



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 26 October 2025

WILL WE HEAR THE CRY OF THE POOR?

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



During this Jubilee Year of Hope, our parish makes the pilgrimage to Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, NSW on Friday, 31st October. This is another golden opportunity for our parishioners to pray, reflect and deepen one's faith with the goal of receiving a plenary indulgence. This spiritual activity will surely bind us together in the love of Jesus. May I encourage our parishioners to be on the site around 10.45 am that we will start the Mass at 11 followed by rosary, benediction and fellowship.

Here below is the reflection for this Sunday shared by Daniel P. Horan (US Catholic)

Earlier this month, Pope Leo XIV issued his first apostolic exhortation titled *Dilexi Te* "On Love for the Poor." This magisterial text carries forward the spirit of Pope Leo's predecessor, Pope Francis, whose commitment to the poor was made manifest in his preaching, teaching, and actions. Like Pope Francis, Pope Leo is inspired by the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi whose embrace of evangelical poverty was both a protest against the injustice of material poverty and a sign of solidarity with those people whom society had overlooked, forgotten, or simply pushed to the margins and placed out of sight.

Pope Leo reminds us that, "The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself" (DT 9). Reiterating the church's teaching on the "option for the poor," the pope points our attention to the whole of sacred scripture that affirms God's closeness to those who suffer and who calls the comfortable and powerful to conversion for the sake of their neighbours. He writes: "From the beginning of Scripture, God's love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them. 'God's heart has a special place for the poor...The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the poor'" (DT 17).

This Sunday's readings bear witness to this truth of God's distinctive care and concern for the poor. The wisdom of Ben Sira in our first reading boldly proclaims that "The Lord is a God of justice" and, although God loves all without favourites, God "hears the cry of the oppressed." The psalmist likewise announces that "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" and that "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves."

Today, there are many who are oppressed, broken-hearted, and crushed. In an age of rampant economic inequality when a handful of people individually possess billions of dollars while millions struggle to make ends meet and provide for their families, the poor cry out to God and neighbour. Likewise, when our refugee and migrant siblings fleeing persecution, poverty, and environmental devastation are oppressed by our nation's political policies and dehumanizing treatment at our borders and also in our cities, the poor cry out to God and neighbour. And when those who do not have hardened hearts, who risk the vulnerability of compassion and the openness to mourn, are broken-hearted in the face of such injustice and pain, the poor cry out to God and neighbour.

We know from our readings today that God hears the cries of the poor and draws close to them. But the question remains, for those of us whom God has called to conversion, away from the idolatry of wealth and comfort to the solidarity of Christian discipleship: will we also hear the cries of the poor? And will we respond, when we do?

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:2-3, 17-19, 23

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



ALL SOULS DAY 2025

All Souls Day is a solemn occasion in the Catholic tradition, where we remember and pray for the souls of the faithful departed. On this day, we gather as a community to honour those who have passed, reflecting on their lives and the impact they had on us. It is a time for remembrance, prayer, and the hope of eternal life.

Photographs:

We ask you to bring a framed photo of your dearly departed (no larger than half an A4 size piece of paper - 15cm x 21cm) for inclusion in the Altar's remembrance display. All framed photos are to be brought to the Church Meeting Room no later than **5:30pm on Thursday 30 October 2025**.

Candle Ceremony:

There will be a special candle ceremony **PRIOR** to the start of each of the masses, where you will be invited to light **ONE candle per family**. The candle ceremony time for each mass is as follows:

- 5:30pm mass on Saturday, 01 November 2025 - **candle ceremony at 5:20pm**
- 8:00am mass on Sunday, 02 November 2025 - **candle ceremony at 7:50am**
- 10:00am mass on Sunday, 02 November 2025 - **candle ceremony at 9:50am**

Book of Life & Mass Intention Envelopes

You are also invited to write down the names of your loved ones in the Book of Life at the entrance of the church. Throughout the month of November, the masses will be offered for our loved ones who have gone before us. Mass intention envelopes are also available at the entrance of the church - you can complete & drop into the box provided.

Join us in prayer and remembrance of our loved ones who have gone home to be with our Creator and Saviour. In faith, we are in communion with them.

Loving God, thank you for all those who have shaped our lives in one way or other, but whom we no longer see. Help us to remember them well, and trust that they are at peace with you. **Amen**

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

"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



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.**

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

Fr Tony Jurschik
Mary Anne Dyer

Anniversaries

PARISH ROSTERS

1/2 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>
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Ben Garcia	Sue Farrugia Len Farrugia	Harriet S Zachary C	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Marthe Nalletamby	Thomas Russo	Therese Ball Lesley Long
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anthony Wony	Jodie MacGregor Anne Marie Lyons	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Tuti Sugita	Sophie Russo	
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Glenys Oxlee	Julia Tapiador Nada Coorey		Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade			

8/9 Nov 2025

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 A Parish Pilgrimage Invitation

Dear Friends in Christ, As we embrace and journey through the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are invited by the Church to renew our faith, deepen our trust in the Lord, and walk together as pilgrims of hope. This is a sacred time - a grace-filled opportunity to encounter Christ anew and to celebrate the joy of being His people.

To mark this sacred occasion, and in the spirit of this Jubilee,

I warmly invite you to join our parish pilgrimage:

Venue: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, NSW 2745

Date: Friday, 31 October 2025

Time: 11:00 am Mass (celebrated in the Family Centre), followed by Benediction.

Please bring a plate to share for lunch, as we come together in joy and community.

Pilgrimage is not only a physical journey, but a spiritual one—a chance to step away from our busy lives and draw closer to God and one another. Let us walk this path of hope together.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu & Parish Pastoral Council

RSVP & Further Information:

To help us confirm numbers and coordinate the day, please add your name and other required details to the Jubilee Year of Hope - Pilgrimage Sign Up Sheet, found on the tables at the entry to the church or Send your RSVP to Michelle Acharya at rydalmerepc@gmail.com or via mobile on 0408 809 355 by Monday, 27 October 2025.

Need A Lift:

We will have carpooling available for anyone who would like assistance getting to Mulgoa. If you'd like to join a car group or offer a seat, please contact Glenys Oxlee via email to glmaox@ozemail.com.au or via mobile on 0488 228 633.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

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 profound change on people's lives.

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: 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

PARISH SCHOOLS

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Principal: Mr. Richard Blissenden

St. Patrick's Marist College
171 Kirby Street, Dundas NSW 2117
Ph: (02) 8841 7900
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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan