



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - YEAR A

Sunday, 7 June 2026

“There is nothing in the world as beautiful as the Eucharist”

- Cardinal Wuerl

It is our experience that the hospitality of food and drink brings the people together. There is a great sense of common humanity, gratitude, and joy in such celebrations. Practically all the celebrations and important functions of various natures are marked with table fellowship. The feast of Corpus Christi highlights and reminds us of the Real presence of Jesus who comes to us in the form of bread and wine. This feast brings to me a lot of beautiful memories associated with this feast in India and in the Philippines, such as street processions, adoration sessions, and other festivities. There is a reinforcement of the catholic identity in such celebrations. The catholic identity is centered on the Eucharist, and I believe it serves us a source of divine energy to lead a life of freedom and wholeness.

Carlo Acutis (the patron saint of the internet), a modern teenager who loved computers and technology, attended Mass daily whenever possible. He often said: "The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven." His friends noticed that he was unusually joyful, generous, and caring. Even at a young age, he understood that Jesus in the Eucharist was the source of his strength. After his death, his witness inspired thousands of young people around the world. The Eucharist is not only for saints of the past. It can transform the lives of young people today.

Among various reasons, we go to the Eucharist to stay alive. The Eucharist is God's regular nourishment for us, a daily manna to keep us alive within the desert of our lives characterized by hunger for love, companionship, affirmation, the emotional and relational brokenness in the families and communities and many more. As Second Vatican Council puts it "Eucharist is the source and summit of our life."

- In the year 304 AD, during the Roman persecutions, a group of Christians in North Africa gathered secretly for Sunday Mass despite the emperor's ban. They were arrested and brought before the authorities. When questioned why they risked death, one of them famously replied: "Without Sunday, we cannot live." What did they mean? They did not mean merely a day of the week. They meant they could not live without the Eucharistic celebration of the Lord's Day. Many were executed for their faith. The early Christians understood that the Eucharist was not an optional devotion but the very source of their life.*
- Mother Teresa spent her life serving the poorest of the poor in the slums of Kolkata. People often wondered how she found the strength to care for abandoned children, the dying, and the sick every day. She gave a simple answer: before serving the poor, she and her sisters spent time before Jesus in the Eucharist and attended Mass daily. She once said: "When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Eucharist, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." Service becomes exhausting when we rely only on ourselves. The Eucharist replenishes our spiritual energy and enables us to love others.*

Imagine a mobile phone. Even the most advanced phone becomes useless when its battery runs down. It must be connected regularly to a power source. Likewise, we are often drained by worries, disappointments, work pressures, family struggles, and temptations. The Eucharist is our spiritual charging station. Every Mass reconnects us to Christ, the source of life. Jesus says: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51). The Eucharist is not merely a symbol of nourishment—it is Christ Himself, feeding us with His life, strengthening our faith, healing our hearts, and keeping our souls alive for eternity. (Sources duly acknowledged)

Special prayers and wishes to every one of you on this wonderful feast day! Let us continue our journey of being the Eucharistic people as a community united in Jesus!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you. **R**

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R**

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ.

The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is
my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Investing in Our Parish Community

We are pleased to announce that our Meeting Room and Work Sacristy have recently undergone significant upgrades for the benefit of our parish community.

The improvements include the installation of new cabinetry and a modern dishwasher, providing greater functionality, efficiency, and convenience for our community to use these spaces.

These enhancements were made possible through a generous grant of \$25,900 from the NSW Government.

On behalf of our entire parish community, I extend my sincere gratitude to Donna Davis MP, Member for Parramatta, and to the NSW Government for their generous support and commitment to strengthening local community facilities.

We are deeply appreciative of this investment in our community and look forward to enjoying the benefits of these improvements for many years to come.



Fr Vincent



Vinnie's Winter Appeal 2026

**THIS WINTER,
HELP PEOPLE BREAK FREE FROM THE
CYCLE OF POVERTY AND
HOMELESSNESS.**

The Vinnie's Winter Appeal Weekend will be held on

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June 2026

Donations are tax deductible.

Please give generously. Thank you.



Be The Witness

THE MUSICAL
THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND



**BOOK
NOW**

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

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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

Louise Gaffney
Lasimir Fernando

PARISH ROSTERS

6/7 June 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 Alessandro C	Eric Flores Lina Flores	Barbara Rosario Geoff Rosario		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Anne Fernando	George Lattouf Julia Tapiador	Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	<u>Children's Liturgy</u> Diane O'Shea		

13/14 June 2026

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<u>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</u>	Jenny Hendry	Anne-Marie Hewkins Leah Garcia	Harriet S Zachary C Jacob K	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Francis Matthew	Monica Jung	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
<u>Sun 8.00am</u>	Anthony Wong	Helen Wong Anne Marie Lyons	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues		
<u>Sun 10.00am</u>	Eddie Appleby	Joseph Andrews LindaTsang	Madison A Sage G	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	<u>Children's Liturgy</u> Tamara Markarian Allison Markarian		<u>Lawn & Garden</u> Robert Spinetti

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.



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.

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!

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

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

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