



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Sunday, 15 February 2026

“Love isn't a feeling or emotion that changes timely, it's everlasting...”

– D'vijay

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In 2026, the forty days of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and end on Holy Thursday, April 2. Easter Sunday is on April 5. During this sacred season, we are called to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Kindly take the bulletin insert with you to navigate or remind you of the important ways to make this Lent 2026 meaningful and life changing! I would like the school and parish communities to get involved in all the celebrations and make our community vibrant in living out our faith and love.

For the third consecutive Sunday the gospel is from the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus sets out his programme for the kingdom. Today's extract gives us some of the rules for the road. But there is a huge contrast between the understanding of laws as presented by the scribes and Pharisees and the deeper meaning of religious conversion as preached by Jesus. This passage specifically highlights the laws forbidding murder, adultery, divorce and swearing. Jesus does not stop at the letter of the law but reaches into the virtue that gives meaning to the law. Jesus speaks of what has been heard in the past and what has to be listened to now. Jesus is not changing the Law and the traditions passed on through the prophets. He is applying a proper spirit to what has become too legalistic. He explains the 'dictates of the law' were for the head to guide the five senses. The spirit of Jesus was to form the heart as well as the mind. Jesus then focuses on two of the basic energies within us which are the sources of doing harmful or sinful actions if they remain unchecked: anger and lust. All of us have anger in us and it is normal to feel angry at times. Instead of just expressing our anger we need to look at the cause of our anger. We can't avoid getting angry, but we can avoid acting out our anger. Jesus tells us to seek to be reconciled. Jesus does not espouse a minimalist approach to morality. Jesus enlarges the prohibition of murder to embrace anger, the prohibition of adultery to include lustful glances, and the prohibition of false oaths to include any kind of swearing. Jesus' new law is not a soulless set of don'ts. He asks us to look deep within ourselves at our inner motive: Why am I doing what I am doing? And why am I not doing what I ought to be doing? Ultimately, there is only one precept that we need to embrace if we are to live in his kingdom: the command of loving our neighbour. Only love will help us to live for God.

- Two sisters spent the day fighting. That evening they prepared for bed, still mad at each other. As usual, each knelt by the side of her bed for their prayers. "Dear God," the 8-year-old began, "Bless Daddy and Mommy, bless our cat and dog." Then she stopped. Her mother gently prodded, "Didn't you forget somebody?" She glared across the bed at her 6-year-old sister and added, "And, oh yes, God, bless my ex-sister." [Pulpit Resource (Jan-Mar 1992), p. 14]
- The story is told about a 5-year-old girl who asked the boy seated next to her, "What is love?" He replied: "Love is when you steal my chocolates every day from my bag and yet, I still keep them in the same place."

True love goes beyond the legal and minimal!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.
If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R**
You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R**
Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R**
Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R**

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began.

It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communion Antiphon:

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



PROJECT COMPASSION **UNITE AGAINST POVERTY** 
this Lent

NEXT WEEKEND 21-22 FEBRUARY 2026

Please support vulnerable communities around the world.

One envelope. Six weeks of giving throughout lent.

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years.

This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes or donation boxes at once.

You can also make a donation online at:

projectcompassion.org.au or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for Uniting Against Poverty with us this Lent.



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



Prayer for Lent
Ash Wednesday

God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. Amen.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

When should I complete my Safeguarding Training?

All clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to complete Safeguarding Training, & have current certifications.

If new to ministry/Safeguarding Training: Complete Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).

If completed Cycle 1 Modules two years ago: Complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2).

If you renewed your Cycle 2 Modules 4 and 5 two years ago: Complete Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3).

For further enquiries, please contact us at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA A SAFE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS AT RISK.

Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

George Asic	Patrick Coughlan	Rosemary Romeo
Cristina Assuncao	Al Alam Family	Kaz Seremet
Mario Borsellino	Younis Family	Hayden Thomson
Maree Buttenshaw	Lorna Lagarto	Alexander Velasquez
Kath Clinton	Rey Legaspi	Alan Tracy Villarosa
Margaret Constable	Romenda McGregor	Pia Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Elias Hkiek
Allan Parazd
Gabriella Wehbe
Helen Wehbe
Jim Wehbe
Joseph Wehbe
Patrick West

PARISH ROSTERS

21/22 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>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Leah Garcia Anne-Marie Hewkins	Harriet S Zachary C Jacob K	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Francis Mathew	Anton Massillamany	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick Maria Dowling Rozz Morris
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Jodie MacGregor Glenys Oxlee	Maya R Tara c	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Vartguess Markarian	
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Lynette Rodrigues Nada Coorey	Savannah S-F Madison A Sage G	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Lawn and Garden	Robert Spinetti	

28/1 Mar 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>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Ben Garcia	Lynette Rodrigues Eli Ogrizek	Ruby P	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Francis Mathew	Pierre Salomon	Lily Hon O. Ham Maria Greenfield
Sun 8.00am	Anthony Wong	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Maya R	Lina Flores Eric Flores	Bill O'Shea Sheila Tapiador		
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Sam Markarian Marco Tapiador	Ava E Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	Children's Liturgy Nic Padden Delilah Rodrigues	Sunday 1/3/2026 at 10am	

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PARISH MINISTRY SIGN-UP



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER,
YOU ARE INVITED TO WRITE YOUR NAME
ON THE SHEET LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
OR PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**

Ministries needing volunteers

Altar Linen Washing

Altar Servers (Junior)

Altar Servers (Senior)

Altar Society

Catechists in Public Schools

Childrens Liturgy Facilitators

Church Cleaning

Counters

Eucharistic Ministers

Lawn & Garden

Readers

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE OUR PARISH!

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

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 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.

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: 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: Luke Homann

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Mary's Primary School
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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan