



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Sunday, 1 February 2026

Have you suffered because of your faith?

Blessed are you!

The story is told about two elderly women who have been playing bridge together for many years. One day while they were playing this card game, one suddenly looks up at the other and says: "We've been playing cards for so many years, but I keep forgetting your name! Could you tell me again your name, please?" There is dead silence then the other lady responds: "How soon do you need to know?"

In today's Gospel (Mt. 5, 1-12a), Jesus teachings focused on who is blessed. He teaches us to be forgetful of our pride and self-entitlement. He also teaches us to slow down, and not to be in a hurry in our search of power and wealth.

The beatitudes present a sure formula for failure in the eyes of many modern people. But for us Christians, the beatitudes present a formula for true and lasting peace.

Who is blessed in the eyes of the world? Blessed are the rich, the successful, the beautiful, the smart, the proud, the persecutors, the foul-mouthed, the bashers, and those who climb the ladder of success by whatever means. It is time for us to give the Beatitudes a chance.

The Beatitudes don't make any sense at all to those who do not believe in God, and those who do not believe in eternal life. For them, we who believe in Christ and in the resurrection are fools. That's all right. Yes, we are fools, for Christ. That's our decision. And that's our choice.

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Thank You, Lord, for your consoling words of life. Thank You, Lord, for the privilege of being persecuted, insulted, maligned, and derided, because of You. Remember, a Christian who is not persecuted in any way is not a true Christian. Have you suffered because of your faith? Blessed are you!

By the way, the other name for the evil one is "the great accuser of our brethren." Let us not play the game of the evil one. Don't get involved in his schemes and become a part of his team.

It is so easy to lose one's cool and composure in the midst of all the daily pressures and turmoil. Every time we tend to flare up, just think and say: "praise the Lord!"

Try it. It works!

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This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

*In your midst I will leave a humble
and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel
will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:7-10

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**
It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were
called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary
sense of the word, how many were influential people,
or came from noble families?

No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is
foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is
strong that he chose what is weak by human
reckoning; those whom the world thinks common
and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen
– those who are nothing at all to show those who are
everything. The human race has nothing to boast
about to God, but you, God has made members of
Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our
wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our
freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast,
let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he
sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he
began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of
right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against
you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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St. Paul was the great persecutor of Christians before his conversion. Let us continue to believe in the goodness of people, and in our own goodness, too. If only we prayed more, and talked less. Let us not underestimate the value of prayer. Let us not give up on ourselves, and on one another.

How time flies! One month is almost gone now in the new year. Time is fleeting. Where are we going? What are we doing? Let us follow the spirit of the Beatitudes—poverty, gentleness, humility, righteousness, purity, peace, trust in God amid suffering and persecution. Let us do our mission well as we journey to God’s heart.

Think about this: “Don’t worry. God is never blind to our tears; never deaf to our prayers; never silent to our pains. God sees, God hears, and God will always deliver.”

Let us pray to God to help us live the Beatitudes more, and be truly blessed.

Amen.

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
Lorna Lagarto
Rey Legaspi
Romenda McGregor

Rosemary Romeo
Kaz Seremet
Hayden Thomson
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Lia Edouard-Betsy
Arlette Raoul
Helena Raoul

PARISH ROSTERS

7/8 Feb 2026

	<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>	Lynnette Rodrigues	Michelle Acharya Sr Maureen	Cristian A Clareese M	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Kathleen Burrows	Monica Jung	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Chris Twomey Maree Twomey	Jensen M Judah M	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Frank Camilleri		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Glenys Oxlee	Khush Jullia George Lattouf	Theo M Alessandro C Isabella N Tashnie & Tashen	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Romeo Urqueza	

14/15 Feb 2026

	<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	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Ruby P	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows	Susan Boulous & Family	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Naom Younis	Ron Della Vedova Anton Fernando	Maya R	Lina Flores Eric Flores	Barbara Rosario Geoff Rosario		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Eddie Appleby	Jessica Tapiador Cynthia Oscar	Ava E Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

No Morning Mass

Tuesday
3rd February
&
Wednesday
4th February



2026 Sacramental Programme

**Sacrament of
Confirmation**
- 15th May 2026

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**
- 18th August 2026

**Sacrament of
Holy Eucharist**
- 20th September 2026

For more details, please contact our Parish Sacramental Coordinator Lynnette Rodrigues via email: lynnr291955@gmail.com



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the 3 ladies that came to my assistance when I was hit by a car while crossing Victoria Road near the church in December 2025.

Thank you, from Mr Dez Hen Li.

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 1 February - 11:30am
Sunday 8 March - 11:30am
Sunday 12 April - 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.

Catechists

We are in need of more Catechists to join us in our State School this year as we have some classes without a Catechists.

Those Classes are:

Dundas Public – Years 1-2

Dundas Public – Years 3-4

If you would like to become a Catechist, please let us know so that we can advise you on the preparation that is necessary.

Please contact Diane O'Shea
via email at: dcoshea@bigpond.net.au

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

*Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm*

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 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: Lynnette 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: Luke Homann

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