



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 13 July 2025

COMPASSION IS ALL INCLUSIVE. COMPASSION KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES.

COMPASSION COMES WITH AWARENESS, AND AWARENESS BREAKS ALL NARROW TERRITORIES.

- AMIT RAY

The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy reminds us that God not only gives us His commandments in Holy Scriptures but that they are also written in our hearts so that we may obey them and inherit eternal life with God. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that, just as Christ Jesus is the “visible image of the invisible God,” our neighbours are the visible image of Christ living in our midst. In the Gospel, an outcast, Samaritan recognizes the image of God in the man at the deathbed. The invisible God dwells in every human being. The Gospel is a parable...yes...but it is the lesson that counts...let us look at the victim traveller. The road to Jericho was a very dangerous, desert road; lots of caves and hiding places for robbers, miles of isolation from the safety of the law. The wise do not travel this road alone. They travel in groups, for there is strength in numbers. This traveller must either be on a most urgent journey, or he is just a fool to be traveling alone.

In a way, the traveller is like many of us, traveling through life on dangerous roads, sometimes trying to accomplish what is urgent in life, sometimes foolishly taking chances with things that can be dangerous, not just to the body, but to the soul. From another perspective, the victim is every human being, robbed of grace by the power of the Evil One, battered and lying in the dust by the folly of sin. It is the one who is robbed of one's dignity, one's value as a human being. Jericho can be any place where there is suffering and oppression. As a matter of fact, the Jericho Road may be our own home, the place where we are taking care of our mother or father, husband, or wife, or even our own children. We may find our spouse, children or parents lying “wounded” by bitter words or scathing criticism or by other more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Hence Jesus invites us to have hearts of love. What God wants more than anything is for us to show our love to others, in our own home, in the workplace, and in the neighbourhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Jesus is inviting us to have hearts of mercy for those who are being hurt or mistreated on any of the “Jericho Roads” of life.

Whenever I visit a house, I ask them a question: “Who is your neighbour and how are they?” Now, I realize that I have been asking the wrong question...the question probably should be “are you good neighbours”?

Within every society, there is fear of those who are different, who have different religions, different colour of skin, who dress differently, eat different foods, or speak different languages. The invitation of the parable is to make them neighbours. Why? Because “one's neighbour is the living image of God the Father, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, and placed under the permanent action of the Holy Spirit. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. The one who is in need of any kind is the neighbour.

One's neighbour must therefore be loved, even if he or she is an enemy, with the same love with which the Lord loves him or her.” (Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 1987). A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. We become persons in the true sense of the term by treating everyone, even the enemies with compassion.

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This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R**

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R**

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. **R**

Second reading: Colossians 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

Communion Antiphon:

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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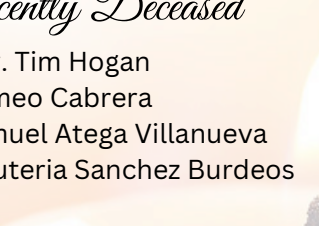
The Jews and the Samaritans during the time of Jesus hated each other. When Jesus told the story of a Samaritan helping a Jew everyone was probably shocked. A Samaritan outcast helping a Jew? Impossible! "Good Samaritan?" would have sounded like a bad joke—a contradiction in terms. The parable was an invitation for Jews to love Samaritans and Samaritans to love Jews. It is an invitation for people of all times to love their enemies—to love those they have previously hated.

Think of the Good Samaritans who have touched your lives...let us be willing to be touched by persons we have once despised. For some of us, it may be persons of another colour or race; for others, it may mean persons of a different political persuasion. For others it may be a former enemy who hurt us, abused us, or offended us. Let us pray that the Spirit of the living God may melt us, mould us, use us so that there will no longer be even one person who is untouchable or outside the boundaries of compassion. As Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations, let us strive to have the same attitude towards our brethren.

I am on my annual leave to visit my family and friends in India from next week. I have organized priests to celebrate the Masses in my absence. Kindly approach the parish office for any pastoral need and keep us in your fervent prayers. See you soon!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

Let us pray for the...			
Wellbeing & Health		Recently Deceased	
George Asic	Romenda McGregor	Rev. Tim Hogan	
Cristina Assuncao	Pia Ylagan	Romeo Cabrera	
Maree Buttenshaw	Kaz Seremet	Samuel Atega Villanueva	
Romy Pena	Alexander Velasquez	Eleuteria Sanchez Burdeos	
Margaret	Al Alam Family		
Bruce Moore	Younis Family		
Anniversaries			
		Stanley Crase	
		Emilia Camilleri	
		Anthony Vella	
		James Coughlan	
		Annie Lynch	

PARISH ROSTERS

19/20 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>	George Davidson	Sue Farrugia Len Farrugia	Oscar G	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Tuti Sugita	Marthe Nalletamby	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Lindsay Keur	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Maya R Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores	Bill O'Shea	Jing Tapiador	
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Glenys Oxlee	Astrid Kossim Joseph Andrews	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

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	<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	Leah Garcia Glenys Oxlee	Harriet S	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Tyrone Wiratung	Sue Galletto	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Christopher Younis	Jodie MacGregor Helen Wong	Daniela M Tara C	Lina Flores Helen Wong	Evelyn Noviza		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Vartguess Markarian	Cynthia Oscar Julia Tapiador	Avril L	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	<u>Lawn and Garden</u> <u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Michael Clark Sunday 27/07/2025 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.



Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Bishop Vincent and our Holy Spirit Seminary, thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raised \$2,475 which will support our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community.



NEXT SVDP CONFERENCE MEETING

on **Tuesday 15th July**
at **7pm**

in the Parish Meeting Room
New members are welcome.

"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



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**



SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT DATES:

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!

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
10am to 5pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator
Catechists Coordinator
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator
Lectors Coordinator
Senior Server Coordinator
Finance Chairman
St Vincent De Paul President
Rydalmen Coordinator
Social Celebrations Coordinator
Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Lynette Rodrigues
Diane O'Shea
Allison Markarian
Glenys Oxlee
Anton Massillamany
Ron Della Vedova
Ron Della Vedova
Mark Bannister
Nancy Grugan
Allison Markarian

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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan