



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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**OUR OWN BELIEF IS THAT THE RENOVATION OF THE WORLD
WILL BE BROUGHT ABOUT ONLY BY THE HOLY EUCHARIST.**

— POPE LEO XIII

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This special Feast is celebrated in remembrance of Jesus who gave His life for our salvation and commanded us to celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in his memory. The Feast owes its existence to Blessed Juliana of Liege, who began a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in around 1230. Largely through her insistence, in 1264 Pope Urban IV commanded its observance by the universal church. The Feast sums up three important confessions about our Faith. First is that God became physically present in the person of Christ, True God and True Man. Secondly, God continues to be present in His people as form the Mystical Body of Christ in his church. And thirdly, the presence of God under the form of bread and wine is made available to us on the altar at Mass and preserved there for our nourishment and worship. (Fr. Eugene Lobo S.J)

No family event goes without a meal and a drink which is a cause for great joy and happiness. We share the meals, tell our stories with each other and we create memories. Family meals have a tremendous transforming power which cannot be ignored, or dismissed or underestimated. Jesus was very fond of eating and celebrating. There are many times in the gospels where we are told that he sat and ate with people. He sought out and ate with those who were despised and excluded; the tax collectors, the sick and the poor. This became such a feature of his daily life that some of the Pharisees and Scribes even said, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them'. The story of the multiplication of bread is not a lakeside family picnic but rather a story about a mind -boggling gathering of people who live in chaos and whose daily fare was hardly more than a subsistence serving of food. Jesus ministers to all their needs with a warm welcome, uplifting teaching, compassionate healing, and sufficient physical nourishment for everyone without food to spare 12 full baskets. This is what Eucharist is all about: Eucharist is the place where we are welcomed by the Lord. Eucharist is where the word of hope is shared with us. Eucharist is where we gather in the brokenness for healing. And Jesus gives himself as a gift to every one of us. As Pope Francis said, "The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak". The Eucharist is a food gifted for us which becomes the food for our soul and life and thereby Jesus becomes the centre of our hearts. When Jesus is in our hearts, we are changed and we become the body of Christ. As the Church, the People of God, we are the Body of Christ. And we have to become the body of Christ, the Eucharist for one and another. The words of St. Augustine, an early church writer echoes down through the centuries to us; 'Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are, the Body of Christ. When we say 'amen' we are saying, yes, I believe this is the Body and Blood of Jesus and I will become the Body of Christ for others.

The miracle of the multiplication is an act out of the ordinary and astonishing. Many wonder if Jesus truly multiplied the loaves, or if the miracle was the sharing of goods already present with all gathered. Whatever it may be, in these days as we face violence, war, crimes, illness, scarcity of food and basic needs in many countries, the greater miracle would be to trust God enough to share our goods, fullness, littleness, or even our weakness with our sisters and brothers. Then we will marvel that we belong to each other as St Mother Theresa used to say. We need to work at being together and to keep reminding ourselves of the why. On this great Church feast, may we not only receive the Body and Blood of Christ in faith, may we also realise deeply that we are the Body of Christ in and for the world today. (Sources are duly acknowledged)

*The story is told about two brothers working together on the family farm. One was married and had a large family. The other was single. At the day's end, the brothers shared everything equally – harvest and profit. Then one day the single brother said to himself, "It's not right that we should share the harvest and the profit equally. I'm alone and my needs are simple." So, each night he took a sack of grain from his storage and brought it into his brother's storage. Meanwhile, the married brother said to himself, "It's not right that we should share the harvest and the profit equally. After all, I'm married and I have my wife and children to look after me in years to come. My brother has no one, and no one to take care of his future." So, each night he took a sack of grain and dumped it into his single brother's storage. Both men were puzzled for years because their supply of grain never dwindled. Then one dark night the two brothers bumped into each other. Slowly it dawned on them what was happening. They dropped their sacks and embraced each other. **"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others"** - Pope John Paul II*

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine;
he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced
this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High
for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm: 109:1-4

**R: You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**

The Lord’s revelation to my Master:

‘Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.’ **R**

The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. **R**

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you. **R**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **R**

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
are proclaiming the death of the Lord.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn
passed on to you: that on the same night that he was
betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and
thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is
my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of
me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper,
and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’
Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat
this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his
death.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

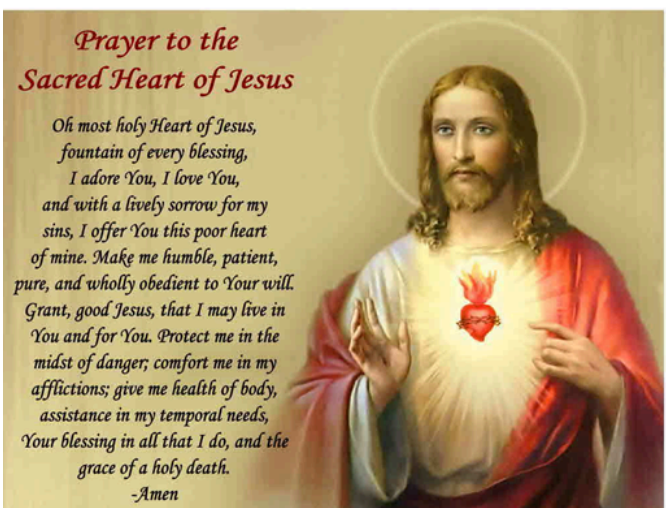
They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to
them about the kingdom of God; and he cured
those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him
and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to
the villages and farms round about to find lodging
and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He
replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’
But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves
and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy
food for all these people.’ For there were about five
thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get
them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did
so and made them all sit down. Then he took the
five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to
heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he
broke them and handed them to his disciples to
distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much
as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining
were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th
**The NATIVITY of
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Friday 27th
**The Most SACRED
HEART of Jesus**



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



**SACRAMENTS
OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION
&
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

SACRAMENT DATES:

FIRST RECONCILIATION: THURSDAY 26 JUNE – 6PM

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

SUNDAY 21 SEPT – 12PM



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!

“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

FUNERAL OF

JOHN THOMAS BROWN

The funeral for our dearly
beloved, long term
parishioner

John Thomas Brown
will be on

Tuesday 24th June at 11am.

Our deepest condolences and
prayers go out to the family.

Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Cristina Assuncao Romenda McGregor
Maree Buttenshaw Pia Ylagan
Romy Pena Kaz Seremet
Margaret Al Alam Family
Bruce Moore Younis Family

Recently Deceased

John Thomas Brown
Maria Nguyen
Paul Thambyah

Anniversaries

Nazih Ghalloub
Ferdinand De Los Reyes

PARISH ROSTERS

28/29 Jun 2025

	<u>Computer Operators</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Cleaning Ministry</u>	
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Ben Garcia	Sr Maureen Len Farrugia	Harriet S	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows	Thomas Russo Sophie Russo	Lily Hon O. Ham Maria Greenfield
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Pamela McKay	Barbara Rosario Daniel Cakarun	Daniela M Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Dominic Rodrigues Lynette Rodrigues		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Glenys Oxlee	Marco Tapiador Sam Markarian	Avril L	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade	<u>Lawn and Garden</u> <u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Robert Spinetti	Sunday 29/06/2025 at 10am

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			

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.

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



Vinnie's June Winter Appeal

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

Donations are tax deductible.

Please give generously. Thank you.

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

PARISH SCHOOLS

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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan