



# Weekly Bulletin

**Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) - YEAR A**

**Sunday, 12 April 2026**

**“In our modern world, we often separate faith from practice.  
But the way of Jesus rejects this notion.”**

**- Dillon Burroughs**

The Second Sunday of Easter focuses on Divine Mercy and St. Thomas touching the wounds of Jesus. The experience of Resurrection results not simply in a good feeling but in the transformation or renewal of our life and action. Resurrection is not only about some future day after we die. It is also about the world today – the world of things, people, creation, and beauty – the world that experiences both sin and evil as well as justice and peace – the world with all its struggles and its possibilities. If we believe in Resurrection, then we should expect to see some signs of it.

Our FAITH in the risen Jesus should be one of experiential faith like that of Thomas in the gospel of today. If there is such a thing as human faith, there is also such a thing as divine faith. But divine faith does not mean merely professing belief in the Risen Christ and his teachings. Christian faith has to bear fruit in actual works of love. Paul says that “the only thing that counts is faith active in love” (Galatians 5;6); St. James teaches, “Faith without works is dead.” This is what we heard in the readings of today. Community is formed. Fear is dispelled. Reconciliation becomes real. The work of justice and peace takes place. Many are healed; bad spirits are driven... Thomas and later a great number of people come to faith.

*In 1993, during the brutal civil war in Burundi, a woman named Marguerite “Maggy” Barankitse was forced to witness the massacre of 72 people. In the eyes of the world, that day was a “tomb” of hatred and finality. But Maggy refused to let death have the last word. Shouting, “Love will have the final say,” she went back into the ruins and rescued children from both sides of the ethnic conflict—Tutsis and Hutus alike. She turned a site of slaughter into Maison Shalom (House of Peace), a sanctuary that has since given life, education, and a future to over 30,000 children.*

*Maggy’s life proves that the Resurrection isn’t just an event from 2,000 years ago—it is a power available to us today. When we choose forgiveness over revenge and hope over despair, we “roll away the stone” and let the light of the Risen Christ transform our wounded world.*

Thomas, who professed his faith in the Risen Christ, exemplified this faith-in-action. After the encounter with the Risen Lord, he journeyed to far away India, courageously proclaiming the teachings of Christ and eventually giving his life as a martyr of faith.

*There’s a story about an old monk who prayed many years for a vision from God to strengthen his faith, but it never came. He had almost given up hope when, one day, a vision of Christ’s face appeared in his cell. The old monk was overjoyed. But then, right in the middle of the vision, the monastery bell rang. The ringing of the bell meant it was time to feed the poor who gathered daily at the monastery gate. How could he leave now? What should he do – stay with his heavenly Visitor or go to his duty of distributing help to the needy. If he failed to show up with food, the unfortunate people would leave quietly, thinking the monastery had nothing to give them that day. After some agonizing moments, the monk made his decision. With a heavy heart, he turned his back on the vision and went off to feed the poor. Nearly an hour later, the old monk returned to his room. When he opened the door, he could hardly believe his eyes. The room was filled with heavenly brightness and there stood Christ shining as the sun, smiling upon him with divine tenderness. As the monk dropped to his knees in thanksgiving, the vision said to him, “My son, had you not gone off to feed the poor, I would not have stayed.”*

Such stories challenge us that our faith should not remain only in prayers and personal devotions but in reaching out to people in need.

**God’s blessings**

**Fr. Vince**

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

## First reading: Acts 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' **R**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R**

## Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens.

Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel - John 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Divine Mercy this Sunday 12th April 2026 at 1:45pm



*Everyone is welcome!*

*May we come together to celebrate this great feast  
as a community and be richly blessed by Jesus!  
Your presence is a precious gift to each other,  
Fr. Vince.*

**Divine Mercy Chaplet at 1:45pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

will be offered at the same time at **1:45pm**

**Eucharist Procession at 2:30pm**

**Divine Mercy Solemn Mass at 3pm**

**FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP**



**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](mailto:lynnr291955@gmail.com)

**News from St Mary's Primary School**  
St Mary's Primary School is currently accepting Enrolment Applications for children to commence Kindergarten in 2027 or 2028 and places are filling fast. We are also accepting applications for some other grades to commence immediately. For more information please phone 8844 5700 as soon as possible. Please call (02) 8844 - 5700 for more information. Enrolment forms are available online via the school's website  
<http://www.stmarysrydalmere.catholic.edu.au/>

**MY WEEKLY COMMITMENT**  
Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere  
Weekly Commitment Envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the church.

**Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family of Mrs Jenny Hendry on the passing of her dearly beloved husband Neill Hendry**  
*May Neill rest in Peace*

## Let us pray for the...

### Wellbeing & Health

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

### Recently Deceased

Neil Hendry  
Axel Prior

### Anniversaries

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Let us pray that the souls of our dearly beloved, may rest in peace and that their entire family take courage and hope from the Risen Christ

## PARISH ROSTERS

### 11/12 Apr 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>
<b>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</b>	Ben Garcia	Anne-Marie Hewkins Leah Garcia	Cristian A Clareese M	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Kathleen Burrows	Monica Jung	Lily Hon O. Ham Maria Greenfield
<b>Sun 8.00am</b>	Christopher Younis	Helen Wong Jodie MacGregor	Jensen M Judah M	Eric Flores Lina Flores	Barbara Rosario Geoff Rosario		
<b>Sun 10.00am</b>	Anne Fernando	Edlyne Salvador Marco Tapiador	Alessandro C Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

### 18/19 Apr 2026

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<b>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</b>	Eric Flores	Michelle Acharya Eli Ogrizek	Harriet S Zachary C Jacob K	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Francis Mathew	Susan Boulos & Family	Therese Ball Lesley Long
<b>Sun 8.00am</b>	Anne Fernando	Chris Twomey Maree Twomey	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues		
<b>Sun 10.00am</b>	Lynette Rodrigues	Julia Tapiador George Lattouf	Savannah S-F Madison A Sage G	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade	<b>Lawn and Garden</b>	Robert Spinetti	

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Be The Witness

DIRECTED BY JON-CLAIRE LEE

THE MUSICAL  
THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND



COMING  
**SEPTEMBER**  
2026

PARRAMATTA  
**RIVERSIDE**  
THEATRE



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**



**THANK YOU!**

this Lent

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

**If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass.**

Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are Uniting Against Poverty and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.

**There is still time to donate!**

**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

You can make a donation online at:  
projectcompassion.org.au or by calling: 1800 024 413

**Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.**



We are working to engage young people aged between 12 and 35 to join our group.

**We encourage our youth to come onboard.**

If you would like to join us, we invite you to write your contact details on our Youth Group Register located at the back of the church.

**The next Youth Group Meeting will be announced shortly.**

For more details please contact:

**Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016**

or **Jessica Tapiador on 0403 201 252**

### 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 3 May - 11:30am**

**Sunday 7 June - 11:30am**

**Sunday 5 July - 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: Luke Homann

## PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Mary's Primary School**  
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Principal: Mr. Richard Blissenden

**St. Patrick's Marist College**  
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Email: stpatsdundas@parra.catholic.edu.au  
Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan