



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sunday, 13 September 2026

“Mary: A Name that Leads Us to Forgiveness”

Last Sunday, Jesus spoke about the conflict resolution in a community. This Sunday he talks about the importance of forgiveness in our day-to-day life. May I give you the excerpts of the reflections by Maryknoll Father John Sivalon as below.

Every one of us feels that the world is truly in a mess. The UN report reports that there are sixty-six active conflicts in the world. The ever-increasing violence, vengeance, genocide and anger leave us with complexities and uncertainties in every sphere of life. Added to this are the personal grudges, the angry political debates between siblings, and the refusal to even speak to one another within our families and communities. These are the very things that the author of Sirach is warning against in today's first reading. “Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.”

Then, in the Gospel, Peter steps forward with a vengeful thought: “How often must I forgive a person who wrongs me?” As if there is a limit. But Jesus says: “not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” With these words, Jesus is taking his disciples and us back to the time of the original murders in the Bible. The unprovoked murder of Abel by Cain and the vengeful murder by Cain's descendant Lamech of a young man who had wronged him. In Genesis 4, Lamech takes God's promise of seven years of protection for Cain to prevent blood feuds and multiplies it by eleven, boasting to his wives that his protection should be greater because he was acting against someone who struck him and wounded him first. Lamech uses God to rationalize the righteousness of vengeance, anger, war, violence, and the spiral of blood feuds. He thinks he can do this with impunity just because he has the power to do it. Somewhat like the present US administration's actions against Venezuela and Iran.

The passage from Genesis illustrates the downward spiral of human violence and pride, separating humanity further from God and our sisters and brothers and all of creation. And for today's gospel, it serves as the scriptural source for Jesus's teachings on forgiveness in Matthew 18. Both Peter and Jesus have this Genesis passage in mind as they discern how to live in community. Peter references the seven years of protection for Cain, and Jesus flips Lamech's idea of unlimited vengeance to unlimited forgiveness and nonviolence. It implies unlimited hope in and openness to the possibility of conversion and transformation both on a personal and global scale. As Pope Leo wrote in Magnifica Humanitas, “Today, more than ever, without prejudice to the right to self-defence in the strictest sense, it is important to reaffirm that the “just war” theory, which has all too often been used to justify any kind of war, is now outdated. [182] Humanity possesses far more effective and capable tools for promoting human life and resolving conflicts, such as dialogue, diplomacy, and forgiveness. The use of force, violence, and weapons reflects a relational poverty that always has disastrous consequences for civilian populations.” Always remain open and hopeful to the possibility of transformation.

Today, as we celebrate the Holy Name of Mary, we are reminded of a Mother who teaches us how to live with a generous heart. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter that we must forgive “not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” Forgiveness is not always easy, but Mary shows us the way. She stood faithfully beside Jesus even when she saw Him rejected and crucified. She did not respond with anger or hatred but remained a woman of love and trust. The name Mary can therefore become a prayer in moments when our hearts are hurt: “Mary, teach me to forgive. Mary, help me to let go. Mary, lead me closer to Jesus.”

As a parish family, may we not allow old hurts to divide us. Let us choose forgiveness over resentment, love over anger, and unity over division. Let us pray to our Mother to guide our parish and bring us closer to one another and to God.

LET US BUILD OUR PARISH INTO A COMMUNITY OF LOVE, FAITH AND HOPE!

Happy Feast to everyone in our parish!

God's blessings

Fr Vince



This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you; and when
you pray, your sins will be forgiven*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

***R: The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.***

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. ***R***

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. ***R***

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. ***R***

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. ***R***

Second reading: Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so
that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: - Matthew 18:15-20

To be forgiven, you must forgive.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I
forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven
times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-
seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When
the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten
thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his
master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his
wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt.
At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet.
"Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And
the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go
and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he
happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one
hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began
to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow
servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me
time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on
the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should
pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed
when they saw what had happened, and they went to their
master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the
master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I
cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me.
Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow
servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the
master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay
all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal
with you unless you each forgive your brother from your
heart.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. 1 Cor 10: 16

The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2026 Sacramental Program

First Holy Communion Masses @ 12 Noon on:

- 20th September 2026
- 27th September 2026

For more details, please contact: Lynnette Rodrigues, Parish Sacramental Coordinator
Email: lynn291955@gmail.com



- Saturday, 17 October 2026 - Parish Pilgrimage
- Thursday, 05 November 2026 - Volunteers' Thanksgiving Dinner
- Friday, 04 December 2026 - Healing Mass for Retiring Priests



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

Thank you for helping to make the Diocese of Parramatta
a safe Church for children, young people and adults at risk.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

All children are warmly invited to join
Children's Liturgy during the **10:00am
Sunday Mass,
13 September 2026**



Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Benny Adile	Al Alam Family	Rey Legaspi
George Asic	Michael Doherty	Maria-Trinidad Lim
Cristina Assuncao	Darryl Fernandes	Fr Michael Maroun
Mario Borsellino	Patrice Gelle	Romenda McGregor
Maree Buttenshaw	Daniel Hamilton	Joan Nayler
Michael Clarke	David Hilvano	Nelune Rajapakse
Kath Clinton	Klara Jakober	Rosemary Romeo
Margaret Constable	Janine	Ned Powlr
Patrick Coughlan	Denise Kassiss	Kaz Seremet
Den-Toll Family	Lorna Lagarto	Hayden Thomson

Rosa Urqueza
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villaros
Pia Ylagan
Younis Family

Anniversaries

Regis Edouard Betsy
Dianne Coorey
Alston Mortier
Paul O'Connor
Thelma Ryan

Saad Family
Safi Family
Emmanuel Sammut
Hanna Sarkis
Sarkis Family
Eufemia Sescia
Daniel Twomey

PARISH ROSTERS

12/13 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	Eric Flores	Yolanda & Romeo Urqueza	Ruby P.	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	David Boulous Sue Boulous	Thomas & Sophie Russo	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Anthony Wong	Helen Wong Michael Clark	Maya R. Ava E.	Eric Flores Lina Flores	Lawrence Tsang Sheila Delos Reyes	Children's Liturgy	Doreen Tencaramedon Chandelle Culas
Sun 10.00am	Lynette Rodrigues	Joseph Andrews	Isabella N. Tashnie & Tashen W.	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga		Di O'Shea Nic Padden	Robert Spinetti

19/20 September 2026

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Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Jenny Hendry	Len & Sue Farrugia	Cristian A. Jacob K.	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows Riza Ferdinando Audrey Ferdinando	Thess Davidson & Family	Pam McKay Annabelle Manlutac
Sun 8.00am	Glenys Oxlee	Ron Della Vedova	Bridget R. Tara C.	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong		Children's Liturgy	Maria Dowling Ross Morris
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Astrid Kossim	Avril L. Savannah S-F. Amelia I.	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues		Di O'Shea Nic Padden	Lawn & Garden Romeo Urqueza

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

MY WEEKLY COMMITMENT

Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere



Amount \$

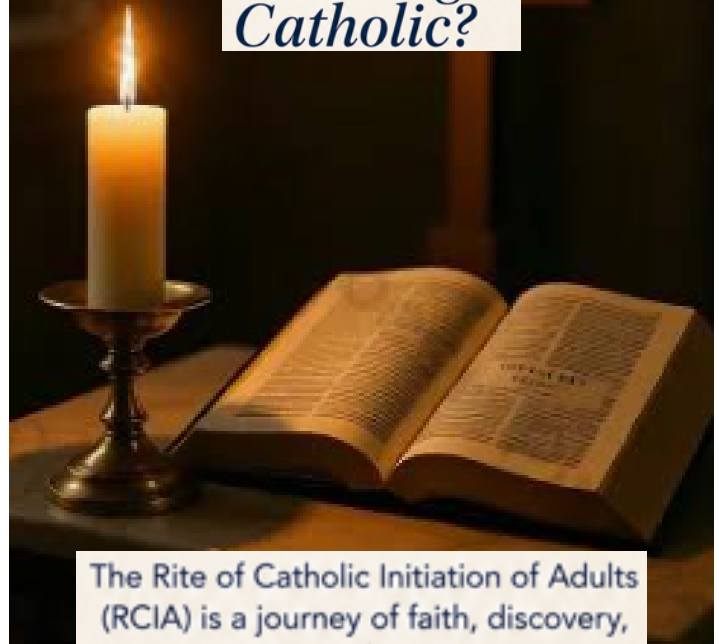
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Thank you.

Powerful challenges emerging from the Gospel of this Sunday

- Am I keeping a scorecard of people's mistakes?
- Do I expect God to forgive what I am unwilling to forgive in others?
- Whose name comes to my mind when I hear the word "forgive"? Why?
- Am I allowing something someone did years ago to continue stealing my peace today?
- If God used my standard of mercy toward me, how would I fare?
- Have I truly released the person to God, or am I simply carrying the resentment quietly?
- Can I pray, "Lord, I don't want to forgive yet—but I want to want to forgive"?
- Is there someone to whom I need to say, "I'm sorry"?
- Who is actually imprisoned by my unforgiveness—them or me?
- Would people recognize Christ in the way I deal with those who have hurt me?

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.



Take the next step in your faith journey.
All are welcome!

To contact the RCIA Coordinator, Nazli Guler, please call 0426 243 016.

We look forward to seeing you! ♥

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

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 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

PARISH SCHOOLS

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