



# Weekly Bulletin

**Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish**

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**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR A**

**Sunday, 5 April 2026**

**“The great gift of Easter is hope.”**

**- Basil Hume**

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

A Blessed and Happy Easter to you all! May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and your homes this season. May we always be a community where the "new life" of Easter is visible in how we love one another.

**\* Hi Dylan, congratulations, and God’s blessings to you on the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation this Easter. We welcome you into the Holy Name of Mary faith family. May this sacred day be the beginning of a lifelong journey filled with God’s love and peace. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, and courage—be yours in abundance as you continue your journey of faith.**

**\* The celebrations of the Lent and especially the Holy Week went very well by the tireless dedication of so many hearts behind-the-scenes. I owe a debt of gratitude to our RCIA and Baptism coordinators for their seamless leadership, our musicians, and singers for lifting our prayers through song, and our altar servers for their reverent devotion at the holy table. I also extend a special thanks to our visual tech team—the "PowerPoint operators"—whose diligence ensures we can all follow along and participate fully. My sincere heartfelt appreciation goes to everyone who contributed in one way or another to the Holy Week services, with special gratitude to the women who organised the flowers, prepared the altar, and arranged the Altar of Repose within the church. Together, your diverse talents create a sacred space where our community can truly encounter the Divine.**

**\* I am always looking for new faces to help our parish flourish. Whether you have a gift for music, a heart for service at the altar, or a knack for technology and slides, there is a place for you here. If you would like to share your time and talents with our parish family, please contact the Parish Office or speak to me. Your involvement will surely make a big difference.**

The stone has been rolled away, and the tomb is empty. This simple, startling fact is the heartbeat of our faith and the reason for our greatest joy. Today, as we gather as one body, we don’t just commemorate a historical event from two thousand years ago; we celebrate a living reality that transforms our lives here and now.

Easter tells us that death, sorrow, and despair do not have the final word. In the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has spoken a definitive "Yes" to life and a "Yes" to each one of us. We are, as St. Augustine famously said, an "Easter People," and "Alleluia" is our song. But what does it mean to be an Easter person in our parish today?

It means being a community of radical hope. Just as the morning light broke through the darkness of Good Friday, the Risen Lord breaks through the "tombs" we sometimes create for ourselves—the tombs of loneliness, old grudges, or the fear that we aren’t enough. Easter is the invitation to step out of that darkness and into the light of His mercy.

As we look around our pews today, let us see one another not just as neighbours, but as fellow witnesses to the Resurrection. Our mission this season is to carry the light of the Paschal Candle out into our streets, our workplaces, and our homes. We do this through every act of kindness, every word of forgiveness, and every gesture of solidarity with those who are suffering. Let us be a beacon of light and hope for one another!

**God’s blessings**

**Fr. Vince**

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

## First reading: Isaiah 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R: This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

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

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R**

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

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

## Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*  
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel - John 20:1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## *Easter Message 2026 From Bishop Vincent Long*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you! In this Easter season of 2026, we are all living in very troubled, wounded times. With so much conflict, violence and entrenched hatred, we might even be tempted to occasionally lament: *Where is our God?* In such chaotic times it is good to be reminded of a wonderful story about St Teresa of Avila.

One day the devil appeared to her, disguised as Jesus. St Teresa wasn't fooled for even a second, dismissing the devil. Before leaving, the devil asked her, "How could you be so sure I wasn't Jesus? Teresa replied: "You didn't have any wounds – Christ has wounds!"

One of the most striking elements of our Gospel's Resurrection stories is that Jesus is still wounded in all of them. The crucifixion wounds do not disappear. The resurrected body of Christ remains marked by his earthly suffering, forever. It is not until the disciples see the wounds of Christ that they recognise Jesus for who he is.

Our Catholic faith, however, refuses to gloss over our own personal wounds - the wounds of our brothers and sisters, and those of our suffering planet, with hollow positive thinking. Instead, our Holy Father Pope Leo urges us to move beyond passivity. Leo challenges us to become peacemakers!

And we can all become peacemakers in very simple ways. If only we had the eyes of faith we would notice that peacemaking is all around us. To name only a few examples:

- In the quiet, tender care of our nurses and care-givers in our hospitals, especially to the elderly and the dying
- In the patient and professional care of our Catholic teachers who generously serve our young people
- In the quiet heroism of parents as they sacrifice themselves for the good of their children
- In the outreach of our social services like Catholic Care who help the needy
- In the lives of ordinary people who refuse to become resentful and instead choose to forgive and love their enemies.

Yes, the wounds of such peacemakers do not embitter them but become fountains of peace and hope for others.

This Easter let us allow the risen Lord to roll away the rocks of pride, ego and selfishness from our hearts. May we banish all violence from our lives. May the light of the risen Christ that streams from his glorified wounds bring joy, healing and peace to us all.

For "By His wounds we are healed". A blessed Easter to you all.

**Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta**

## 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  
David Hilvano  
Charmaine Jakober  
Martin Jakober  
Lorna Lagarto  
Rey Legaspi  
Romenda McGregor  
Rosemary Romeo

Kaz Seremet  
Hayden Thomson  
Alexander Velasquez  
Alan Tracy Villarosa  
Pia Ylagan

### *Recently Deceased*

### *Anniversaries*

Teresa Alvaro  
Charles Camilleri  
Emilia Camilleri  
Tony Malkoun  
Semyra Moses  
Brendon Onorato  
Anthony Vella  
Carmen Vella

## PARISH ROSTERS

### 4/5 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>
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Lynette Rodrigues	Nada Coorey Michael Clark Barbara Rosario George Lattouf	Cristian A Jacob K	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows	Sue Galletto	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick Maria Dowling Rozz Morris
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anthony Wong	Anton Fernando Barbara Rosario	Bridget R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Reza Ferdinanto Audrey Ferdinanto		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Glenys Oxlee	Nada Coorey Lorna Argal	Avril L Savannah S-F Amelia I	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	<u>Lawn and Garden</u>	Romeo Urqueza	

### 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>
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	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
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Christopher Younis	Helen Wong Jodie MacGregor	Jensen M Judah M	Eric Flores Lina Flores	Barbara Rosario Geoff Rosario		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	Edlynn Salvador Marco Tapiador	Alessandro C Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Divine Mercy Sunday on 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**

- Please bring a plate

**Volunteers Needed:** Altar servers, readers, canopy bearers,  
PowerPoint operator, people to assist in crowd control, children  
to hold the picture of our Blessed Virgin Mary during procession etc.

**To volunteer please provide your name and contact details  
on the list at the back of the Church.**



**EASTER SUNDAY 4/5 APRIL 2026**

**Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion.  
Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities,  
enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.  
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.**



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

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

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

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

### 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/>**

Dear Parishioners,

**Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!**

**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.  
Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

For more details and/or to RSVP contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**.  
**Looking forward to seeing everyone there!**

MY WEEKLY COMMITMENT  
Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere



**Weekly Commitment  
Envelopes are now  
available for collection  
at the back of the church.**

### 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:** 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

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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**Principal:** Mr. Paul Ryan