



# Weekly Bulletin

**Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish**

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**Sunday, 06 September 2026**

**“Sometimes, God doesn’t send you into a battle to win it; he sends you to end it.”—**

**Shannon L. Alder**

Having an argument with someone we love is not unusual. We all experience rifts of various degrees with family and friends. There are times when we all act insensitively and say hurtful things. The question is how we deal with those arguments and heal those rifts.

In a recent article in The Wall Street Journal (July 15, 2014), reporter Elizabeth Bernstein spoke with psychologists, therapists and counsellors about how to best make up after an argument.

One psychologist summarized the process this way: “You don’t want to avoid [conflict]. You want to manage it.” How? The Journal article outlines five steps:

**First: Wait to talk.** Give time for both of you to calm down. If one side is still “hot,” the other’s apology will only escalate the argument. **Second: Give up the idea of being right.** Remember that each of you believes that you are right and the other is in the wrong. Focus instead on each other’s feelings. **Third: Verbalize your understanding of how the other person feels:** “I understand that you are hurt because . . .” “And ask if you are correct. **Fourth: Quash the impulse to defend yourself.** If you apologize and the other person says, “Yes, you behaved badly,” just nod your head. Explain to the other that you really care about him or her and that you are willing to modify your behaviour. **Fifth: Accept the fact that it will take a while to feel better.** Care enough to check in later. If each of you shows the other that you really care, the larger issues will resolve themselves. And never use the word “but” in an apology. “I’m sorry, but . . .” undermines the entire purpose of apologizing.

The point of both The Wall Street Journal article and today’s Gospel is that reconciliation takes determined and focused work. Elizabeth Bernstein offers several insights into healing a rift between family members and friends; Jesus outlines a process for reconciling a conflict within a community. Discipleship is the hard work of building community and the harder work of reconciliation — work that is grounded in love for the other, work that begins with respect and love for every human being, work that seeks God’s justice and peace above all. Gospel-centered reconciliation confronts those misunderstandings and issues that divide us, grieve us and embitter us, not out of anger or a need to “even the score,” but out of a commitment to imitate the great love and mercy of God. (Sampler Connections)

On 13 May 1981, something shocking happened in St Peter’s Square in Rome. Pope John Paul II was travelling through the crowd in his open car, greeting pilgrims. Suddenly, a Turkish man named Mehmet Ali Ağca fired several shots at the Pope. The Pope was seriously wounded and was rushed to hospital. His life was in danger. Doctors worked urgently to save him. A few years later, after Ağca had been imprisoned, something extraordinary happened. Pope John Paul II went to visit the very man who had tried to kill him. They sat together in the prison cell. The Pope spoke with him privately. He did not go there to condemn him. He did not go there to humiliate him. He went there as a Christian who had chosen forgiveness. After the meeting, the Pope made it clear that he had forgiven his attacker.

Think about that for a moment. The man had taken a gun and tried to take the Pope’s life. Yet the Pope chose to reach out to him. The Pope later said that what mattered was the human person and the possibility of forgiveness. He entrusted the rest to God.

**“Jesus does not ask us to win the argument; he asks us to win back the person.”**

**God’s blessings**



**Fr Vince**

*I would like to congratulate all men in our parish who are making all the efforts to be good fathers whether they are stepfathers, biological fathers, foster fathers, or just guardians. May you be the best teachers to your children in the ways of faith and love! I wish that you don’t fail to make the prayer given to you in the bookmark.*

**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!**

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful  
love.

## First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

*If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold  
you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as  
follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as  
sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a  
word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I  
say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to  
die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man  
to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin,  
but I will hold you responsible for his death. If,  
however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce  
his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then  
he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have  
saved your life.'

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

***R: O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. ***R***

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. ***R***

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' ***R***

## Second reading: Romans 13:8-10

*Your only debt should be the debt of mutual love.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual  
love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out  
your obligations. All the commandments: You shall  
not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not  
steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up  
in this single command: You must love your  
neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that  
cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the  
answer to every one of the commandments.

## Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has  
entrusted to us.

***Alleluia!***

## Gospel: - Matthew 18:15-20

*If your brother listens to you, you have won back your  
brother.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does  
something wrong, go and have it out with him alone,  
between your two selves. If he listens to you, you  
have won back your brother. If he does not listen,  
take one or two others along with you: the evidence  
of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any  
charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to  
the community; and if he refuses to listen to the  
community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth  
shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you  
loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on  
earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to  
you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three  
meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

## Communion Antiphon: Jn 8: 12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## 2026 Sacramental Program

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

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

### 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 15 Nov. - 11:30am  
Sunday 13 Dec. - 11:30am  
Where: The Family Inn

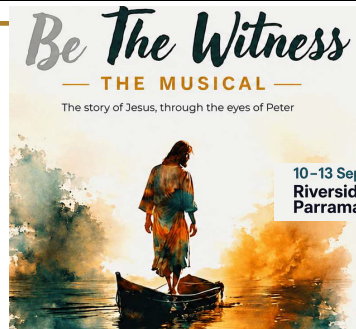
Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends!  
This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.  
For more details and/or to RSVP contact Allison on 0411 013 032.



**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](mailto: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.*



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With the support and encouragement of Bishop Vincent Long



Presented by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown



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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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## Let us pray for the...

### Wellbeing & Health

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

### Recently Deceased

Rose Marie  
Malcolm Stevenson

### Anniversaries

Joseph Orsini

## PARISH ROSTERS

### 05/06 September 2026

#### Computer Operators

#### Lectors

#### Altar Servers

#### EMHC

#### Counters

#### Cleaning Ministry

#### Altar Society

#### 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

#### Sun 10.00am

Anne Fernando

George Lattouf  
Julia Tapiador

Sage G.

Evelyn Artiaga  
Elaine Gade

Michael Clark

### 12/13 September 2026

#### Computer Operators

#### Lectors

#### Altar Servers

#### EMHC

#### Counters

#### Cleaning Ministry

#### Altar Society

#### Sat Vigil 5.30pm

Eric Flores

Yolanda & Romeo  
Urqueza

Ruby P.

Susan Boulous  
Kathy Saad

David Boulous  
Sue Boulous  
Lawrence Tsang  
Sheila Delos Reyes

Thomas & Sophie  
Russo

Maria Greenfield  
Lily Hon

#### Sun 8.00am

Anthony Wong

Helen Wong  
Michael Clark

Maya R.

Eric Flores  
Lina Flores

#### Children's Liturgy

Doreen Tencaramedon  
Chandelle Culas

#### Sun 10.00am

Lynnette Rodrigues

Joseph Andrews

Ava E.  
Isabella N.  
Tashnie &  
Tashen W.

Sheila Tapiador  
Evelyn Artiaga

Di O'Shea  
Nic Padden

#### Lawn & Garden

Robert Spinetti

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A priest once asked a child:

"Do you know what happens when we go to Confession?"

The child replied:

"Yes, Father. Jesus takes our sins and throws them away."

The priest asked, "And where does He throw them?"

The child thought for a moment and said:

"I don't know, Father. But I'm glad He doesn't have a recycling bin!" 😊

"God does not keep recycling our past.

When we sincerely repent, He forgives, restores and gives us a new beginning."



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. PADRE PIO PARISH**  
GLENMERE NSW

## 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 William Howell Drive,

A young man said to his priest:

"Father, isn't there an app where I can confess my sins?"

The priest said, "No."

Young man: "Why not?"

"Because forgiveness requires more than pressing 'I agree to the terms and conditions.'"

## MY WEEKLY COMMITMENT

Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere

## 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.



Amount \$ .....

## YOU ARE INVITED

TO

Explore. Discover. Belong.

## Interested in becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith, discovery, and transformation.

Whether you are exploring the Catholic faith for the first time or considering completing your Sacraments, you are welcome here.

## COME AND FIND OUT MORE AT OUR RCIA INFORMATION SESSION



WHEN:

6:00PM

Tuesday the 8th of September



WHERE:

Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere  
(2 Myrtle Street)  
Church Meeting Room



Take the next step in your faith journey.

All are welcome!

## 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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Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan