



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, 2 November 2025

**"IF WE LIVE, WE LIVE FOR THE LORD; AND IF WE DIE, WE DIE FOR THE LORD.
SO, WHETHER WE LIVE OR DIE, WE BELONG TO THE LORD".**

(ROMANS 14:8)

The feast of All Souls gives us an opportunity to reflect on WHY we pray for the dead, why it is important for us as a Church to do so, and how facing the reality of death helps us clarify our faith. Most of us would recall how the devotion to the Holy Souls was very popular. People offered Masses for the Holy Souls. On All Souls Day each Priest offered three Masses, people came in great numbers for the Masses, and they visited the Church often during the day to gain indulgences by their prayers. Even today they offer Mass for their loved ones on their anniversary, birthday, Christmas and Easter. Sadly, however, prayer for the Holy Souls is not as popular as in times past. Halloween, trick or treat is perpetuated and that is what excites the young generation today. It is sad that this significant day is not imprinted in the minds of many people in the developed countries.

If I were to ask what is the best thing you can do for a loved one who has died, what would you say? A funeral to talk about them? A nice grave and headstone? A tree, plant or a beautiful flower? Have a wonderful reception? Yes, all those things are nice. But the best gift is prayer because that is the only thing that can help them on their journey to the Lord. Someone has written in his will, "Please don't spend time talking about me, spend time praying for me." Monica, the mother of St Augustine said at her deathbed, "bury me anywhere but, remember me at the Altar, for, it is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their bondages and enter into the everlasting place where 'there will be no sorrow, pain, but only joy and happiness'".

Praying for the dead is important for us as a Church. It unites us before God, and reminds us that our lives, here and now, are important. What we do matters. What the Church does matters. God has given us a community, fortified by Word and Sacrament, that, through baptism, is united with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Finally, anyone who has faced the death of someone they love has had to look at their own faith. It is often at the time of loss that we ask ourselves hard questions about our own lives, and the faith that sustains us. We know that death is real. Today's feast gives us the opportunity to reflect on the greater reality of heaven. Jesus is trustworthy when he promises that "everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

"Her husband had died a few years before, and she had a young son who was born just before his father's death. One day when her son was at a neighbour's house, she suddenly sensed her husband was speaking to her. He seemed to be telling her that their son was drowning in a swimming pool. She ran next door to the neighbour's and found her son drowning in the pool, exactly as she sensed her husband telling her. She pulled her son out of the pool, just in time to save his life".

Why does this story move us so deeply? A story about a child's life being saved is certainly moving, but this story contains something more. A dead father is still there for his child, at the moment when he is needed most.

As we profess in our Creed, we believe in the Communion of Saints and in doing so and praying for our departed sisters and brothers, we recognize that we are still connected, that we are still a community. Though we are separated by the physical world, we are still united spiritually. And the celebration of the Holy Souls enables us to live in faith and hope that death is not the final word but resurrection.

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Just as Jesus died and has risen again,
so through Jesus God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living,
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R**

Gospel: Roman 5:5-11

Having been justified by his blood, he will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, it is likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I say to you, get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE ARRIVED HOME WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER AND MAKE THIS PRAYER THROUGH OUT THIS WEEK



Heavenly Father, we ask for your mercy and grace for our sisters and brothers as they begin their journey into eternal life. Please bring them into your loving arms and grant them peace and rest. Help the families and loved ones left behind to understand that you have a plan for everyone. Help them to find peace in their time of mourning and to know that no matter what you are always with them through the pain that they may be feeling. We also pray for those who are left behind, that they would find comfort and hope in your presence and the promise of seeing their loved one again. Amen.



THANK YOU Volunteers Christmas Celebration



I look forward to meeting with our volunteers of various ministries of our parish on **Friday 7/11/2025 at 6pm** in the **Parish Hall**. It will be a golden opportunity for everyone attending to enjoy great company, good food and to get to know each other, which in turn will enhance our collaborative ministry in our community. Fr Vince
Please contact Nancy 0434 541 287 or Barbara 0417 084 659 to RSVP by 31/10/2025.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE PARISH PASTORAL
COUNCIL MEMBERS
WHO ARE BEING COMMISSIONED
NEXT SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
AT THE 10AM MASS,
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP.**

Please join the celebration and offer your special prayers for blessing, grace and virtue in their role to serve God and our community.

Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

George Asic
Cristina Assuncao
Mario Borsellino
Maree Buttenshaw
Kath Clinton
Margaret Constable
Patrick Coughlan
Al Alam Family

Younis Family
Eric Flores
Lorna Lagarto
Rey Legaspi
Bruce Moore
Romenda McGregor
Anthony D'Mello
Rosemary Romeo

Kaz Seremet
Sheila Tapiador
Hayden Thomson
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

Individual names of our beloved departed will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November. The masses throughout this month will be offered for everyone in the Book of Life.

PARISH ROSTERS

8/9 Nov 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>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Leah Garcia Michelle Acharya	Oscar G Ruby P	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Marthe Nalletamby	Thess Davidson & Family	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
Sun 8.00am	Anthony Wong	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Maya R	Helen Wong Lina Flores	Bill O'Shea		
Sun 10.00am	Lynette Rodrigues	Joseph Andrews Khush Jilla	Ava E Isabella C Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Lawn and Garden Children's Liturgy	Richard Corney	Sunday 9/11/2025 at 10am

15/16 Nov 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>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Jenny Hendry	Anne-Marie Hawkins Lynette Rodrigues	Harriet S Zachary C	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Evelyn Noviza	Anton Fernando Anne Fernando	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Lindsay Keur	Helen Wong Michael Clark	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Tyrone Wiratunga	Sophie Russo	
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Astrid Kossim Cynthia Oscar		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ZUMBA MORE THAN A CLASS A COMMUNITY



Join our Zumba Group
every Saturday 9am at
St. Mary's Hall Rydalmere \$12
Contact Ruth 0412 341 112



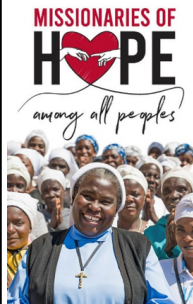
NEXT SVDP CONFERENCE MEETING

on Tuesday 4/11/2025
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: 20/11/2025



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2025

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

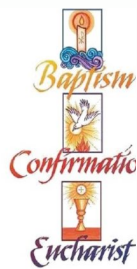
On behalf of the Church in Zambia
we would like to again thank you for your generosity.
Your gift is helping empower women, provide essential
healthcare, and bring hope to vulnerable communities.
To learn more about the impact your support is making,
please visit

catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Here, you can also sign up to our
regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.
If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at
catholicmission.org.au/mission.

Your action will make a positive impact
for many around the world.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.



RCIA has commenced and is now held
every Monday at 6pm-7pm 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.

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 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/Thu/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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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan