



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, 20 April 2025

“A NEW PATH LEADS THROUGH THAT EMPTY TOMB: THE PATH THAT NONE OF US, BUT GOD ALONE, COULD OPEN; THE PATH OF LIFE IN THE MIDST OF DEATH; THE PATH OF PEACE IN THE MIDST OF WAR; THE PATH OF RECONCILIATION IN THE MIDST OF HATRED; THE PATH OF FRATERNITY IN THE MIDST OF HOSTILITY.”

— POPE FRANCIS, URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE, 31 MARCH 2024.

Happy Easter to you my dear sisters and brothers! May our faith in the Risen Christ transform our lives and strengthen our connection with God and one another. Let us embrace new beginnings! Our community is overwhelmed with Easter joy as we welcome Zoe Chan, Ruby Perara, James Perara, Andy Su, Sung Kim who are newly born into our Universal Faith Community and James Perara, Annabelle Ng, Jaxon Cleaver, Harrison Williams, Andy Su, Sung Kim, Fernando Diaz who are received into full communion with our Church... What a beautiful gift to our community this Easter! I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Sr Maureen and Nazli who have prepared them for the reception of the Sacraments.

The first Easter was an incredible day, one that started with disbelief, with fear and trembling and bewilderment beside the empty tomb, and ended with astonishment, excitement and thanksgiving.

When Jesus died the hopes of the disciples and other followers died, their convictions died, indeed their faith died and they huddled in the upper room where they had celebrated the Last Supper hiding there in fear of being captured by the authorities and be subjected to torture as they had done to their Master, Jesus.

What is striking about the first Easter day is that the Church is founded not only on the proclamation of Peter that Jesus is the Messiah, but also on the testimony of the women who brought the news of the rising of Jesus! With resurrection, their faith was made strong, the dead convictions came back to life and the lost hopes were restored. It is because of the resurrection; the disciples came out of the locked room with courage and tenacity to lay down their lives. Jesus is the Lord of the living and the dead. St Paul says that “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day - also according to the Scriptures.

Brother and Sisters in faith - The resurrection is the most important thing that we believe in as Christians. The resurrection is the centre of our faith, it is the foundation of our Christian experience, and it is the goal towards which our lives move. We are promised that what we believe will make a difference to us --- And indeed it does....

A story is told that in Russia a few years ago, a railway worker accidentally locked himself in a refrigerator car. Unable to escape or to attract attention, he resigned himself to his fate. As he felt his body becoming numb, he took a pencil out of his pocket and recorded the story of his approaching death. He scribbled on the walls of the car: " I am becoming colder... still colder... I am slowly freezing... half asleep - these may be my last words. When the car was opened the man was found dead, but the temperature of the car was only about 56 degrees. Officials found that the freezing mechanism was out of order and that there was plenty of fresh air available. Although there was no physical reason that they could find for the man had died. It was concluded that he had died because he had believed that he would die.

We live in a world that is not quick to believe. There are so many things which occupy our thoughts and time: preoccupations and running after fame, power, importance and inordinate desire to have massive wealth or sophistications that do not lend themselves to belief in God. Many of the worldly things keep people locked into themselves which destroy true freedom, defeat growth in virtue and blind one to eternity.

My friends, what we believe to be true affects us to the core of your being, it shapes us and makes us what we are, it either blesses us because it opens you up to the power of God, or it afflicts you because it blinds you to what you could be and what God is trying to do for you. Let us not look for Jesus in the empty tomb, but in Galilee in the love and service of our ordinary day to day lives...

I would like to draw your attention to the Divine Mercy Sunday On 27th April and encourage you to participate in the celebrations marked with Eucharistic Procession and the Solemn Mass and fellowship. During this Jubilee year of Hope, this feast confers on us a special grace.

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

℟: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **℟**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **℟**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **℟**

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

There will be a special Monday morning Mass on 21st April at 9.15 am: 40th Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination



NEXT SVDP CONFERENCE MEETING

on Tuesday 22nd April at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room
New members are welcome.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Friday 23rd May 2025

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



Divine Mercy Sunday on 27th April 2025

Programme starts at 1.30pm
Eucharist procession at 2.15pm
Divine Mercy Solemn Mass at 3pm

FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP: Please bring a plate.

Volunteers Needed: Altar servers, readers, canopy bearers, PowerPoint operator, people to assist in crowd control, children to hold the picture of our Blessed Virgin Mary during procession etc.

To volunteer please provide your name and contact details on the list at the back of the Church.



Jubilee Celebration Holy Mass of Fr Vincent Savarimuthu 4th May 2025 at 10am

Followed by FELLOWSHIP LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL: Please Bring a plate.

For any enquires please contact:

Nancy 0434 541 287

Barbara 0417 084 659

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Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Romualdo Soriano
Romenda McGregor
Pia Ylagan
Kaz Seremet

Recently Deceased

Honorine Rosario
John Rodrigues
Robert Kairuz

Anniversaries

John Garbaro
Howard Family

PARISH ROSTERS

26/27 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>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Oscar G	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Thomas Russo Sophie Russo	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Glenys Oxlee Helen Wong	Maya R Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores	Patrick Edouard-Betsy		
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Jessica Tapiador Lynette Rodrigues	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga	Lawn and Garden	Robert Spinetti	

3/4 May 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>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Mark Salter	Sue Farrugia Len Farrugia	Harriet S	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows	Thess Davidson & Family	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Daniela M Tara C	Lina Flores Helen Wong	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues		
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Sam Markarian Marco Tapiador	Avril L	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Children's Liturgy	Sunday 4/05/2025 at 10am	

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: 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.

FaithLIFE Theology Short Course:

Wednesdays in May

Considering learning about theology?
Interested in faith seek understanding?

Looking to learn more about the
Jubilee Year of Hope?

Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Alison Ryan from MET on Wednesdays 7 + 14 + 21 May:

For more information, or to register please head to our website: parracatholic.org/faithlife



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

Thank You for Supporting our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal Catholic Care's chaplaincy services.

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned.

All donations received will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness.



If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal. 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

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