



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

Sunday, 10 May 2026

“A mother’s heart reflects the faithful love of God.”

The Gospel of the Sixth Sunday of Easter beautifully reflects the heart of motherhood. Jesus speaks about love — not merely love expressed in words, but love shown through sacrifice, faithfulness, care, and presence. When we think of such love, we naturally think of mothers.

A mother’s love is often the closest human reflection of God’s tender and faithful love. Mothers wake up early, sacrifice quietly, worry constantly, forgive endlessly, and continue loving even when unappreciated. Much of what mothers do remains unseen by the world, yet their love shapes lives, families, and futures.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises: “I will not leave you orphaned.” These words reveal the compassionate heart of God. Mothers too live this promise daily. They stand beside their children in sickness and health, in success and failure, in joy and sorrow. Even when children grow older, a mother never stops being concerned, praying, and loving.

There is a touching story about a young boy who once complained that his mother never bought him expensive shoes or fashionable clothes like his friends had. Years later, after his mother passed away, he discovered an old box containing unpaid bills, sewing needles, and pieces of worn fabric. He learned that his mother had skipped meals and worked late nights sewing clothes for others just to pay for his education. The son later said with tears, “I thought we were poor. I never realized my mother was making herself poor so that I could have a future.” That is the love Jesus speaks about — a love that gives, sacrifices, and remains faithful.

Jesus also promises the gift of the Holy Spirit — the Advocate who strengthens, guides, and comforts us. In many ways, mothers become instruments of that Spirit within the family.

A mother often encourages when others criticize; She comforts when others give up; She believes in her children when they fail; She prays when no one else notices. How many people still remember the prayers of their mothers? Many saints, priests, religious, and faithful Christians have testified that it was their mother’s faith that first taught them how to pray, trust God, and love others.

Saint Augustine once drifted far from God during his youth. But his mother, Saint Monica, never stopped praying for him. Through years of tears and prayer, she trusted the Holy Spirit to guide her son back to Christ. Eventually Augustine became one of the greatest saints and theologians of the Church. Behind his conversion stood the faithful love of a mother.

Jesus tells His disciples that true love is shown by keeping His commandments. The first place where many of us learned love, forgiveness, sharing, and prayer was not in a classroom or church hall — but at home, from our mothers. A mother teaches love not mainly by instruction, but by example: through patience during difficult days, through forgiveness after mistakes, through meals prepared with care, through sacrifices made silently, through prayers whispered late at night. These ordinary acts become extraordinary reflections of God’s love.

Mother’s Day is also a time to remember with gratitude: mothers who are elderly and lonely, mothers carrying heavy burdens, single mothers struggling courageously, grieving mothers, mothers separated from their children, and mothers who have gone before us into eternal life.

Today we thank God for all mothers — biological mothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, adoptive mothers, and spiritual mothers who have nurtured faith and love in the lives of others.

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus reminds us that love must be lived. Mothers teach us this lesson every day. Their quiet sacrifices, faithful care, and enduring love reveal something beautiful about the heart of God Himself.

May the Holy Spirit bless and strengthen all mothers. May their love continue to bring peace and faith into our families. And may we never take for granted the countless ways mothers reflect Christ’s love in our world. (Sources online)

God’s blessings to all mothers!

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia

First reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R**

Second reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.

But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



I wish every mother of our community (young and old) a "Happy Mother's Day"!
As someone said, "To the world you are a Mother, but to your family you are the World".
Enjoy your day in the company of your family, friends, colleagues!
God's Blessings, Fr Vince.

Please keep in your prayers our 36 candidates who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 15th May 2026.



FUNERAL OF RONALD KENNEDY

The funeral for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner and Acolyte **Ronald Kennedy** will be held on **Tuesday 12th May at 1:30pm.**

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

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

The below Safeguarding Online Training Modules can be accessed and completed via <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/courses>

IF YOU ARE NEW TO MINISTRY:

Complete Safeguarding Training Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).

IF YOU COMPLETED CYCLE 1 MODULES TWO YEARS AGO:

Complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2).

IF YOU RENEWED YOUR CYCLE 2 MODULES 4 & 5 TWO YEARS AGO:

Complete Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3).

Alternatively, Face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities for May 2026 is as follows:

There are several face-to-face mandatory Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please contact: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Please email a copy of your certificates ASAP to the Parish office via email: admin@holymary.org.au

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
Cristina Assuncao
Mario Borsellino
Maree Buttenshaw
Kath Clinton
Margaret Constable
Patrick Coughlan
Al Alam Family

Younis Family
Daniel Hamilton
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

Ronald Kennedy
Celine Fitzgerald
Mary Gambley

Anniversaries

Domenic Alvaro
Pino Catterini
Selvanayagi John
John Laing
Rodolfo Noviza
Carmen Vella

PARISH ROSTERS

9/10 May 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	Lynette Rodrigues	Leah Garcia Sr Maureen	Cristian A Clareese M	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Evelyn Noviza Carleen Borres	Thomas Russo	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon Doreen Tencaramedon Chandelle Culas
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Rozz Morris Michael Clark	Jensen M Judah M	Eric Flores Lina Flores	Marthe Nalletamby Donai Makoni	Sophie Russo	
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Cynthia Oscar Tinaye Makoni	Alessandro C Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga	Children's Liturgy Tamara Markarian Allison Markarian		

16/17 May 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	Lynette Rodrigues Anne-Marie Hewkins	Harriet S Zachary C Jacob K	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	David Boulous Susan Boulous	Thess Davidson & Family	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Maria Dowling Ross Morris
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Ron Della Vedova Anton Fernando	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Tuti Sugita		
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Edlynne Salvador Astrid Kossim	Madison A Sage G	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Children's Liturgy Jane Homann Delilah Rodrigues		Lawn & Garden Michael Clark

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Bishop's Good Works Appeal

Next Weekend

16-17 May 2026



HELP OUR SEMINARIANS
ANSWER GOD'S CALL
AND SUPPORT THE FUTURE
PRIESTS OF OUR CHURCH.

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Please give generously.

Donations are tax deductible.



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



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 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: 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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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan