



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Sunday, 29 June 2025

“GOD HAS SET THEM LIKE TWIN LIGHTS OF EYES IN THAT BODY WHOSE HEAD IS CHRIST.”

This Sunday we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, two of the most important figures in the history of the Church. As leaders, they spread the message of Jesus and helped build the early Christian community. Both are remembered as apostles who gave their lives for their faith. The Church celebrates them together because of their deep connection in bearing witness to Jesus.

The first reading describes how God miraculously saved Peter from Herod's prison. The responsorial psalm applies to Peter's liberation from prison as well as to Paul's temporary reprieve. Both are examples of how God hears the Church's prayers for help in time of need. The second reading is part of Paul's farewell discourse in which the apostle looks back on his career (I have finished the race) and looks forward to his eternal reward (the crown of righteousness). Today's gospel gives Jesus' blessing of Simon Peter as the recipient of the revelation about his true identity (the Christ, the Son of the living God) and the promise to build his church on Peter as its rock.

We attribute various qualities to God, He is the creator, He is the provider, protector, and He is love and so on. Today's readings highlight two prominent attributes of God, God is faithful, God delivers. Deliverance is another name for God. Jesus came to set us free. Free from all that prevents us from living life in abundance. God's desire for every one of us is fullness of life. Most of the obstacles we face are self created, it is up to us to demolish the blocks and allow God to work in and through us.

Jesus said that he would be with Peter and Paul, and they took him at his word even when everything seemed hopeless and devastating. The same Jesus is with each one of us and especially when we are wrestling with insurmountable trials and hopeless situations. Why do we then play with the idea that He is less faithful to us than to Peter and Paul? God is there faithfully present, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He writes our history straight with crooked lines.

A new pastor in a small town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first services. The following Sunday the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon, the notice said. Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the funeral. In front of the altar, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a 'dead church', all lined up to look in the coffin. Each mourned peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin a large mirror was tilted at the correct angle.

As 'church', we are called to bring the life of the Risen One to all things: to seek re-birth rather than condemnation, to rejoice in reconciliation rather than to moralize on the sins of the past, to accept one another as brothers and sisters rather than to isolate and dominate enemies, to work for what is best for all rather than for what is better for us. Am I committed to Jesus? Am I committed to the growth of my parish, Holy Name of Mary, Rydalmere?

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

First reading: Acts 12:1-11

*Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me
from the power of Herod.*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm: 33:2-9

R: The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R**

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon:

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

This weekend 28/29 June 2025

Support the charitable works of the Holy Father



HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL
PETER'S PENCE 2025

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father is held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.

Thank you for supporting this important initiative.

Please donate generously.

Donations can be made via:

www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal

or by calling: 1800 753 959



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 HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT DATES:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: SATURDAY 20 SEPT – 5:30PM

SUNDAY 21 SEPT – 12PM

"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: 17 July 2025

Wellbeing & Health

George Asic

Cristina Assuncao

Maree Buttenshaw

Romy Pena

Margaret

Bruce Moore

Romenda McGregor

Pia Ylagan

Kaz Seremet

Alexander Velasquez

Al Alam Family

Younis Family

Let us pray for the...

Recently Deceased

John Thomas Brown

Maria Nguyen

Paul Thambyah

Anniversaries

George Abraham

Stanley Crase

Salome Angon Velasquez

PARISH ROSTERS

5/6 July 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	Lynette Rodrigues Eli Ogrizek	Cristian A Jemma L	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows	Thess Davidson and Family	Therese Ball Lesley Long
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Michael Majoor	Ron Della Vedova Helen Wong	Jensen M Judah M	Helen Wong Lina Flores	Lawrence Tsang		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Lynette Rodrigues	Nada Coorey Linda Tsang	Theo M Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues			

12/13 Jul 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	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Harriet S Zachary C	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Tuti Sugita	Anton & Anne Fernando	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anthony Wong	Anne Marie Lyons Rozz Morris	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Marthe Nalletamby		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Khush Jilla Julia Tapiador		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	<u>Lawn and Garden</u> <u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Richard Corney Sunday 13/07/2025 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: 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.**

Catholic Creative Retreat for Women

Rouse Hill: 5 July

Join us for a refreshing Catholic Creative Retreat
where we'll explore the beauty of brush lettering
and the power of creativity in prayer.

Held on 5 July from 12:30pm,
concludes with 5:30pm Mass

at Our Lady of the Angels Parish Rouse Hill:
1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville.

(Fee applies)

Registrations are now open:

tinyurl.com/4t38n2c9



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:
Thursday 31 July 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

For more details please contact:

Nazli Guler on **0426 243 016**

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/

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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