Weekly Bulletin

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Sunday, 12 October 2025**

GRATITUDE IS NOT ONLY THE GREATEST OF VIRTUES, BUT THE PARENT OF ALL THE OTHERS.

- MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO

Winston Churchill loved to tell the story of the little boy who fell off a pier into deep ocean water. An older sailor, heedless of the great danger to himself, dove into the stormy water, struggled with the boy, and finally, exhausted, brought him to safety. Two days later the boy's mother came with him to the same pier, seeking the sailor who rescued her son. Finding him, she asked, "You dove into the ocean to bring my boy out?" "I did," he replied. The mother quickly demanded, "Then where's his hat?"

Out of ten who were healed of their leprosy, only one fellow returned to Jesus to thank him for what he had done to him. "It would be easy to neutralize this powerful message by emphasizing the need to be polite or the value of saying, "Thanks"—it might be tempting to re-cast this dynamic encounter as little more than a morality tale designed to instill good manners and fine behaviour.

But that would be a mistake. This passage isn't about courtesy, or civility, or the importance of being nice. This passage is about gratitude. Biblical gratitude is more than being polite. It is more than a nice gesture or a sign that your Mama raised you right.

Gratitude is about relationships. Gratitude recognizes that there is a debt to be paid; that there was an offer accepted; an invitation answered, a gift unwrapped.

Gratitude is the fundamental stance of one who knows God. The more aware we are of God's love, the more grateful we become. The more grateful we become, the more our hearts can open to an awareness of God's gifts.

Gratitude calls us to do more than give thanks. It requires us to "live thanks"—to embrace a way of life that offers hope to others. Gratitude demands that we return our gifts for God's glory and share our blessings with a broken world. Gratitude demands to forgive others by radiating the love, compassion and mercy of God.

Gratitude is a way of witnessing to the Truth. It is not always simple or easy or uncomplicated. Gratitude does not prevent pain or protect us from loss. It does not spare us from life but rather, puts our lives in a context of celebration—no matter what happens along the way.

The 10th leper returned, not because he was polite or because he simply wanted to say, "Thanks". The 10th Leper returned because he recognized the giver. He knew that he had entered a personal relationship; that he had taken on a debt; that his life was forever changed. This debt couldn't be paid by silver or gold, or even polite words, politely delivered and deeply felt. Rather, this debt required a public witness to God's goodness; a celebration; and an entire life given back in gratitude"-

The man who was returned to thank Jesus was an outsider in the Jewish community. Socially, physically and religiously he was castigated from the community, and they were treated like the monsters stripped of even the basic human dignity. Jesus embraced these 'outsiders' and made them a part of the 'insiders'.

Every society, every group, has outsiders. How a group sees and treats outsiders is the clearest indicator of the values the group is based on. There is always a match between inner and outer. If the outsider is regarded only as an enemy, then we can be sure that the inner life is diseased in some way. This is how we estimate the life of an individual; it is also how we can estimate the life of a society. They will be without the quality of mercy. The isolated, the doubly isolated, will get no hearing from them.

A Christian society that is deaf to the outsider, the isolated, the unloved, uncared, unchurched and that marginalizes some of its own, can hardly be described as Christian. A Christian community of any kind is not a group of likeminded people who confirm one another in their narrowness, but a group that reaches out to those whose lives are in chaos, whose voices are not heard, whose presence is not welcomed. The only leper who came back to give thanks to God was the Samaritan, doubly isolated. That was a poor reflection on the nine. Today's gospel reading is a call for us to think about how we relate to our Church, our groups, our family, and to outsiders. We can have a subtly hostile attitude to all outsiders, and we are even capable of making outsiders of some within. Jews despised Samaria as a blot on their country. We need to realize the significance of the fact that Jesus reached out to Samaritans, went into the heart of Samaria (John 4), and even made Samaritans the heroes of some of his parables. He even had the word 'Samaritan' thrown at him as an insult by people who considered themselves insiders (John 8:48).

As sinners, we are outsiders of the kingdom of God but Jesus through the act of forgiveness makes us insiders… Let us then live our thanks to God by embracing the outsiders. (Sources duly acknowledged)

Thanks to everyone for being a part of the Holy Name of Mary Community and everything you do for the good of everyone.

God's blessings **Fr. Vince**

This Sunday's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the propohet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.
Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97:1-4

℟: **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. ℟

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. ℟

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. ℟

Second reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news.

So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

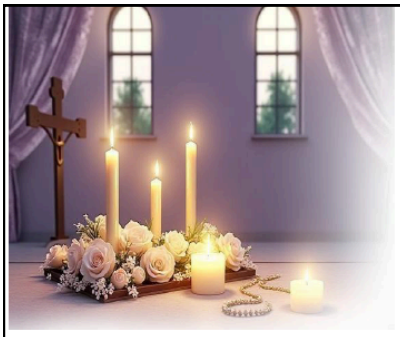
COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS

On **Sunday 19th October** at **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.

FUNERAL OF MARY ANNE DYER

The funeral for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner ***Mary Anne Dyer*** will be on ***Thursday 16th October at 11am.*** Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.



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 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***

"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: 16/10/2025

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

Mary Anne Dyer
Wayne Crouch
William De Los Reyes
Paul O'Connor
Rosario Garcia
Trevor Grugan

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Khoury
Desmond Massillamani
Annie Nolan
Kate Saad

PARISH ROSTERS

18/19 Oct 2025

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Lynette Rodrigues Eli Ogrizek	Harriet S	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows Frank Camilleri	Anton Massillamany	Pam McKay Annabel Maniutac Gail Dick Maria Dowling Rozz Morris
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Chris Twomey Maree Twomey	Tara C	Lina Flores Helen Wong	Dominic Rodrigues Lynnette Rodrigues	Vartguess Markarian	
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Tinaye Makoni Astrid Kossim	Avril L	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues			

25/26 Oct 2025

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Jenny Hendry	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Cristian A Jemma L	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Kathleen Burrows	Pierre Salomon	Lily Hon O. Ham Maria Greenfield
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Anton Fernando Glenys Oxlee	Jenson M Judah M	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Geoff Rosario Barbara Rosario		
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Linda Tsang Lorna Argal	Theo M Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	**Lawn and Garden**	Robert Spinetti	
					Children's Liturgy	Sunday 26/10/2025 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.

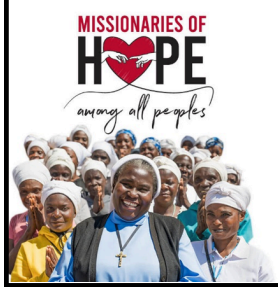
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu & Parish Pastoral Council

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 Parish Appeal 2025
Next Weekend

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/mission

RCIA ...a journey in faith
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Baptism Confirmation Eucharist

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 orJessica 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**
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