



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Sunday, 2 March 2025

**“YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH,
BECAUSE, EACH PERSON YOU MEET HAS A STORY TO TELL. SO INSTEAD OF BEING JUDGMENTAL,
JUST LISTEN WELL”**

– CHARMAINE J. FORDE

‘Jesus draws our attention to practical points of Christian living and challenges us to use our words as he used his in his preaching and healing ministry - to heal, to restore, and to bring back life, joy and hope. Today’s readings also instruct us to share our Christian life, love, and spiritual health by our words, and to avoid gossiping about, and passing rash, thoughtless and pain-inflicting judgments on others, thus damaging their good reputation and causing them irreparable harm.

A teacher teaching Mathematics to year 6 students asked a boy called Steve in the class, “Steve, if I give you 2 mangoes and 2 mangoes how many will you have?” Steve said 5. The teacher said, Steve, if I give you one and two, 2 mangoes and one and two, 2 mangoes how many will you have? Steve replied 5. The teacher was upset. And she remembered what Steve’s mom had said that Steve does not like mangoes, he likes strawberries. So, she changed her example. “Steve, if I give you 2 strawberries and 2 strawberries how many will you have? Steve replied 4. Oh, the teacher was pleased by the change of strategy. Just to confirm that he had understood his math correctly, she asked him again, “Steve, if I give you 2 mangoes and 2 mangoes how many will you have? He replied 5. The teacher was now very much annoyed. How can 2 strawberries and 2 strawberries be 4, and 2 and 2 mangoes be 5? Steve replies, I already have a mango in my bag madam”.

Who was right? Was the teacher wrong? No, because 2 plus 2 is 4. Was Steve wrong? NO, because 2 plus 2 is 4 and 1 mango in his bag makes it 5. Is it not a fact that all kinds of conflicts come because of the gap between the technical rightness and practical rightness? The teacher was technically right. Technical rightness means to see the obvious; to see the visible. Steve was practically right- Practical rightness means to see beyond the obvious and to see beyond what is visibly seen. Practical rightness means to see the hidden mango...

Very often all our conflicts come because of the gap between technical and practical rightness. Whenever you find that your spouse does not love you enough, yes, you may be technically right that he or she may not actually love you that much. But are you practically, right? Practical rightness means to see the hidden mango that is he or she not loving you enough? Your child may not be listening to you: you may be technically right...but are you practically right. Every one may not fit into your definition of technical rightness... Jesus says not to be judgmental ... He asks us to go beyond the obvious...to go beyond the visible and to look for the hidden mango that might help us to have a healthy relationship and resolve the conflicting situations we are in. Jesus takes us to another stage ... look within yourself. Let us remember the warning of saints: “When you point one finger of accusation at another, three of your fingers point at you.”

“Life is not about making us appear good while making others look bad. Life should be more about what God thinks about us. By its fruit, every tree is known. Good trees bear good fruits, and bad trees bear bad fruits. You cannot give what you don’t have! Instead of wasting time pointing out the mistakes and misdeeds of other people, let us try to focus on our lives; especially on our thoughts to remove those evil thoughts that produce offensive words, actions, habits, and characters in our lives. There is a constant need to examine and re-examine ourselves to remove the wooden beams that block us from critical self-examination.” (Sources duly acknowledged)

The liturgical season of LENT begins with ASH WEDNESDAY on March 5, 2025. Let us make use of this season to get closer to one another in a spirit of love, understanding and forgiveness and thereby to God Himself!

May I encourage you to be a part of the Lenten activities (See the insert) in our parish and enliven the faith of one another!

God’s blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is judged
on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Communion Antiphon:

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



THE LENTEN PROGRAM
METANOIA

You are invited to attend the
Lenten Group Prayer & Reflection held every
Tuesday during Lent at 7pm
We will follow the book
Metanoia Lenten Program 2025
Available in the Parish: \$10 each, limited stock.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

“ Together as a faith filled community building for the future”

This Parish Development project is our biggest undertaking in over 35 years and at long last it's well under way.

STATUS REPORT

1. PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION

- (a) Easement has been bored and piped to Victoria Road
- (b) Foundation slab and stormwater retention tank completed
- (c) Sewage bad storm water pipe work installed

2. FINANCIAL

- (a) Buy a brick campaign so far reached \$ 2,600
- (b) Income from second collection is static and needs a boost and insufficient for loan repayments when draw down of loan begins
- (c) First progress payment of \$ 200,000 to builder will occur this month covering:
 - demolition, site preparation, easement construction, foundation slab, retention tank, drainage sewer pipework.

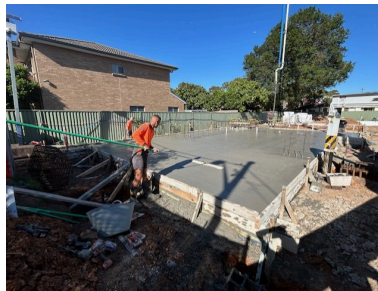


Photo of foundation slab being laid last Monday

NEXT STEPS BUILDING

1. Balance of concrete laying.
2. Bricks to be delivered and first floor walls and columns to be built
3. First Floor concrete slab to be formed up and poured
4. Estimate completion date mid September

FINANCIAL

Please consider increased support to parish income by:

- (a) possible increase to your current giving and regularity via direct debit / credit card.
- (b) Supporting the “Buy a Brick” Campaign (form at the church entrance)

FUNERAL SERVICE OF MARIE HOLDEN

The funeral Service for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner **Marie Holden** will be held at **St Margaret's Chapel, Calvary Nursing Home, Dalton Gardens, Ryde on Monday 10th March at 11am.** Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.

REQUEST FOR PALM SUNDAY



We need Palms for Palm Sunday. If you are willing to donate palms to the parish, kindly let me or the parish office know. If you know someone who will be generous with this offer to the church, let the parish office know. Otherwise, we need to buy palms and it is quite expensive and in that case, we need donors for the same. For details, contact the parish office.

Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Kaz Seremet
Lawrence
Joan Nayler
Tia Ylagan
Adrian Seah

Recently Deceased

Marie Holden

Anniversaries

Arlette Raoul
Arlette & Yves Flore
Hielle
Colin Francis Wright

PARISH ROSTERS

8/9 March 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>	George Davidson	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Harriet S	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Kathleen Burrows	Anton Fernando Anne Fernando	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Marie Lyons	Jodie MacGregor Rozz Morris	Daniela M Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Tyrone Wiratunga		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Khush Jilla Julia Tapiador	Angelina B Avril L	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

15/16 March 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>	Thomas Russo	Eli Ogrizek Lynette Rodrigues	Cristian A Jemma L	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Francis Mathew	Marthe Nalletamby	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Pamela McKay	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Jensen A Judah M	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores	Frank Camilleri	Jing Tapiador	
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Vincent Austria	Astrid Kossim Joseph Andrews	Theo M Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga	<u>Lawn and Garden</u> <u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Robert Spinetti Sunday 16/3/2025 at 10am	

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Project Compassion Sunday 1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025

As we approach the Sacrament of Confirmation our children in Year 5 onwards will commence preparation shortly.

Please return completed forms along with a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to the Parish office by 7th March 2025.

PLEASE NOTE - IMPORTANT DATES:

Parent Information Evening: Thursday 13th March at 7pm

**Commitment Mass: Saturday 22nd March at 5:30pm
&
Sunday 23rd March at 10am**

**Attendance at both sessions are compulsory
for parents and children.**

Confirmation enrolment forms are located
at the back of the church.

(Enrolment forms for other Sacraments will be provided later in the year)

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 to enjoy great company and good food.

Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday 16 March 11am for 11:30am

Saturday 12 April 6:30pm

Sunday 18 May 11am for 11:30am

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!

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.

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
Catechists 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
Rydalmen Coordinator	Mark Bannister
Social Celebrations Coordinator	Nancy Grugan
Parish Pastoral Council Chair	Allison Markarian

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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan