

# Weekly Bulletin

**Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, 11 May 2025**

**“LISTEN FOR GOD’S VOICE IN EVERYTHING YOU DO AND EVERYWHERE YOU GO;  
HE IS THE ONE THAT WILL KEEP YOU ON TRACK.”**

**— PROVERBS 3: 6**

Today is the 4th Sunday of Easter and it is commonly known as “Good Shepherd Sunday,” a day in which the Church recalls the relationship between God and His people as described in the image of Shepherd and Sheep. Each year, the Gospel Reading of today is chosen from Chapter 10 of St. John's Gospel, where Jesus speaks of himself as the “Good Shepherd.” In recent times, this day has also become known as “Vocations Sunday,” a day when our Church prays especially for new shepherds and pastors to lead the Christian communities.

The image of a shepherd brings home a few strong messages: As described in the Old Testament, a shepherd spends his whole life with his sheep, taking care of them, raising them, loving them, healing them and most of all, protecting them from all harm. These are the qualities of an original shepherd. As Jesus claims that He is the good shepherd, we can instantly identify the above qualities in Him and there is no doubt that He is the Good Shepherd par excellence. I would like to focus today on the responsibility of the ‘sheep’ in reply to what the good shepherd does to them. What stands out is ‘listening to the voice of the good shepherd and not to the voice of the fake ones. The sheep are easily taught and conditioned to listen only to their master. They learn the voice of their shepherd as it was a common practice for shepherds to regularly speak to their sheep as most of us do to our pets today. Once the sheep became used to the shepherd’s voice, they would turn and follow him whenever he called and wherever he led them. So, it is with us. If we are familiar with the voice of God speaking to us in various ways, we would be able to follow Him even unknowingly.

*Two old acquaintances, who had not seen each other for years, were walking down the street together, renewing old times.*

*"Just a minute," said one, "I think I hear something," and turning a loose paving stone over he liberated a cricket which was chirping merrily away.*

*"Why, that's astounding. Of all the people on the street at this hour, hurrying from work, you alone hear the cricket above all the traffic noises."*

*"My friend," said the first. "I learned a long time ago that people hear in life only what they want to hear. Now, the noise of traffic has neither increased nor decreased in the past few moments, but watch." And as he finished speaking, he let a silver half dollar fall from his pocket to the sidewalk. Everyone within an amazingly large hearing distance stopped and looked around"- Anonymous*

This begs the question, “what are we most familiar with?” As we spend time with God in praying and reading the Scriptures and learning His language, tone of voice every day, we will be able to hear and listen to His voice even in the midst of the hums and drums of our lives. We can be busy with our daily chores, and still recognize His voice talking to us and we will be able to follow. The truth is that He speaks to us not only at prayer and worship, but also through our family members, friends, colleagues, office mates, co-workers, strangers, nature, and even in simple but powerful ways.

There are so many voices ‘wooing’ our attention today; some are good and some are not so good. We are pressured by the voice of the media, consumeristic and techno culture, love of money, a desire for recognition and so much more. There are powerful influences and whether we want to believe it or not, they do affect us to the extent of silencing the voice of God. In the challenges, opportunities, and decisions of our life and our work we need God’s guidance and to sense his loving presence with us. Let the voice of the Good Shepherd grab our attention so that we can follow.

**God’s blessings**

**Fr. Vince**

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
alleluia.

## First reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm: 99:1-3, 5

**R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R**

## Second reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: John 10:27-30

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

## Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## "Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV.

The Diocese of Parramatta joins the universal Church in joyful celebration of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA as the 267th successor to St Peter – with the papal name Pope Leo XIV.

We pray for Pope Leo XIV whom God has chosen to be a shepherd of the people of God, that he may receive an abundance of the Holy Spirit and confirm the faith and hope of us all.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Fr Vincent's 40th Ordination Anniversary Celebration

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With heartfelt gratitude I offer my profound thanks to each one of you for making my 40th anniversary of my priestly ordination memorable.

It was a grand occasion to celebrate the Holy Mass with 2 of my long standing brother Priests from India. This solemn celebration before a packed Church was overwhelming. I deeply appreciate each one of you for being a part of this thanksgiving celebration. Thanks to St Mary's for organising the children to be a part of the celebrations. My heartfelt thanks to the team from Holy Name of Mary who beautifully decorated the hall & organized the delicious international meal. Thanks to everyone who brought a plate and added flavour to the fellowship. My special thanks to my friends from my previous Parishes and Tamil Chaplaincy. Thanks to everyone for your thoughtful gifts. Let's build up our parish into a community of faith, love and justice. God's blessings, Fr Vince.



### Let us pray for the...

#### *Wellbeing & Health*

Romualdo Soriano  
Romenda McGregor  
Pia Ylagan  
Kaz Seremet

#### *Recently Deceased*

Pope Francis  
Selvanayagi John  
Honorine Rosario  
John Rodrigues

#### *Anniversaries*

Ernesto Velasquez Sr.  
Victoria Pustaj

## PARISH ROSTERS

### 17/18 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>                  |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u> | Ben Garcia                | Sr Maureen<br>Lynette Rodrigues   | Harriet S<br>Zachary C | Susan Boulos<br>Kathy Saad       | Francis Mathew            | Marthe<br>Nalletamby      | Lily Hon<br>O.Ham<br>Maria Greenfield |
| <u>Sun 8.00am</u>       | Anne Fernando             | Daniel Cakarun<br>Jodie MacGregor | Maya R<br>Tara C       | Barbara Rosario<br>Michael Clark | Frank Camilleri           | Jing Tapiador             |                                       |
| <u>Sun 10.00am</u>      | Glenys Oxlee              | Khush Jilla<br>Nada Coorey        |                        | Sheila Tapiador<br>Elaine Gade   | <u>Children's Liturgy</u> | Sunday 18/05/2025 at 10am |                                       |

### 24/25 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>        |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u> | Jenny Hendry              | Sue Farrugia<br>Len Farrugia    | Oscar G                                      | Sr Maureen<br>Sue Farrar               | Francis Mathew                   | Sue Galletto             | Therese Ball<br>Lesley Long |
| <u>Sun 8.00am</u>       | Lindsay Keur              | Ron Della Vedova<br>Rozz Morris | Maya R<br>Cristian A                         | Michael Clark<br>Lina Flores           | Geoff Rosario<br>Barbara Rosario |                          |                             |
| <u>Sun 10.00am</u>      | Delilah Rodrigues         | Lorna Argal<br>Linda Tsang      | Ava E<br>Isabella C<br>Tashnie W<br>Tashen W | Lynette Rodrigues<br>Dominic Rodrigues | <u>Lawn and Garden</u>           | Michael Clark            |                             |



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



*I wish every mother of our community (young and old)  
a "Happy Mother's Day"!  
As someone said, "To the world you are a Mother, but to  
your family you are the World". Enjoy your day in the  
company of your family, friends, colleagues!  
God's Blessings, Fr Vince.*

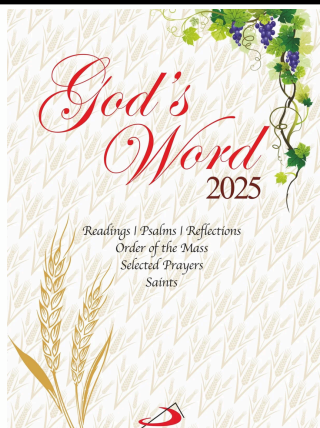
## GOD'S WORD 2025

Available this  
weekend  
in the Parish:

**\$20 each,  
limited stock.**

Proceeds go to charity.

**Thank you for your  
support.**



## **"RYDALMEN"**

*Building up fellowship among men of different age brackets*

**Meets on The Third Thursday of every Month**

**Where:** Parish Meeting Room

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

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

**Next Meeting:** 15 May 2025

**Discussion Point:** Forgiveness—Have you ever forgiven someone harsh  
to you?

## **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.**

## **Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal**

**Weekend 17-18 May 2025**

**Please give generously.**

**Donations are tax deductible.**



## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**Friday 23 May 2025**

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

## **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**  
**Catechists Coordinator**  
**Childrens Liturgy Coordinator**  
**Lectors Coordinator**  
**Senior Server Coordinator**  
**Finance Chairman**  
**St Vincent De Paul President**  
**Rydalmen Coordinator**  
**Social Celebrations Coordinator**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Chair**

**Lynette Rodrigues**  
**Diane O'Shea**  
**Allison Markarian**  
**Glenys Oxlee**  
**Anton Massillamany**  
**Ron Della Vedova**  
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**Mark Bannister**  
**Nancy Grugan**  
**Allison Markarian**

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**Principal:** Mr. Paul Ryan