



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday, 14 September 2025

GOD ALWAYS GIVES STRENGTH; **ENOUGH TO BEAR OUR SUFFERING**

This Sunday, we are celebrating the solemn feast of the Exaltation of the Cross which recalls a historic event that proved to be extremely important in the life of the Christian church, and to underline the importance of the symbol and reality of the cross in the daily life of every Christian man or woman. We are also celebrating the feast of the Holy Name of Mary; our parish and school feast this Sunday. The invocation of the name of Mary is a powerful prayer. Hail Mary not just a name, but a supreme gift of grace to all of us, a gift of a mother who loves unconditionally, who always loves, who loves each and every one of her children given to her by God. Mother Mary is the patroness of our parish and we thank her for all her intercession for the good of our community, young and old and we pray that our parish continues to walk with Mother Mary in bearing witness to Jesus and His Kingdom. May I greet everyone of our parish, a Very Happy Feast. Come on, let us build our parish in the light of the Gospel.

Elie Wiesel was a survivor of the dreaded Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz. He wrote of his experiences in the book *The Night*. In that book he relates the harrowing story of two Jewish men and a Jewish boy hanged alongside one another. Having climbed the stairs the two adults cried, "Long live liberty," but the boy was silent. Behind Wiesel someone desperately asked, "Where is God, where is He?" The chairs the victims were standing on were kicked out from under them and the three hung there. The adults died quickly, but the boy's weight wasn't great enough to snap his neck immediately. For more than half an hour he hung there, dying in slow agony before their eyes. Again, Wiesel heard the question "Where is God now?" And standing there Wiesel heard a voice within himself answer, "Where is he? Here he is. He is hanging here on these gallows."

When Wiesel said it was God hanging on the gallows he indicated the death of his faith. Faith in God died with that hanging child. But there is another interpretation, that God suffers with those who suffer, seen most visibly in the death of Christ hanging on his own gallows, the cross. (Source: Elie Wiesel, *The Night* (1969). Reported in Moltmann, *The Crucified God* and Stott, *The Cross of Christ*).

In a world that cries with signs of destruction and defeat, we are challenged to see the great reversal that is offered in the cross. He knows in great detail the devastation caused by tragedy. He understands the pain and sorrow acquainted with grief and loss. We are not alone in our suffering; He is there for us. He is in control of our life no matter how bad things may happen. We are never out of His reach.

As someone said, "We are a religion of the cross and of all that it stood for. We do not run away from suffering and death, but rather we transform them into salvation and resurrection. We do not run away from humiliation, but rather we joyfully accept humiliation for the sake of the glory of God. We do not run away from the lowest of human beings, but rather we embrace them as other Christs."

Food for thought:

"Why is everyone here so happy except me? "Because they have learned to see goodness and beauty everywhere," said the Master. "Why don't I see goodness and beauty everywhere?" Because you cannot see outside of you what you fail to see inside."(- Anthony de Mello, S.J., *One Minute Wisdom*)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.

First reading: Numbers 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 77:1-2, 34-38

R: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R**

When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R**

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. **R**

Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;

and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

Communion Antiphon:

When I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY!

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.

THANK YOU

Our youth group bake sale was a wonderful success!

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we raised \$410.

The funds will go towards hampers for charity.

"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

40 CHILDREN WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, THEIR NAMES ARE ON THE CHAPEL WALL, PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.



Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

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

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

Recently Deceased

Rosario Garcia
Trevor Grugan

Anniversaries

Regis Edouard-Betsy
Jacky Bozic
Diane Coorey
Norman Hanna
Alston Mortier
Jaye O'Neill
Thelma Ryan

PARISH ROSTERS

20/21 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>	Thomas Russo	Leah Garcia Lynette Rodrigues	Harriet S	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Tyrone Wiratunga	Marthe Nalletamby	Therese Ball Lesley Long
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Christopher Younis	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Evelyn Noviza	Jing Tapiador	
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Glenys Oxlee	George Lattouf Joseph Andrews	Avril L	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade	<u>Children's Liturgy</u> Sunday 21/09/2025 at 10am		

27/28 Sept 2025

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<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Eric Flores	Sue Farrugia Len Farrugia	Cristian A Jemma L	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Tyrone Wiratunga	Sue Galletto	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Anne Marie Lyons Helen Wong	Jensen M Judah M	Helen Wong Lina Flores	Francis Mathew		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Lynette Rodrigues	Cynthia Oscar Jessica Tapiador	Theo M Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Michael Clark	

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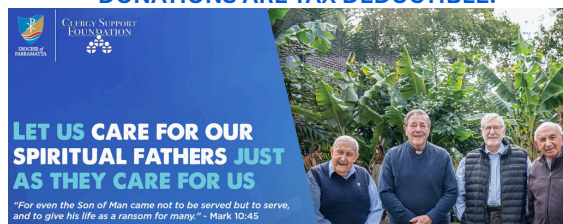


RCIA has commenced and is held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the journey through which adults prepare to enter the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more and joining the Catholic faith, please contact our RCIA Coordinators: Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016 or Jessica Tapiador on 0403 201 252.

We look forward to seeing you there.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL **FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE** **TO SUPPORT OUR AGEING CLERGY,** **DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**



LET US CARE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS JUST AS THEY CARE FOR US

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45

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. Thank you so much for your generous support of our Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. **Your generous gift provides personalised and compassionate care when our priests need it most. Thank you.**



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 announced shortly.

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

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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