



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sunday, 30 August 2026

“No cross-no crown - Francis Quarles

A young man was at the end of his road, seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other room, he saw many crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered. The Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in."

In the lives of each of us there may be something painful, big or small, something that we wish to be different. In the lives of each of us there is a cross. The term 'cross' can be broadly understood as sacrifice, suffering, pain, challenge, crises, obstacle and so on. The cross can be caused by somebody else, or we may bring a cross on ourselves due to our choices or sometimes the cross is neither the fault of others nor ourselves, but because of the accidents of life or simply because we are human and do not have the perfection of God. Why cross?

The problem of evil or suffering cannot be simply answered. It is a mystery. With our limited vision and understanding we cannot get the purpose and the meaning of suffering. Anyone who has ever suffered tragic and senseless loss or observed the disproportionate suffering that some must endure cannot help but ask, why? I am sure every one of us has raised this question at one point in time of our life. The usual answers we get are mysterious and hard to comprehend in cases of ineffable suffering and pain. Suffering is hard to explain or accept simply. The scriptures say how, "all things work together for the good of those who love and trust the Lord and are called according to his purposes." In the gospel of this Sunday, Jesus simply tells to take up the cross and follow him. The symbol of 'cross' that Jesus speaks (symbol or sign of Christianity) volumes and our lives can be powerfully and consistently moved by this greatest symbol. The cross is the dramatic symbol of our faith, hope, love, and forgiveness and it is a symbol of victory over evil. The cross is the powerful reminder of God's sacrificial and redemptive love for us. And the cross is the constant signal to us of how God wants us to live and love today.

On December 26, 2011, fire broke out in 39-year-old celebrity chef Matt Golinski's house in Queensland, Australia. Matt's wife and three young daughters died in the blaze and Matt suffered burns to over 40% of his body trying to save his family. Matt spent the next two months in an induced coma. Doctors were unsure whether he would survive. Remarkably, Matt survived his horrific injuries. After he awoke from the coma, he said that the love and support from friends, family and others had given him the will to live. Despite his painful injuries, regular rehabilitation, and losing his house, wife and all of his children, Matt said, "... I am grateful to be alive. I am now trying to look to the future and live a life that would make them [Matt's wife and daughters] proud." Matt is looking to the future, and his wife and children would be very proud of him. In 2013 Matt was running again. He said that he'd like to compete in half and full marathons soon. Matt is cooking regularly and working on a cookbook. He is helping other burn victims as well. In 2012 he donated \$100,000 of the money given to him for his recovery to help other burns survivors. What an amazing man. (Read online). As Helen Keller says, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of overcoming of it." Yes, you and I can be positive towards the reality of cross or suffering and share the crosses of people starting from our family to bring a little comfort, encouragement and hope. (Sources acknowledged)

God's blessings

Fr Vince



This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself
be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. ***R***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. ***R***

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***R***

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. ***R***

Second reading: Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: - Matthew 16:21-27

'Get behind me, Satan!'

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



The Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary is pleased to invite you to a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 100 years of our international community

Sunday 13th September 2026

Main celebrant:
The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney

Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start
Celebration to conclude at approximately 3pm

The day will begin with Holy Mass followed by
light refreshments and a program

RSVP is required for catering purposes
by 1st September 2026




Parish bus groups are encouraged,
and registration is necessary for parking

General parking will be available onsite in the valley

An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary
will be available for viewing in the Family Hall
from 8:30am - 6:00pm

230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745
www.schoenstatt.org.au sistersjubilee@schoenstatt.org.au

Be The Witness

— THE MUSICAL —

The story of Jesus, through the eyes of Peter

10-13 September 2026
Riverside Theatres
Parramatta



— THE MUSICAL —

THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND

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

Don't miss out! Book Now  Limited Seats

Bring your group to Be The Witness – The Musical and save! Book 4+ tickets and save \$5 per ticket, or book 10+ tickets and save up to \$10 per ticket! Terms and conditions apply. This is a perfect opportunity for churches, ministry groups, and friends coming together for an unforgettable musical experience! Don't miss out

www.bethewitness.com.au

With the support and encouragement of Bishop Vincent Long  Presented by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown 

Children's Liturgy of the Word

All children are warmly invited to join Children's Liturgy during the **10:00am Sunday Mass**.

Upcoming dates: Sunday, 30 August and 13 September 2026.



Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

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

Michael Doherty
Darryl Fernandes
Patrice Gelle
Daniel Hamilton
David Hilvano
Klara Jakober
Janine
Denise Kassis
Lorna Lagarto
Rey Legaspi
Rosa Urqueza

Maria-Trinidad Lim
Romenda McGregor
Joan Nayler
Nelune Rajapakse
Rosemary Romeo
Ned Powlr
Kaz Seremet
Hayden Thomson
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Roy Ostos

Anniversaries

Violeta Corona
Madeleine Dardanne
Trevor Grugan
Norman Hanna
Leo Keegan
Virginie & Sophie Raoul

PARISH ROSTERS

29/30 August 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	Tracy Samuel	Sr Maureen Lynette Rodriguez	Cristian A. Clareese M. Jensen M. Judah M.	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Evelyn Noviza Carleen Borres Danai Makoni	Anton Massilamany Vartguess Markarian	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Angela & Will Finnane	Alessandro C. Isabella N. Tashnie W. Tashen W.	Eric Flores Lina Flores		Children's Liturgy Tamara Markarian Allison Markarian	Lawn & Garden Robert Spinetti
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Sam Markarian		Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues			

05/06 September 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	Michelle Acharya Eli Ogrizek	Harriet S. Zachary C. Jacob K.	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	David Boulous Sue Boulous Tuti Sugita	Pierre Salomon	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Anne Marie Lyons Glenys Oxlee	Maya R. Tara C.	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			Lawn & Garden Michael Clark
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	George Lattouf Julia Tapiador	Sage G.	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Sacrament of Holy Eucharist
- 20th September 2026
- 27th September 2026

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

Congratulations

to **Neal Reyes and Kelly Wheeler** who got married yesterday.
We wish them a happily married life!

COULD YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR (MT 26:40)



Introducing Extended Eucharistic Adoration in our parish from 13th September 2026. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 am to 9:00 am daily. Be a part of this act of prayer and receive the countless blessings from the Lord!

This Act of Adoration will make our parish truly blessed!
There will be fellowship in the school hall after the 10:00 am mass on Sunday, 13th September 2026. Please bring a plate to share.

- Fr Vince -

Please contact Nancy 0434541287 or Barbara 0417 084 659 for more details.

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 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.

MY WEEKLY COMMITMENT

Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere



Amount \$

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

If you require a tax receipt for the 2025-2026 financial year,

please email your request to Deacon Leon at:
accounts@holymary.org.au

Thank you.



Vinnie's Winter Appeal 2026 Receipts

Receipts of your donation are available on the table at the church's entrance.

Many thanks for your generosity.

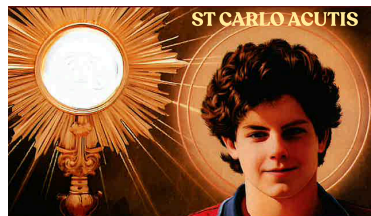
God bless you.

Ron Della Vedova

(President of the Rydalmere Conference of SVDP)

"It is a blessing to live simply so others may simply live."

(Source unknown)



ST CARLO ACUTIS

RELIC & EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION EXHIBITION & VENERATION

Tuesday, 1 & Wednesday, 2 September
Exhibition entry - hourly from 10am - 4pm

TWO SPECIAL EVENING EVENTS

5:30 - 9:00pm, Tuesday 1 September

Evening Prayer & Adoration

5:30 - 9:00pm, Wednesday 2 September

Guest Lecture & Adoration

Venue: Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Pl Toongabbie NSW 2146

Further details can be found at campion.edu.au/event/carlo-acutis/.



ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding

Our Commitment to Safeguarding is guided by the words of Micah 6:8: 'This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.' For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website: <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

For any queries, please contact the parish office on (02) 96841541 or alternatively, email at 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.

Saint Padre Pio Feast Day

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

TRIDUUM

Thursday 17 September - 7:00pm
Friday 18 September - 7:00pm
Saturday 19 September - 5:30pm

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Procession followed by Mass, Veneration and blessing with St. Padre Pio's Relic & fellowship meal. - 10:00AM

Contact Details
(02) 4789 2232
34 Williams Howell Drive,

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

Cecilia
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri
9am to 4pm

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

St. Mary's Primary School

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Principal: Mr. Richard Blissenden

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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan