



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sunday, 9 August 2026

“YOU CAN BE IN THE STORM, BUT DON’T LET THE STORM GET IN YOU”

- Joel Osteen

Storms are a part of every human life. Some storms are visible—the loss of a job, sickness, financial hardship, family conflict, or the death of a loved one. Others are hidden—the anxiety no one sees, the silent depression, the fear of the future, or the burden of loneliness. We cannot stop every storm from coming, but we can choose whether the storm takes over our hearts.

The Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 14:22–33) reminds us of this profound truth. The disciples are caught in a violent storm while Jesus seems absent. Then, in the darkest part of the night, Jesus comes to them walking on the water. Peter courageously steps out of the boat, but as soon as he focuses on the strength of the wind instead of the face of Jesus, he begins to sink. Jesus immediately stretches out His hand and lifts him up. The lesson is simple yet life-changing: ***faith grows when our eyes remain fixed on Christ, not on our problems.***

The First Reading (1 Kings 19:9,11–13) offers another beautiful image. The prophet Elijah expected God to appear in dramatic ways—in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. Instead, God came in a gentle whisper. Sometimes, amid life's chaos, God does not remove the storm immediately. Instead, He quietly reminds us, "I am here."

In October 2010, the world watched with hope as 33 Chilean miners were trapped nearly 700 metres underground after a massive mine collapse. For 69 days, they lived in darkness, not knowing if they would ever see their families again. What kept them alive was not only food and water that eventually reached them through narrow boreholes. It was hope, discipline, mutual support, and prayer. Many of the miners spoke openly about how they prayed together every day. They encouraged one another when fear threatened to overwhelm them. They could not stop the rock surrounding them, but they refused to let despair imprison their hearts. When each miner finally emerged safely to the surface, the world celebrated more than a remarkable rescue. It celebrated the triumph of hope over fear. Their story echoes today's Gospel. They were in an overwhelming storm, but they did not allow the storm to destroy their spirit.

What About Our Storms? Perhaps our storm today is not a violent sea but a hospital room. Perhaps it is uncertainty about our family. Perhaps it is a child who has drifted away from the faith. Perhaps it is loneliness after losing someone we love. Perhaps it is worrying about the future. Jesus does not promise that believers will never face storms. The disciples encountered the storm while obeying His command to cross the lake. What Jesus promises is His presence. When Peter looked at the waves, he sank. When he cried out, "Lord, save me!", Jesus immediately reached out His hand. The same Lord continues to stretch out His hand today—in the Eucharist, in Scripture, in prayer, through the support of family and friends, and through the loving care of our parish community.

An old sailor once said, "The sea never asks if you are ready." Storms often arrive without warning. Yet experienced sailors know that panic sinks more ships than the waves themselves. The same is true in our spiritual lives.

Fear clouds judgment. Anxiety steals peace. Despair weakens hope. Faith, however, keeps our eyes fixed on Christ. As St. John Paul II often reminded the Church, "Do not be afraid." These words are not a denial of life's difficulties. They are an invitation to trust the One who is greater than every storm.

Whenever we feel overwhelmed this week, let us pause for a moment and quietly repeat the words of Jesus: "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid." Allow those words to become our prayer. We may not be able to calm every storm around us. But with Christ beside us, we can prevent the storm from entering our heart. For when Jesus is in the boat, hope is never lost, faith is never wasted, and every storm becomes an opportunity to discover that God is stronger than the wind. (Sources duly acknowledged)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm: 84:9-14

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

Second reading: Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help My people.

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too.

What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel: - Matthew 14:22-33

Command Me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communion Antiphon:

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank You to Our Outgoing Parish Secretary

On behalf of the parish, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing Parish Secretary Maritza for her dedicated and faithful service generously offered to our parish community. Behind the scenes, the Parish Secretary is often the welcoming face and reassuring voice of the parish ensuring that the daily life of the parish runs smoothly. As you begin the next chapter of your journey, we assure you of our prayers and wish you every blessing, good health, happiness, and continued success.

Welcome to Our New Parish Secretary

We are delighted to welcome Cecilia Calimbas, our new Parish Secretary to our parish family. We are confident that your gifts, talents, and dedication will enrich our parish and contribute greatly to our shared mission of proclaiming the Gospel and serving God's people. May you find joy in your work, friendship within our parish community, and strength in the Lord as you begin this new responsibility. Let me request our parishioners to make her welcome and extend your wholehearted support.

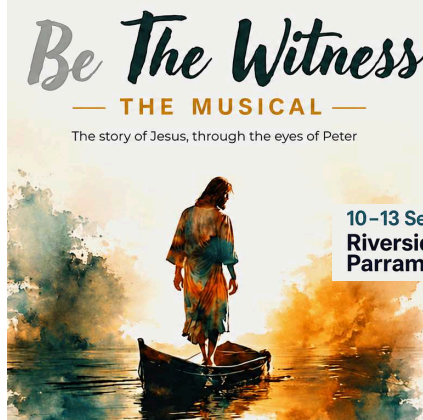
Fr Vince

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 16 August, 30 August and 13 September 2026.



BOOK NOW

10-13 September 2026
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Maree Buttenshaw
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Margaret Constable
Patrick Coughlan
Den-Toll Family
Al Alam Family

Younis Family
Darryl Fernandes
Patrice Gelle
Daniel Hamilton
David Hilvano
Klara Jakober
Janine
Denise Kassiss
Lorna Lagarto
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Romenda McGregor
Joan Nayler
Nelune Rajapakse
Rosemary Romeo
Ned Powlr
Kaz Seremet
Hayden Thomson
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Fr Eugene Stockton
Rose Byrne
Virginia Gonsalves
Maria Antonia Rodi-Guiseppa Alvaro

Anniversaries

Theresa Caruana
Frank Gaffney
Varini Massilamani
Arthur Saad
Mary Safi
Mary Sarkis
Felipe Engente

PARISH ROSTERS

8/9 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	Thomas Russo	Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza	Harriet S Zachary C Jacob K	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Francis Mathew	Sue Galletto	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Maria Dowling Ross Morris
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Barbara Rosario Anton Fernando	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Lynette Rodrigues		
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Jessica Tapiador Edlynn Salvador	Madison A Sage G	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Dominic Rodrigues		Lawn & Garden Robert Spinetti

15/16 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	Lynette Rodrigues	Len Farrugia Sue Farrugia	Ruby P	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Francis Mathew Bill O'Shea Sheila Tapiador	Moinica Jung	Lily Hon O. Ham Maria Greenfield
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Chris Twomey Maree Twomey	Maya R Ava E	Eric Flores Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Cynthia Oscar Tinaye Makoni	Isabella N Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade	Children's Liturgy Jane Homann Nic Padden		

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



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)



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.*

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

MY WEEKLY COMMITMENT

Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere



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.

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 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.

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/Thur/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

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