and you were often on my bus. Every time I issued you a ticket, you’d greet me with a cheerful smile and a friendly ‘Good morning.’ I knew at once that it came from something within. Seeing a little Bible in your hands one morning, I said to myself, “That’s where it comes from!” So, I bought myself a Bible, and I found Jesus –thanks to you ma’am.” With that he doffed his hat and walked away. The dear old lady was astonished and deeply touched - May His word speak through our deeds!

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# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

## First reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:8-10, 15

**R: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R**

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight,  
O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R**

## Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight,  
to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year  
of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

## Communion Antiphon:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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## Stories for reflection

- The Sanford Hotel in San Francisco reports that it never lost a single Bible in the 15 years it placed them at the bedside as a service to the guests. But, in one month after it started putting dictionaries in the rooms as well, 41 dictionaries disappeared. Now, I don't know whether you can draw a solid conclusion from that, but on the surface, it seems obvious that persons apparently place a greater value on human words than they do the Word of God. (Online source)

## God's blessings

Fr. Vince



**Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord  
Candlemas Day - 2nd February**

To have a candle blessed for Candlemas, please bring a candle to our parish's Candlemas celebration.



**SVDP CONFERENCE  
MEETINGS FOR 2025**

Resume on **Tuesday 28th January at 7:30pm.**

**New members are welcome.**



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



## **FUNERAL OF BOYD DOMINIC CLEARY**

The funeral for our dearly beloved parishioner

**Boyd Dominic Cleary** will be on

**Wednesday 29th January at 1pm.**

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.

## Let us pray for ...

### *Sick*

Lawrence  
Joan Nayler  
Danilo De Los Reyes  
Sandra Ylagan

### *Recently Deceased*

Boyd Dominic Cleary	Beverley Moore
Carl Jabour	Froilan Pelias
Karl Lemaire	Romeo Robles
Sotero Matias	Peter Nicholsan

### *Anniversaries*

Robert De'Silva

# PARISH ROSTERS

## 1/2 February 2025

	<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>
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Mark Salter	Eli Ogrizek Anne Marie Hewkins	Oscar G	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Dominic Rodrigues Lynnette Rodrigues	Susan Boulous & Family	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Pamela McKay	Ron Della Vedova Anton Fernando	Maya R Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores	Frank Camilleri		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Juvy Austria	Lorna Argal Sam Markarian	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Robert Spinetti	
					<u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Sunday 2/2/2025 at 10am	

## 8/9 February 2025

	<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>
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Eric Flores	Leah Garcia Lynette Rodrigues	Harriet S	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Dominic Rodrigues Lynnette Rodrigues	Anton M Massillamany	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Lindsay Keur	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Daniela M Tara C	Lina Flores Helen Wong	Geoff Rosario Barbara Rosario	Vartguess Markarian	
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Eddie Appleby	Cynthia Oscar Marco Tapiador	Angelina B Avril L Chole G Olivia G	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues			

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME (SECOND COLLECTION)

If you would like to support the Parish through the Planned Giving Programme (Second Collection)

please complete the application

form located at the back of the church.

Parishioners are encouraged to increase their contribution to the second collection via Direct Debit or Credit Card.

**Thank you for your generosity and support.**



### 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**



## 2025 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

This year we start our sacramental program with the Sacrament of Confirmation which is offered to children in Year 5 onwards who have received their First Eucharist.

If you are considering enrolling your child for the program, please provide all required documentation to the parish office.

\*Please note that enrolment is completed by attendance at the compulsory Parent Information evening.

**BELOW ARE DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025:**

**Confirmation - Wed 21st or Friday 23rd May.**

**Completed enrolment form to parish office - Friday 7th March**

**\*Parent Information Evening - Thursday 13th March**

**Commitment Mass - 22nd / 23rd March**

**Reconciliation - Thursday 26th June**

Details for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the First Holy Eucharist to follow.

**First Eucharist - 21st Sept. 12 noon**

Enrolment forms are located at the back of the church.

### 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
Parish Pastoral Council Chair	Allison Markarian

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**Principal:** Mr. Paul Ryan