



# Weekly Bulletin

**Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish**

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, 31 August 2025**

## **THE ROAD TO GOD'S HEART.**

In today's Gospel (Lk. 14, 7-14) Jesus teaches His disciples about humility and generosity. When we do not take the "choice seats," but take the lowest place, we learn to be humble.

Let us face it: We all need and want to be noticed, acknowledged, and recognized. But for some of us this need or want is so pronounced, and it becomes a lifetime passion; to be in the limelight whenever we can, every time we can.

Let us remember that no matter how hard we try, we cannot stay in the limelight or at the center stage forever. We are all just passing by. We do our part, then we move on and we are gone. One of the most basic lessons we need to learn in life – is letting go and let God be God in our lives always.

A lowly person will be blessed; a proud person will be stricken.

How true. History and current events have attested to the simple truth that it pays to be humble and lowly. In this life's journey, humility and lowliness are the road to God's heart.

For people who are obsessed to go up the ladder, the advice is: Go further. Aim high. Aim beyond the ladder. Aim for heaven! The worldly ladder can bring us to the top, above the rest, but it can be lonely up there especially when we stepped on others just to get there. Instead of climbing up the worldly ladder, let us try the stairway to heaven.

A lot of our problems and troubles could have been avoided if we learned to be humble to God and to others. When we sin, we disobey God's will because of our pride, believing that we can do without Him. When we are proud, we cut our dependence on and need for God. The road back toward God's heart is humility. Unless and until we take this road, we will not have true peace.

When we accept our failures in humility; reach out to God and to others in humility, forgive others in humility and forgive even ourselves in humility, then we are healed and we are free. As someone put it beautifully, the best calming tea is humility.

Another highly recommended tea is generosity. The greater the generosity, the deeper the serenity. Generosity, when given truly and abundantly does wonders to the peace and wellbeing of a person. Happy and blessed are the generous! When we give: give not only the peanuts and excesses in our lives, but give freely with no thought of payback, then, we learn to be truly generous and giving.

The opposite of humility are pride and selfishness. Pride and selfishness are caused by fear. The proud person is afraid of being deprived of human worth and recognition. So, he or she covers this insecurity with pride and arrogance. The greedy person is afraid of being materially deprived, so he or she covers this insecurity by getting and hoarding more. May the Lord deliver us from our fears and insecurities, and teach us to be more trusting and righteous.

"What's in it for me?" No matter how noble or how holy the things we say or do, there are always ulterior, hidden, selfish motives behind. Only in prayer can we see, accept, and purify our selfishness and pride. Let us continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance, enlightenment, and purification.

Our main goal in life is not happiness but Godliness, not reputation but character, not wealth but virtue, not fame but faith, not the approval of people but the approval of God.

Our present problem is already solved by God a long time ago! Just trust in Him, and things will be okay.

Jesus reminded us in today's Gospel that honor is not so much about money, power and position it is about hard work, humility and generosity.

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

## First reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.  
The greater you are, the more you should  
behave humbly, and then you will find favour  
with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.  
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,  
since an evil growth has taken root in him.  
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on  
parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:4-7, 10-11

**R: God, in your goodness, you have made  
a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

## Second reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

*You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city  
of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the  
senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to  
total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting  
thunder or the great voice speaking which  
made everyone that heard it beg that no more  
should be said to them.

But what you have come to is Mount Zion and  
the city of the living God, the heavenly  
Jerusalem where the millions of angels have  
gathered for the festival, with the whole Church  
in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a  
citizen of heaven. You have come to God  
himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed  
with spirits of the saints who have been made  
perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings  
a new covenant.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all  
who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the  
house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they  
watched him closely. He then told the guests a  
parable, because he had noticed how they picked  
the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone  
invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your  
seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished  
person than you may have been invited, and the  
person who invited you both may come and say,  
"Give up your place to this man." And then, to  
your embarrassment, you would have to go and  
take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest,  
make your way to the lowest place and sit there,  
so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My  
friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone  
with you at the table will see you honoured. For  
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and  
the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or  
a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers,  
relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay  
your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when  
you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back  
means that you are fortunate, because repayment  
will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

## Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the  
sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank you for being part  
of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion in 2025.  
Rydalmere Catholic Parish  
has made an extraordinary impact.

Together with hundreds of Catholic parishes  
across the country, Project Compassion raised an incredible  
\$10 million to support vulnerable communities around the world.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

### Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to:

Rydalmere Catholic Parish

## Thank you

Your generosity during Project Compassion this year  
will support our neighbours worldwide, empowering  
the most vulnerable people to build a just future for  
themselves, their families and communities.

Kudren Soyars

Caritas Australia CEO



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## IN THE MOOD TO EXERCISE? Let's DANCE!



Saturdays 9am @ St Mary's hall Rydalmere \$12  
contact Ruth 0412341112

## HAPPY FEAST DAY

Holy Name of Mary Parish and School Feast  
&  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



14th Sept 2025

Celebration of the Holy Mass at 10am.  
Followed by fellowship in the hall.  
Please bring a plate.



## PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

MY WEEKLY COMMITMENT

Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere



For those requiring a tax receipt for the last  
financial year, please write your details on the  
register located at the back of the church.

Tax receipts requested are ready  
for collection from the box located  
at the back of the church. Thank you.

## "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: 18 Sep. 2025



## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES:

SATURDAY 20 SEPT - 5:30PM

SUNDAY 21 SEPT - 12PM

## Wellbeing & Health

George Asic  
Cristina Assuncao  
Maree Buttenshaw  
Al Alam Family  
Younis Family  
Lorna Lagarto  
Romy Pena  
Margaret

Bruce Moore  
Romenda McGregor  
Kaz Seremet  
Sheila Tapiador  
Alexander Velasquez  
Alan Tracy Villarosa  
Pia Ylagan

## Let us pray for the...

## Recently Deceased

## Anniversaries

Cedric Aboud  
Thelma Aboud  
Maurice Aboud  
Sol Abraham  
Robert Bobadilla  
Violeta Corona  
Madeleine Dardanne  
Philippe Dardanne  
Sophie Raoul  
Leo Keegan  
Teresa Alvaro  
Frank Talia

# PARISH ROSTERS

## 06/07 Sept 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	Anne-Marie Hawkins Eli Ogrizek	Harriet S Zachary C	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Tuti Sugita	Thess Davidson & Family	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick Maria Dowling Rozz Morris
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anthony Wong	Ron Della Vedova Anton Fernando	Maya R Tara C	Lina Flores Helen Wong	Marthe Nalletamby		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Vartguess Markarian	Lorna Argal Linda Tsang		Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	<u>Children's Liturgy</u>	Sunday 07/09/2025 at 10am	

## 13/14 Sept 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>	Jenny Hendry	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Oscar G	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Tuti Sugita	Anton Fernando Anne Fernando	Lily Hon O. Ham Maria Greenfield
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Lindsay Keur	Jodie MacGregor Glenys Oxlee	Maya R Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Bill O'Shea		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Khush Jilla Julia Tapiador	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Richard Corney	



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

**Next Weekend**



**Your thoughtful gift and prayerful support are gestures of love for our priests – our spiritual fathers who faithfully serve our Western Sydney and Blue Mountains community.**

With your prayers and support, you can help our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team provide our ageing clergy with the personal, professional and practical care they need to transition into the next chapter of their ministry.

This ongoing assistance includes independent living, aged care or nursing home accommodation for frail priests, as well as meals, transport and medical care when needed.

**Let us care for our spiritual fathers, just as they care for us, by giving generously. Let us keep our priests in our prayers, just as they keep us in theirs. Thank you.**



## 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!**



## **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: Friday 26 September 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room**

For more details please contact:

**Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016**

**or Jessica Tapiador on 0403 201 252**

## **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 21 September - 11:30am**

**Saturday 18 October - 6:30pm**

**Sunday 30 November - 11:30am**

**Sunday 21 December - 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.**

## 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

<b>Sacramental Coordinator</b>	Lynette Rodrigues
<b>Catechists Coordinator</b>	Diane O'Shea
<b>Childrens Liturgy Coordinator</b>	Allison Markarian
<b>Lectors Coordinator</b>	Glenys Oxlee
<b>Senior Server Coordinator</b>	Anton Massillamany
<b>Finance Chairman</b>	Ron Della Vedova
<b>St Vincent De Paul President</b>	Ron Della Vedova
<b>Rydalmen Coordinator</b>	Mark Bannister
<b>Social Celebrations Coordinator</b>	Nancy Grugan
<b>Parish Pastoral Council Chair</b>	Allison Markarian

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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