



# Weekly Bulletin

## Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, 4 May 2025

**"IT'S FINE TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS BUT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO HEED THE LESSONS OF FAILURE."**

— BILL GATES

*Quite at the outset, I would like to extend my gratitude and love to every one of the organizing team, musicians, the bearers of the canopy, handle bearers, senior and junior servers, florists, PowerPoint presenter and participants from Tamil Chaplaincy who made the feast of the Divine Mercy prayerful and meaningful. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who brought a plate and shared it with everyone after the celebration. I am thankful to the Lord for bringing us together as a community of faithful in bearing witness to His boundless mercy.*

*On behalf of the parish community, I am pleased to welcome Rev Dr Raymond Joseph, Fr Jesuraj from India who are visiting Australia for a couple of weeks. May they have a pleasant and memorable experience here with us!*

Most of us have had to cope with failure in one shape or form in the course of our lives. As a young person we may have failed some examination; later in life some relationship that was important to us may have broken down or a project that we put a lot of ourselves into may have come to nothing. We will also have known moments of personal failure, when we failed to live up to our own values. The experience of failure can sometimes be quite devastating; we may find it hard to pick ourselves up from it. Yet, we have to find ways of moving on from it; we cannot allow it to define us. It is never the whole story.

The story we have just heard in this morning's gospel reading is set within the context of failure. The group of disciples who went fishing in the dark of night caught nothing. These were experienced fishermen who knew the Sea of Galilee well, and yet their labours that night proved to be fruitless. That experience of professional failure had followed on from a moment of great personal failure for all of them. Having left their nets and their boats to follow Jesus, having spent time in his company, they deserted him just as he began to enter into his final journey, his passion and death. Simon Peter had denied Jesus very publicly three times. After this traumatic experience of personal failure, the only option open to them was to go back to their fishing. Yet, they seemed to have lost the ability to do even that well.

This story of failure begins to take a turn for the better with the statement of the evangelist, 'It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore'. Jesus, whom they had deserted, was standing by them. Today's gospel assures us that at times of failure the Lord stands on the shore of our lives. As risen Lord he is constantly coming to renew the communion that we may have broken with him. He calls us to his table, even when we have denied or deserted him. As he does so, he asks us the question that matters most to him, 'Do you love me?' It is a question that invites us to put the Lord first in our lives, to make our relationship with him our primary relationship. The living out of that relationship will always involve feeding the Lord's flock, caring for others, especially in their moments of greatest vulnerability. His invitation to Peter, 'Feed my lambs; feed my sheep' is addressed to us all. We have a pastoral responsibility for each other.

His first words to them were not accusing words. Rather he spoke to them as fishermen, initially asking a question and then making a suggestion that resulted in a huge catch of fish. This turn for the better in their fortunes as fishermen was a prelude to a turn for the better in their fortunes as disciples. The risen Lord had really come to renew their discipleship rather than their careers as fishermen. When the beloved disciple identified the stranger on the shore as the Lord, Simon Peter, in particular, lost interest in the great catch of fish, jumping from the boat into the water towards the Lord. He must have sensed that his own recent failure as a disciple was not the end of the road after all.

Jesus went on to have breakfast with his disciples. With this simple gesture of sharing food with them, he showed that he wanted to remain in communion with them and was inviting them to renew their communion with him. Jesus' subsequent question to Simon Peter, 'Do you love me?' gave Peter the opportunity to renew his own personal communion with the Lord, after which the Lord conferred a new responsibility on Peter with the words, 'Feed my lambs...feed my sheep'.

Whenever we fail, we need people to stand by us. When we fail professionally, we need people who can help us to look at our situation with new eyes, who can point us in a new direction, prompting us to throw our nets to the other side of the boat, as it were. When we experience some more personal failure, we need people to stand by us all the more. At such times we value people who can help us to see that there is much more to us than our failure. We greatly appreciate those who can name the good in us that we can easily become blind to at such times. When we struggle to believe in ourselves, we often need other people to believe in us, if we are to keep going. The simple invitation from someone to share a table, 'Come and have breakfast', can mean a great deal to us when our world appears to be collapsing. Such moments of communion have a sacred quality to them; they are one expression of what we might call holy communion. Those who are present to us in this way reveal the Lord to us. (Sources duly acknowledged)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## First reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning', he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

## Responsorial Psalm: 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

**R: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the  
grave. **R**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R**

## Second reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.'

Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: John 21:1-19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

## Communion Antiphon:

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.  
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Divine Mercy Celebration



### 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

Robert Belford  
Ignace Munso  
Christine Raoul  
Ernesto Velasquez Sr.

## PARISH ROSTERS

### 10/11 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>	Eric Flores	Anne-Marie Hawkins Sr Maureen	Cristian A Jemma L	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Kathleen Burrows	Anton & Anne Fernando	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Naom Younis	Rozz Morris Michael Clark	Jenson M Judah M	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Lawrence Tsang		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Vincent Austria	Linda Tsang George Lattouf	Theo M Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Richard Corney	

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



## NEXT SVDP CONFERENCE MEETING

**on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
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)



## 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**

## 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](http://parracatholic.org/faithlife)

## 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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**Principal:** Mr. Paul Ryan