



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

4 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere

Office: 2 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere 2116

Email: admin@holymary.org.au Phone: **(02) 9684 1541**

Website: www.holymary.org.au

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A

Sunday, 31 May 2026

The Endless Exchange of Love: Living the Mystery of the Holy Trinity

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Sunday, the universal Church gathers to celebrate one of the most foundational realities of our faith: the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Unlike other major feasts—such as Christmas, Easter, or Pentecost—this day does not commemorate a specific historical event. Instead, Trinity Sunday invites us to lift our eyes and open our hearts to contemplate the very nature of God.

For many Christians, the Trinity is a doctrine wrapped in intellectual intimidation. We hear complex theological terms and treat the mystery like a difficult math problem reserved for academic scholars. We know the formula: one God, three distinct Persons. Yet, when we try to visualize or explain it, our human logic hits a wall.

St. Augustine, one of the greatest minds in Church history, spent years trying to write a treatise on the Trinity. *The story goes that he spotted a young child digging a small hole in the sand, running back and forth to the ocean, scooping up handfuls of water, and pouring them into the hole. Augustine asked the child what he was doing. The child replied that he intended to empty the entire ocean into his tiny hole. Augustine smiled and said, "That is impossible!" The child looked up and responded, "It is no more impossible than for you to pour the infinite mystery of the Trinity into your small mind."*

The lesson remains timeless. The Holy Trinity is not a riddle meant to be solved by human logic; it is a divine reality meant to be experienced, loved, and lived. To enter into the life of the Trinity, we look at how God has chosen to reveal Himself through scripture, history, and human experience. God is not a solitary, isolated monarch ruling from a distance. God is an eternal, dynamic relationship of three distinct Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. When we look closely at the Holy Trinity, we see a bond of love that cannot be broken. It is a love that restores and reconciles. Because we are made in the image of this Triune God, we are called to bring healing to a broken world through radical forgiveness.

Every single time we enter our church building, we explicitly announce our belief in the Trinity. We begin Mass not in our own name, but "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We trace the Cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that we are covered, protected, and defined by the Triune God. When we pray the Glory Be, we align ourselves with the cosmic reality that God's love stretches back into eternity past, dominates our present reality, and anchors our future hope. As we celebrate this great solemnity, let us surrender to the mystery with our hearts. Let us thank the Father for creating us, praise the Son for saving us, and invite the Holy Spirit to transform us. May our parish community truly become a place where the divine dance of love, forgiveness, and unity is visible to everyone we meet.

A parish community is meant to look like that rope. Each person is different: young and old, rich and poor, joyful and struggling. Alone, people can become weak, discouraged, or isolated. But when the community is woven together through forgiveness, prayer, service, and compassion, it becomes strong enough to hold people through the storms of life.

After a devastating flood in a small town, one parish became the centre of hope. Some members cooked meals, others opened their homes, young people cleared debris, and elderly parishioners spent hours praying with grieving families. One man who had never entered a church before said, "I don't fully understand your faith, but I can see God among you because of the way you care for one another."

That is what it means for the "divine dance" of love, forgiveness, and unity to become visible. People may not understand theology, but they understand compassion, reconciliation, and belonging when they see it lived out.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved but a love to be lived. When our parish forgives quickly, serves generously, and welcomes warmly, we become like that three-stranded rope — strong, life-giving, and visibly held together by God.

(Sources duly acknowledged)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful
and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands,
Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the
early morning as the Lord had commanded
him. And the Lord descended in the form of
a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord
passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord,
Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in kindness and
faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the
ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have
indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let
my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a
headstrong people, but forgive us our faults
and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56

R: Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **R**

Blest your glorious holy name. **R**

You are blest in the temple of your glory. **R**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **R**

You are blest who gaze into the depths. **R**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **R**

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the
love of God and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow
perfect; help one another. Be united; live in
peace, and the God of love and peace will be
with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the
saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love
of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be
lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be
saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,

because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Youth Group is Back On!

Come Join Us!

We are very excited to announce that we are now expanding our age bracket to include young people from 12 to 35 years old (or young)!

With this change, we have very exciting initiatives for our young community to be a part of.

To begin this journey fruitfully, our team would like to invite you to a 'Working Bee' session where we run through some opportunities for everyone to get involved. The session will be held on Thursday the 4th of June at 6pm in the Parish meeting room.

As Pope Francis said, "...the Church and the world need you, the young, as much as the earth needs rain". Let's all do our part to bring Christ's kingdom to earth!

If you have any questions, please contact Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016.

We look forward to seeing you then!

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.

FUNERAL SERVICE OF BLEN STEELE

The funeral Service

for our dearly beloved, long term parishioner **Blen Steele** will be held on **Wednesday 3rd June at 11am.**

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family.



NEXT SVDP CONFERENCE MEETING

on **Tuesday 2nd June** at **7pm**

in the Parish Meeting Room
New members are welcome.

BOOK NOW

Be The Witness

THE MUSICAL
THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND

An ancient message, a timeless calling, a musical not to be missed!

From 10-13 September, Parramatta Riverside Theatres will be ablaze with **Be The Witness**, the powerhouse Gospel musical, produced by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, and

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

But it's so much more than a musical. It's a movement. Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ - Who will you bring?

10 - 13 September
RIVERSIDE THEATRES PARRAMATTA
BETHEWITNESS.COM.AU

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

Patrick Gelle
Daniel Hamilton
David Hilvano
Klara Jakober
Lorna Lagarto
Rey Legaspi
Maria-Trinidad Lim
Romenda McGregor
Rosemary Romeo

Ned Powlr
Kaz Seremet
Hayden Thomson
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Blen Steele

Anniversaries

Renato Banaag

PARISH ROSTERS

30/31 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>
<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Ben Garcia	Eli Ogrizek Michelle Acharya	Cristian A Jacob K	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows	Jing Tapiador	Therese Ball Lesley long
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Michael Majoor	Rozz Morris Jodie MacGregor	Bridget R	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Reza Ferdinanto Audrey Ferdinanto		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Lynette Rodrigues	Sam Markarian Marco Tapiador	Avril L Savannah S-F Amelia I	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade	<u>Children's Liturgy</u> Jane Homann		<u>Lawn & Garden</u> Romeo Urqueza

6/7 Jun 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>	Eric Flores	Sue Farrugia Len Farrugia	Cristian A Clareese M	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows	Sue Galletto	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Christopher Younis	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Jensen M Judah M	Eric Flores Lina Flores	Barbara Rosario Geoff Rosario		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	George Lattouf Julia Tapiador	Alessandro C Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	<u>Children's Liturgy</u> Diane O'Shea		

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

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.



2026 Sacramental Programme

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

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:	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
1 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere NSW 2116
Ph: (02) 8844 5700
Email: stmarysrydal@parra.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Mr. Richard Blissenden

St. Patrick's Marist College
171 Kirby Street, Dundas NSW 2117
Ph: (02) 8841 7900
Email: stpatsdundas@parra.catholic.edu.au
Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan