



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, 8 June 2025

THE HOLY SPIRIT TRULY TRANSFORMS US. WITH OUR COOPERATION, HE ALSO WANTS TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

— POPE FRANCIS

An old beggar lay on his deathbed. His last words were to his youngest son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips. "Dear son," he said, "I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junkyard of a rich lady." After his father's death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the boy's bowl and he was surprised to hear a familiar clinking sound. "Let me check your bowl," the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar's bowl was made of pure gold. "My dear young man," he said, "why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least thirty thousand dollars."

We Christians are often like this beggar boy who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl. We fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit living within each of us, sharing His gifts and fruits and charisms with us. For many, and mostly Generation Y, "Catholicism can feel like a locked room; for them Catholicism is 'a rigid set of prescriptions and judgments. We are inclined to think that there is only one way to be Catholic, and we feel that the Institutional church is not in touch with the current socio- cultural realities. God breaks through the locks as He did on the day of Pentecost. The hearts of the disciples were locked in with fear and anxiety within the confines of the upper room. The descent of the Holy Spirit unlocked them and opened their minds and hearts to the beginning of a new life.

The disciples became empowered to venture out with the mission of proclaiming the Good News accompanied by healing and building up inclusive communities. This is how Jesus, the embodiment of love moves in the fractured and fragile world today. He comes to heal and set us free; leading us; calling us to be 'missionaries' or agents of transformation at the micro and macro levels. The Spirit of God impels us to create an inclusive community where everyone is respected, dignified, and accepted despite the man-made divisive factors. The Spirit of God enables us to look at reality from God's perspective and invites us to re-create humanity in the context of God's compassion, peace, and justice. This process of transformation or recreation starts from our family wherein God's spirit enables a wife and husband to love enough to listen with their hearts, to discern one another's real meaning that is much deeper than the imperfect, imprecise words they "say" to one another. Listening with their hearts will surely enhance the relationship between the parents and the children. The Spirit of God invites us "to hear the voice and presence of God in the midst of the clamour and busyness, the pain and despair, of our lives, challenging us to embrace the life and love of God in our homes and hearts" and in our communities. As Pope Francis states, "The Holy Spirit truly transforms us. With our cooperation, he also wants to transform the world we live in."

"Though there is not one way to be Catholic, one Spirit fills and embraces the world. This mystical-socio-political-institutional reality is a counter-witness to the forces of discord we face: the Church, spread throughout the world. Human beings still gather to proclaim the same story in different tongues, cultures and contexts. We read from a shared Scripture and profess the same miracle: Christ is Risen.

This Pentecost, one path out from the locked room is revealed in the wisdom of Pope Francis' Spirit-led endeavour: the Global Synod, for a synodal church: participation, communion, and mission. People are opening their hearts to the Spirit and asking the questions: What have been the joys and obstacles in our journeying with the church? What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take to grow in our "journeying together?" Pentecost declares: the Spirit is poured out! Alive and pumping from the heart of the Church: renewing structures, turning ecclesial power on its head, enlarging our understanding of our baptism and our belonging as a people, loved by the Creator.

We can still go forth from locked rooms as the Spirit leads us to listen to the dreams of our elders and the prophecies of young people. The Spirit is poured out upon all flesh, and wisdom is given in abundance, helping all to see, hear and understand what is said. Let us invoke the Holy Spirit to lead our families, community, and the entire creation in the context of God's Kingdom! (Sources: A Sampler Connections; Reflections U.S. Catholic)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

**R: Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

Second reading: Romans 8:1-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him.

Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to 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.

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.



PARISH SURVEY

YOUR PARISH YOUR VOICE

The Parish Council Committee has created a survey to get your valuable feedback.

We would love to hear what we are doing right, how we can improve your experience and how you would like to get involved.

The Parish Council Committee will collate the feedback received and meet with Fr Vincent to discuss and action.

There are boxes at the back of the Church to place your completed survey. Many thanks!



SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT DATES:

FIRST RECONCILIATION: THURSDAY 26 JUNE – 6:30PM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

“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

Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Margaret
Bruce Moore
Romenda McGregor
Pia Ylagan
Kaz Seremet

Recently Deceased

Lorna Failagao Deddeh

Anniversaries

Catherine Veronica

PARISH ROSTERS

14/15 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>	Lynette Rodrigues	Leah Garcia Eli Ogrizek	Harriet S Zachary C	Sr. Maureen Sue Farrar	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Anton Massillamany	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Marie Lyons	Anne Marie Lyons Glenys Oxlee	Maya R Tara C	Lina Flores Michael Clark	Evelyn Noviza	Vartguess Markarian	
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Vartguess Markarian	Cynthia Oscar Jessica Tapiador		Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	<u>Lawn and Garden</u> <u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Romeo Urqueza Sunday 15/06/2025 at 10am	

21/22 June 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>	George Davidson	Sue Farrugia Len Farrugia	Oscar G	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Pierre Salomon	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Naom Younis	Michael Clark Anton Fernando	Maya R Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Michael Clark	Tyrone Wiratunga		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	George Lattouf Lynette Rodrigues	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W Tashen W	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: Sunday 22 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.**

Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting two retreat opportunities for adults
of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope.
Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience
a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection,
renewal and encounter with God.

Registrations are now open.

**For more details and to register, see the two options
of retreats below:**

August 16: parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/

November 15: parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/



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

Vinnie's Winter Appeal 2025

**THIS WINTER,
HELP PEOPLE BREAK FREE FROM THE
CYCLE OF POVERTY AND
HOMELESSNESS.**

**The Vinnie's Winter Appeal Weekend
will be held on**

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June 2025

Donations are tax deductible.

Please give generously. Thank you.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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