



# Weekly Bulletin

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday, 6 April 2025**

**“I DON’T MAJOR IN MY PAST. I MAJOR IN MY FUTURE AND MY FUTURE IS BRIGHT IN GOD.”**

— JERRY SAVELLE

All the readings of this fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday give us hope and paint a picture of a very bright future for us. In the first reading, God tells us of the new things he has started doing among us, and for us. He is restoring our hope and giving us every reason to continue living. This means that in spite of the difficulties of this present moment and season, the Lord will put a smile on our faces soon. Surely, he will do this because: “Weeping may endure at night, but joy comes in the morning” (Ps 30, 5). There is hope because we are approaching our morning. Hence, we must be positive about the future as we approach the Paschal celebration. This is because God is ready to fulfil his promises to us.

In our second reading, Paul tells us that he decided to count everything as a loss for the sake of Christ. This was in order to gain the future glory to be revealed in Christ. He understood the worth of the new life offered by God in Christ. He knew that: “The glory of the latter shall be greater than that of the former” (Haggai 2, 9). Paul saw all this revealed to him. So, he remained resolute in his faith. He did this even to the point of “reproducing Christ’s death in himself. This same promise must sustain us to the end.

In today’s Gospel, the Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Christ. They thought that Christ will condemn her immediately. They thought he would give them the permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong because Christ came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Christ are different from theirs. So, instead of condemning her, Jesus restored her life and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her: “Go and sin no more.”

Like this woman, Jesus is always giving us new opportunities in spite of our weaknesses. He knows how vulnerable we are to sin. He knows the forces we contend with every day in our life. His mission is to save us from all of them, and not to condemn us. This is why he says: “I have come that they may have life and have it in full” (Jn 10:10).

Today, we should be encouraged by these words of Jesus “Neither do I condemn you.” The complete forgiveness of Christ is incredible. When he says these words to us, he means them. He means that our negative past is behind us. So, Christ will always fill us with Joy. This is what he will complete for us soon through his death and resurrection. (Sources duly acknowledged)

A Psychology professor in one of the lectures to the students raised a glass of water over her head, and asked, “How heavy is this glass of water I’m holding?” Students shouted answers ranging from a couple of ounces to a couple of pounds. After a few moments of fielding answers and nodding her head, she replied, “From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass is irrelevant. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it’s fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the absolute weight of the glass doesn’t change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me.”

As most of us students nodded our heads in agreement, she continued. “Your worries, frustrations, disappointments, and stressful thoughts are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a little while and nothing drastic happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to feel noticeable pain. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralyzed, incapable of doing anything else until you drop them.”

As we approach the glorious season of Easter, the Lord equally says to us: “Go and sin no more.” In other words, ‘leave the darkness of your past behind and let in the light of your future’. We must believe this and put it into practice. He promises us a better future and a share in his glory if we remain faithful to this command.

Finally, we must constantly run to Jesus irrespective of our situation. This is because he is ever ready to acquit us of all the charges we level upon ourselves and those levelled by others against us.

**God’s blessings**

**Fr. Vince**

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

## First reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125

**R: The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R**

## Second reading: Philippians 3:8-14

*Because of Christ I took upon everything else as useless  
in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the  
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I  
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have  
Christ and be given a place in him.

I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts,  
the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only  
the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is  
from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ  
and the power of his resurrection and to share his  
sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That  
is the way I can hope to take my place in the  
resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect  
yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to  
capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I  
can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I  
have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past  
and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing  
for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us  
upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: John 8:1-11

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he  
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people  
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who  
had been caught committing adultery; and making her  
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,  
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of  
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the  
Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.  
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,  
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent  
down and started writing on the ground with his finger.  
As they persisted with their question, he looked up and  
said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him  
be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down  
and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this  
they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest,  
until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who  
remained standing there. He looked up and said,  
'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'  
'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said  
Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

## Communion Antiphon:

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025

is to "journey together in hope".

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and giving for Christians.

It's a time to remember God's love and to develop a closer relationship with God.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7PM

FOLLOWED BY

HOLY MASS

Everyone is encouraged to participate.



## 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



## Project Compassion

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

**PALM CROSS making**  
Friday 11th April at 6:30pm  
Saturday 12th April at 10am  
Seeking volunteers to assist with making of the crosses please 🙏  
For more details please contact:  
Allison on 0411 013 032  
or Anne Marie on 0421 915 744

**PALM SUNDAY**  
13th April  
*Hosanna In The Highest*

**'RYDALMEN'**  
Building up fellowship among men of different age brackets  
*The Lenten Program for Rydalmen each Thursday will be as follows:*

**Embrace: 10 Apr**

**Life: 17 Apr**

**Where:** Parish Meeting Room

**Time:** 7:15pm for 7:30pm to 9:00pm

**What to Bring:** Small plate of nibbles (Optional)

## Enrolments for St Mary's Primary School are currently being accepted

Did you know? St Mary's Primary School is currently accepting Enrolment Applications for children to commence Kindergarten in 2026 or 2027 and places are filling fast.

We are also accepting applications for some other grades to commence immediately.

**For more information please phone 8844 5700 as soon as possible.**

## Let us pray for the ...

### Wellbeing & Health

Romenda McGregor  
Pia Ylagan  
Kaz Seremet

### Recently Deceased

### Anniversaries

Giuseppe Di Ruocco  
Tony Malkoun  
Issac Moses  
Ruby Moses  
Arthur Saad

# PARISH ROSTERS

## 12/13 April 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	Cristian A Jemma L	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Sheila Tapiador	Anton Massillamany Vartguess Markarian	Therese Ball Lesley Long
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Marie Lyons	Anton Fernando Ron Della Vedova	Jensen M Judah M	Helen Wong Lina Flores	Bill o'Shea		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Eddie Appleby	Nada Coorey Lorna Argal	Theo Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Romeo Urqueza	
					<u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Sunday 13/04/2025 at 10am	

## 19/20 April 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	Glenys Oxlee Lynette Rodrigues Cynthia Oscar Daniel Cakarun	Harriet S Zachary C	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Patrick Edouard-Betsy	Pierre Salomon	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Anne Marie Lyons Jodie MacGregor	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Evelyn Noviza		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Elizabeth Yeo	Astrid Kossim Joseph Andrews		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## 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: Saturday 5 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.**



## NEXT SVDP CONFERENCE MEETING

on **Tuesday 8th April**  
at **7:30pm**

in the Parish Meeting Room

**New members are welcome.**

## Varroville MGL Sisters Behold

### Day Retreat: 26 April

“BEHOLD, I am making all things new”  
(Revelation 21:5).

Take a day to reflect on the incredible gift offered to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and allow God's love and mercy to bring new life.

**To book or for more information visit, [trybooking.com/CZPVW](http://trybooking.com/CZPVW)**



**We are happy to announce the following up-coming celebrations:**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
on **27th April 2025**

**&**

**40th Anniversary of Fr Vincent's Ordination**  
**Jubilee Mass on 4th May 2025**



## 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**

## Bishop's Good Samaritan

### Appeal Weekend

**Please give generously.**

**Donations are tax deductible.**

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services. This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation.



**Support our Chaplains to restore hope with merciful acts of charity and love. Thank you.**

### 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

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan