

Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, 25 May 2025

**“FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT EATING AND DRINKING,
BUT RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**

— ROMANS 14:17

Billy, a young man and only son from a wealthy family was about to graduate from high school. It was the custom in that affluent neighbourhood for the parents to give the graduate an automobile. Billy and his father had spent months looking at cars, and at last a week before graduation, they found the perfect car.

On the eve of graduation, Billy's father handed him a gift-wrapped Bible. Billy was so angry that he threw the Bible down and stormed out of the house. He and his father never saw each other again. It was the news of his father's death that brought Billy home again.

As he sat one night going through his father's possessions that he was to inherit, he came across the Bible his father had given him. He brushed away the dust and opened it to find a cashier's check, dated the day of his graduation – in the exact amount of the car they had chosen together. Billy was stunned and sat there with his mind shattered. His father had kept the promise.

God, our Father also has promised us the riches of heaven through His Son Jesus Christ. God always keeps His Promises. In the gospel of this Sunday, Jesus promises two wonderful gifts: Holy Spirit (Divine Dwelling) and Peace. Jesus knew for certain that the journey of the disciples was not going to be a smooth ride. They might have to encounter troubles, predicaments, persecutions etc, in their ministerial life. Foreseeing that they might feel dejected or afraid, Jesus promised them to send an Advocate to teach them, to defend them, to comfort them and to intercede for them. We read from the Scriptures how wonderfully the disciples felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives even to the point of sacrificing themselves. Here is the challenge for us to keep our baptismal promises and our commitment to marriage or Holy Orders or any life of our choice. Because, the same Spirit is gifted to every one of us, the Spirit of God motivates us to build 'God's Kingdom' in our midst.

The second gift is peace, the desperate need of today's world. In one of the masses with the year 3 children, I asked about their understanding of peace. A few came out with the answers of caring, forgiving and loving one another. It was great that they understand the nuances or dimensions of peace that Jesus is talking about in the gospel. Peace is not the absence of war. It is the presence of something real and tangible. It is something we can experience, and it results from having our relationships the way they ought to be. The gift of Peace from Jesus involves inner peace, the peace of having God with us in our walks through life. Jesus' peace is not just on the surface; it is not just a feeling of pleasure. It is something deep down which can be there even in times of hardship and suffering. The peace that He gives is the spiritual serenity and certainty that comes from harmony and profound communion with God and His saving will.

In every Mass, we acknowledge and greet one another with the same words of Jesus, "peace be with you". But how long do we carry that sentiment in our hearts and in our actions? Maybe not long, if a parish parking lot after Mass is any indication. Or the grocery store line. Or work-related irritants. Or in conversations that involve mean comments about another.

How can I take that peace that Jesus gives to me and pass it on? It is in the small things and the large things. I can let other cars go in front of me in that exodus from the church parking lot. I can be friendly to the grocery store clerk and see her as a person, not just a means to getting my errands done. When I am irritated, I can take a deep breath and think of peace as a way to temper my conversations.

As we can see in the world around us, peace requires continual action. We can start small and bring peace to the corner of the world. We can pray for peace in every corner of the world. We pray for peace. We pray for God's grace to help us find God in all things and be peacemakers in every way we can. (Sources from Fr Albert Lakra and Carol Zuegner are duly acknowledged)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm: 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

Second reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give,

this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that

I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

National Volunteers' Week

Thank you to all our volunteers!

We pray for all who volunteer in our parish, Archdiocese, community and country, that their generosity of spirit will bring hope to others.

Congratulations



Congratulations to the 34 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 23 May 2025. Thank you to Lynette Rodrigues and her team for preparing the children for the sacrament.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025

FORMS FOR SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

COMPLETED FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED
BY 19TH MAY 2025

SACRAMENT DATES:

FIRST RECONCILIATION: THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: SUNDAY 21 SEPT – 12PM

THANK YOU.

Lynette Rodrigues - Sacramental Coordinator

"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: 19 June 2025

FUNERAL OF SHIRLEY JUNE LAZARUS

The funeral for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner **Shirley June Lazarus** will be on **Tuesday 27th May at 11am.**

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.

Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Brue Moore
Romenda McGregor
Pia Ylagan
Kaz Seremet

Anniversaries

Domenic Alvaro Anni
Antonietta Bruzzese
Caterina Bruzzese
Basil Massillamany
Sylvie Massillamany

Frank Moio
Teresa Procopio
Cyril Rodrigues
Florence Rodrigues
Arockiamary Savarimuthu

Recently Deceased

Shirley June Lazarus
Romualdo Soriano
Yosep Benny Kossim

PARISH ROSTERS

31 May /1 Jun 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	Anne-Marie Hawkins Lynette Rodrigues	Harriet S	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Sheila Tapiador	Monica Jung	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Christopher Younis	Barbara Rosario Anton Fernando	Daniela M Tara C	Barbara Rosario Michael Clark	Marthe Nalletamby		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Eddie Appleby	Khush Jilla Julia Tapiador	Avril L	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	<u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Sunday 1/06/2025 at 10am	

7/8 June 2025

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<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Eric Flores	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Cristian A Jemma L	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Sheila Tapiador	Susan Boulous & Family	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Jensen M Judah M	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores	Bill O'Shea		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Delilah Rodrigues	Astrid Kossim Joseph Andrews	Theo M Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

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 June - 11:30am

Saturday 19 July - 6:30pm

Sunday 17 August - 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.**

Pentecost Scripture Reflection

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life?

How can Scripture stretch our imagination when
comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit?

Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture
Reflection Evening with Dr Deborah Snoddy
on Wednesday 28 May at 6:30- 8:30pm.

RSVP via:

parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night

or

get in touch with the team
via 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 held on:
Wednesday 25 June 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

For more details please contact:

Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016

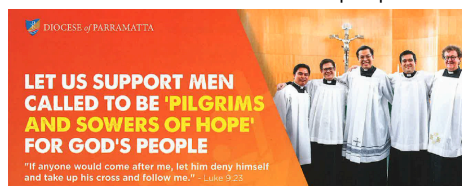
Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

Please give generously.

Donations are tax deductible.

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians.

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's
people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith
and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and
love in the hearts of God's people.



Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd 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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