



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 19 October 2025

**“LIFE BECOMES HARDER FOR US WHEN WE LIVE FOR OTHERS,
BUT IT ALSO BECOMES RICHER AND HAPPIER.”**

- ALBERT SCHWEITZER

The first reading speaks of the power of prayer and a concrete example of this is seen in the case of Moses praying on the mountain for victory of his people. While Joshua and the army battle the Amalekites, Moses stands interceding with God and keeps on praying till the battle is won. More and more Moses was called to play the role of prophetic intercession for his people. His arms outstretched in prayer have remained a traditional symbol of prayer. Much more than our efforts is the power that is available to us when we call on God and avail of his power in our daily life.

Mary Cushman, who was a mother of five children, ran into a series of financial crises, from one misery to another she was tortured in her life. Her husband did not have a decent job, was constantly sick and had repeated attacks of flu. She lost the house they had built with their own hands, and she took to washing and ironing clothes of neighbors to make ends meet. One day her eleven-year-old son was accused by the baker of stealing a couple of pencils though he was innocent. This was the straw that broke her back. She thought of all the miseries she had endured; and she saw the future and that was too bleak. She temporarily became insane and decided to end her life. She took her five-year-old daughter inside the bedroom and plugged up the windows and cracks with paper and rags and turned on the gas heater but did not light it. She went to bed with her daughter and closed her eyes. She could hear the gas escaping from the heater. Suddenly she heard music. She had forgotten to turn the radio off in the kitchen. The music went on and presently she heard someone singing an old hymn. “What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear..... What peace we often forfeit.... because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. “As she listened, she realized her mistake, she had tried to fight her battle alone, she had not taken everything to God in prayer. She jumped up, turned off the gas and prayed the rest of the day. The problems did not get solved immediately but gradually she built up her life with God’s help and years later was a happy grandmother of three kids and all her children were well placed.

Jesus presents a parable outlining one of the ingredients of our prayer life: persistence with hope. As we take the message of the gospel to our heart, we are also invited to respond or reach out to the people who are in the shoes of the widow in the gospel: She is the poor, the struggling, the ignored, the forgotten; she is the mother and father, the daughter and son, the family and friend of the suffering and dying who care for them and who work for a cure so that other families may be spared what they have suffered through; she is the victim of injustice whose sense of her own dignity enables her to fight on. Christ promises that the Father hears the worthy prayer of the Gospel widow in her many guises and that her perseverance in faith will one day be rewarded — and Jesus confronts us with our own culpability for the widow’s plight when we become, in our obliviousness and self-absorption, “judges who neither fear God nor respect any human being.” May the Gospel Jesus be our hope in our own struggles and an inspiration to us to become the answer to the prayers of the “persistent widows” among us here and now. (Sources duly acknowledged)

God’s blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading: Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 120

**R: Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R**

Second reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
NEW ALTAR SERVERS
WHO ARE BEING
COMMISSIONED
THIS SUNDAY 19TH
OCTOBER 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.**



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**

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**.

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 21/10/2025**
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



Congratulations

Madison & Sienna

who receive the Sacrament of Baptism
this Sunday 19/10/2025

We welcome them to our Parish.



**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.**

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

Anto Junkovic
Raymond Malkoun
John Murphy
Feliks Wiatrowski

PARISH ROSTERS

25/26 Oct 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	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	

1/2 Nov 2025

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

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 THIS WEEKEND

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

Thank you for your support.



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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St. Patrick's Marist College
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Ph: (02) 8841 7900
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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan