



# Weekly Bulletin

**Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish**

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

**Sunday, 9 February 2025**

## **“BEWARE OF HARKING BACK TO WHAT YOU ONCE WERE WHEN GOD WANTS YOU TO BE SOMETHING YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN .”**

— OSWALD CHAMBERS

When John was a child, his mom liked to make breakfast, food for dinner, every now and then. One evening, after a long, hard day at work, she placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned toast in front of his dad. John was waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all his dad did was to reach for his toast, smile at my mom, and ask his son how his day was at school. John, without telling anything to him, was watching his dad smear butter and jelly on that toast and ate every bite. When they got up from the table that evening, his mom apologized to his dad for burning the toast. In reply, the husband told her “Baby, I love burnt toast”. Later that night, John went to kiss Daddy goodnight, and he asked him if he really liked his burnt toast. He wrapped him in his arms and said, "Son, your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's really tired. And besides, a little burnt toast never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things...and imperfect people. What is important is to accept each other's faults and choose to celebrate each other's differences. For everyone is special, unique and invaluable in the sight of God. No one is left out from His loving embrace!

In the first reading Isaiah feels that he is a man of unclean lips; in the second reading, St Paul incriminates himself as the persecutor and his self-esteem is down to Zero; I am the least of the apostles and I am unfit for the apostolate. In the Gospel, Peter estimates himself as a sinful man unworthy to stand near to Jesus. All three of these men look at themselves in relationship to the Creator or the Christ and recognize their own sinfulness and lowliness in the face of a being that is so awesome to them.

All three of these men who were humbled and felt sinful in the face of their God, are cleansed by God, and called to do God's work. Each Sunday, we go through the same process ourselves at Mass. Before receiving the body of Christ, we all pray, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed”. Just like Isaiah, Peter and Paul, we recognize our unworthiness in the face of God but show faith that God can heal us and make us better. And like Isaiah, Peter and Paul, we too are called to go out into the world and be ambassadors of Christ, living out the good News and making some sort of difference in the world.

Each morning grandpa rose early and went to the church for Mass, and he used to take his grandson along with him. His grandson was keen to copy him and tried to imitate him in every way he could. One day the grandson asked: Grandpa, I try to go with you to the church for Mass and I don't understand the readings, some other rituals and what I understand and get, I forget as soon as I come back home.

The Grandfather quietly replied: Take this empty coal basket down to the stream and bring me back a basket of water. The loving boy did as he was told, but all the water leaked out before he returned to the cottage. The grandfather laughed, sending him back to the river and said: You'll have to move a little faster next time. This time the boy ran quicker, but again the basket was empty before he reached home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket, and off he went to fetch a bucket. This doting grandpa replied: I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You're just not trying hard enough. He then stepped through the front door to watch the boy try again. At this point, the boy knew the task's impossibility, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he arrived back. The boy again dipped the basket into the stream and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather, the basket was yet again empty. Breathlessly the boy reminded: See Grandpa, it's useless! Grandpa then advised: So, you think it is useless? Look again into the basket. The boy looked at the basket and for the first time realized it was now very different. The basket had been transformed from a dirty old coal receptacle into a clean fresh basket, inside and out - ready for all types of new tasks it could not have done as a coal basket. Son, that's what happens when you go to Mass. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you participate and listen to the Scriptures etc you will be changed, inside and out. That is the work of Jesus' word in our hearts and lives. (Soul Supply)

We need to learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of our life and lay them at the feet of GOD. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give us a relationship where burnt toast isn't a deal-breaker! God gives a toast in every Mass and welcomes the sinners and makes them feel better and healthy in all relationships.

**God's blessings**

**Fr. Vince**

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

## First reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

*Here am I! send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated  
on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above  
him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of  
the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with  
smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,  
for I am a man of unclean lips  
and I live among a people of unclean lips,  
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a  
live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of  
tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,  
your sin is taken away,  
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8

**℟: In the sight of the angels I will sing  
your praises, Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **℟**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **℟**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **℟**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **℟**

## Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached  
to you, the gospel that you received and in which you  
are firmly established; because the gospel will save you  
only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you  
– believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been  
taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in  
accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and  
that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance  
with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and  
secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than  
five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of  
whom are still alive, though some have died; then he  
appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last  
of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born  
when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted  
the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle;  
but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that  
he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or  
rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked  
harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I  
preach what they preach, and this is what you all  
believed.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret,  
with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word  
of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the  
bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were  
washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was  
Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the  
shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the  
boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out  
into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.'  
'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long  
and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the  
nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a  
huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so  
they signalled to their companions in the other boat to  
come and help them; when these came, they filled the  
two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus  
saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all  
his companions were completely overcome by the catch  
they had made; so also were James and John, sons of  
Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to  
Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will  
catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left  
everything and followed him.

## Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## PARISH MINISTRY SIGN-UP

2025



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER,  
YOU ARE INVITED TO WRITE YOUR NAME  
ON THE SHEET LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH  
OR PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**

### Volunteer Positions Available

**Readers**  
**Altar Linen Washing**  
**Altar Servers (Junior)**  
**Altar Servers (Senior)**  
**Altar Society**  
**Catechists in Public Schools**  
**Childrens Liturgy Facilitators**  
**Church Cleaning**  
**Counters**  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
**Lawn & Garden**

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE OUR PARISH!**



## NEXT SVDP CONFERENCE

### MEETING

on **Tuesday 11th February** at **7:30pm**  
 in the Parish Meeting Room  
**New members are welcome.**



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

FOR 2025

Resume on **Wednesday**  
**12th February** at **7pm**  
 in the Parish Meeting Room.

## 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.**



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



## Let us pray for ...

### *Sick*

Lawrence  
 Joan Nayler  
 Danilo De Los Reyes  
 Sandra Ylagan  
 Adrian Seah

### *Recently Deceased*

Christy Angelo Retnasingham  
 Peter Della Vedova  
 Peter Francis  
 Boyd Dominic Cleary

### *Anniversaries*

Deryk Rodriguez

# PARISH ROSTERS

## 15/16 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>	Lynnette Rodrigues	Sr Maureen Leah Garcia	Cristian A Jemma L	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Pierre Salomon	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Marie Lyons	Barbara Rosario Daniel Cakarun	Jensen M Judah M	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Marthe Nalletamby		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Elizabeth Yeo	Astrid Kossim Linda Tsang	Theo M Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Richard Corney	
					<u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Sunday 16/2/2025 at 10am	

## 22/23 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>	Ben Garcia	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Harriet S Zachary C	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Thomas Russo Sophie Russo	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon O.Ham
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Michael Majoor	Rozz Morris Helen Wong	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Bill O'Shea		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Lynnette Rodrigues	Joseph Andrews Julia Tapiador	Angelina B Joanne J	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade			

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses

for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the **FREE** FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar,

Dr Michele Connolly RSJ.

On **Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February 2025**

at **6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Location: 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown  
-Bishop Bede Heather Centre.

**RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> or email: [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)**



## 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 - Friday 23rd May**

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

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

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

**First 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

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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