



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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**“The measure of our faith is not how much of the Bible we know,
but how much of the Bible is visible in the way we live.”**

“A young boy in rural Africa once received a small packet of vegetable seeds from a humanitarian organization. Instead of eating the seeds, as many hungry families were tempted to do, his grandmother insisted, “Plant them.” The boy obeyed. Months later, the tiny seeds produced a harvest that fed the family, and the next season they had enough seed to share with their neighbours. Years later, that boy became an agricultural leader, helping thousands of farmers improve their crops. He often says, “Everything changed because someone believed a small seed could become something great.” That is exactly what Jesus teaches in today's Gospel.

The Parable of the Sower is one of Jesus' most familiar teachings. At first glance, it seems to be about different kinds of soil, but in reality, it is about the extraordinary generosity of God. The Sower scatters seed everywhere—on the path, rocky ground, among thorns, and on good soil. God does not ration His grace. He offers His Word to everyone without discrimination. The real question is: What kind of soil am I?

Every day we are bombarded with countless voices—social media, news, advertisements, opinions, and distractions. Amid this noise, God's voice often becomes the faintest. Like the seed falling on the path, God's Word can remain on the surface of our lives if we never allow it to sink in.

Rocky ground represents those moments when faith is based only on emotions. We gladly receive God's Word when everything goes well, but when difficulties arise, prayer fades, Sunday Mass becomes optional, and hope weakens. A faith with shallow roots cannot withstand life's storms.

The thorny soil reflects our modern culture remarkably well. Worries about finances, careers, health, status, and endless desires slowly choke the life of faith. Jesus is not saying that work or success is wrong; rather, He warns us against allowing these concerns to become more important than God.

Good soil is not a perfect heart but an open and receptive one. It is the heart that listens, reflects, prays, and allows God's Word to shape daily decisions. Such a heart bears fruit—not only in extraordinary deeds but in ordinary acts of kindness, forgiveness, honesty, compassion, and perseverance.

A teacher once noticed that two students attended the same lessons every day. One student merely memorized information to pass examinations. The other reflected on what he learned and applied it in everyday life. Years later, the first student had forgotten most of what he had studied, while the second had become an inspiring leader because the lessons had become part of his character.

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm: 64:10-14

**℟: The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **℟**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **℟**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **℟**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **℟**

Second reading: Romans 8:18-23

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of
the children of God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can
never be compared to the glory, as yet
unrevealed, which is waiting for us.

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: - Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon:

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

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“The Gospel works in much the same way. Simply hearing Scripture every Sunday is not enough. God's Word must move from our ears to our minds, from our minds to our hearts, and from our hearts into our actions.

Many people own several Bibles but rarely open them. We spend hours scrolling through our phones, yet struggle to spend ten minutes reflecting on God's Word. The problem is not that God has stopped speaking; rather, our hearts are often too crowded to listen. The smallest seed, when welcomed into fertile soil, can produce an abundant harvest.

The good news of today's Gospel is that soil can change. A hard path can be softened, rocky ground can be cleared, and thorns can be removed. Through prayer, the sacraments, and daily conversion, God continually prepares our hearts to receive His Word.

The harvest God desires is not measured merely by religious activities but by transformed lives—lives marked by love, mercy, joy, peace, and faithful witness. May we become the good soil that receives God's Word with generous hearts and bears fruit "a hundredfold." (Sources duly acknowledged).

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

George Asic
Cristina Assuncao
Mario Borsellino
Maree Buttenshaw
Kath Clinton
Margaret Constable
Patrick Coughlan
Den-Toll Family
Al Alam Family
Younis Family

Patrice Gelle
Patrick Gelle
Daniel Hamilton
David Hilvano
Klara Jakober
Denise Kassis
Lorna Lagarto
Rey Legaspi
Maria-Trinidad Lim
Romenda McGregor

Nelune Rajapakse
Rosemary Romeo
Ned Powlr
Kaz Seremet
Hayden Thomson
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Jeanine Palmos-Nonato

Anniversaries

PARISH ROSTERS

11/12 July 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	Lynnette Rodrigues	Leah Garcia Anne-Marie Hewkins	Harriet S Zachary C Jacob K	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Thomas Russo Sophie Russo	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Jodie MacGregor Rozz Morris	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Tuti Sugita		
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Edlynne Salvador Marco Tapiador	Madison A Sage G	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade			<u>Lawn & Garden</u> Michael Clark

18/19 July 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	Ben Garcia	Lynnette Rodrigues Sr Maureen	Ruby P	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Thess Davidson & Family	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Maya R Ava E	Eric Flores Lina Flores	Lawrence Tsang Sheila Delos Reyes		
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Astrid Kossim Sam Markarian	Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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 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 12 Jul. - 11:30am
Sunday 16 Aug. - 11:30am
Sunday 20 Sept. - 11:30am
Sunday 18 Oct. - 11:30am
Sunday 22 Nov. - 11:30am
Sunday 13 Dec. - 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.



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, several face-to-face mandatory Safeguarding Training sessions are available.

Please register directly for your preferred session by clicking on the relevant 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.

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
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thu/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