



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sunday, 04 October 2026

Have you ever felt unwanted, abandoned, or rejected?

Rejection is one of the deepest wounds of the human heart. We may be rejected by a friend, overlooked at work, excluded by others, misunderstood by our family, or simply made to feel that we are not good enough. Some recover quickly, while others carry the pain for years. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the stone rejected by the builders becoming the cornerstone. The story points directly to Jesus Himself. He was rejected, mocked, crucified and put to death. Yet the One whom people rejected became the very foundation of our salvation. History reminds us that rejection does not have to be the end of our story.

Kristi Yamaguchi, born with a foot problem, underwent physical therapy as a child. Her parents encouraged her to take up ice skating to strengthen her legs. She worked tirelessly, often practising before school in the early morning. The child who might have been limited by her physical difficulty eventually became an Olympic champion. What seemed like a weakness became part of her strength.

Nelson Mandela was rejected and imprisoned for 27 years because of his opposition to apartheid. Yet he emerged from prison not consumed by bitterness but committed to reconciliation. The man once rejected eventually became President of a new South Africa.

These stories remind us that what others reject, God can transform. Perhaps we feel like a rejected stone today. Perhaps we are carrying the pain of a broken relationship, loneliness, failure, family difficulties, or words that wounded us deeply. Let us always remember that our value is not determined by how others treat us. God sees what others may overlook. God does not discard the wounded, the forgotten or the ordinary.

There is an old story about a builder who found a rough, unattractive stone and threw it aside. Later, when the building was almost complete, he discovered that the discarded stone was exactly the shape needed for the most important corner. The stone he had rejected became essential to the whole building. That is what God does. Jesus was the rejected stone, but He became the cornerstone. And if we place our lives in His hands, even our wounds, failures and disappointments can become part of something beautiful.

When you feel unwanted — remember that God wants you.

When you feel forgotten — remember that God remembers you.

When you feel worthless — remember that Christ gave His life for you.

When you feel rejected — remember that the rejected stone became the cornerstone. The crucified Christ became the risen Lord. Rejection became rejoicing.

Let us therefore trust God with the pieces of our lives that others may have rejected. What the world considers insignificant, God can use for something extraordinary.

God's blessings



Fr Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all..

First reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Against the Lord's vineyard

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

℟: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. ***℟***

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. ***℟***

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. ***℟***

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. ***℟***

Second reading: Philippians 4:6-9

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: - Matthew 21:33-43

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon: Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

We are desperately short of both Readers & Computer Operators for the Vigil Mass.

The next Readers' roster will be compiled to cover November 2026 to the end February 2027, and the Computer Operators' roster will run from December 2026 to the end May 2027.

Training will be given for both roles. Volunteers for the Sunday Masses are always welcome.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to join one or both of these rosters.

For reading by Sunday 11th October & for the computer roster by Sunday 15th November, please contact: Glenys Oxlee at glmaox@gmail.com or call 0488 228 633

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 18 Oct. - 11:30am

Sunday 29 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.



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CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

Expression of Interest

We invite children from Kindergarten to Year 7 to take part in our Christmas Eve Role Play Nativity.

CHRISTMAS EVE
More details to come!

MULTIPLE ROLES TO FILL
Acting and reading roles available.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?
We welcome all children from Kindergarten to Year 7 to get involved.

INTERESTED?
Please fill in the Google Form to express your interest. Tamara Markarian and Ela Torres will contact you shortly.

Let's celebrate the true meaning of Christmas together as a parish community.

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
Kath Clinton	David Hilvano	Nelune Rajapakse
Margaret Constable	Klara Jakober	Rosemary Romeo
Patrick Coughlan	Janine	Ned Powlr
Den-Toll Family	Denise Kassiss	Kaz Seremet
Younis Family	Lorna Lagarto	Hayden Thomson

Rosa Urqueza
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan
Gladys Harvey

Recently Deceased

Edward Power
Jeannie Stephen

Anniversaries

Renato Banaag
Gemma Enriquez
Varini Massillamany
Rosa Timoteo
Arthur Towers

PARISH ROSTERS

03/04 October 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	George Davidson	Lynette Rodrigues Sr Maureen	Harriet S. Zachary C.	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Francis Mathew Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Chris & Maree Twomey	Maya R. Tara C.	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong		
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Lorna Argal Linda Tsang	Sage G.	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade		Lawn & Garden Romeo Urqueza

10/11 October 2026

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Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Jodie MacGregor Rozz Morris	Maya R.	Eric & Lina Flores		
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Nada Coorey Tinaye Makoni	Ava E. Isabella N. Tashnie W. Tashen W.	Lynette & Dominic Rodrigues		Lawn & Garden Romeo Urqueza

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

EXTENDED ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

May I kindly ask everyone who wishes to participate in the extended adoration of the Eucharist to **register their details and preferred time of attendance**. This will help us organise the Adoration smoothly, ensure adequate coverage throughout the hours, and assist us in maintaining a **safe and prayerful environment** for everyone.

Your registration will ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us make this a beautiful and meaningful time of prayer before the Lord.

~~~~~ Fr Vince ~~~~~



## CALLING VOLUNTEERS

TO CLOSE THE CHURCH AT 9:00 pm, Monday to Friday  
AFTER THE EXTENDED EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.

*Please come & see us at the Parish Office.  
THANK YOU!*



## 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! ♥*

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE INVITATION



### YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

During this special Year of Saint Francis, proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, the Church grants a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions, including the visit to a Franciscan church or a place associated with Saint Francis.

**Date:** Saturday 17 October 2026. **Time:** 10am Benediction & Rosary, Mass & Fellowship.

**Venue:** Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, KELLYVILLE.

### PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR LUNCH.

**RSVP:** Use the Year of St Francis - Pilgrimage Sign Up Sheet, found on the tables at the entry to the church, OR via SMS to Michelle on 0408 809 355.

**NEED A LIFT:** please contact Glenys Oxlee via mobile 0488 228 633 or via email to: glmaox@gmail.com

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



### ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, 02 November 2026.  
Masses at: 9:15am & 7:00pm

FURTHER DETAILS TO COME



**PARISH VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING**  
Thursday, 05 November 2026

FURTHER DETAILS TO COME



### HEALING MASS FOR PARISH RETIREES

Friday, 04 December 2026.  
Mass at: 11:30am followed by Fellowship

FURTHER DETAILS TO COME

## 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)

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm  
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

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| 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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**Email:** stmarysrydal@parra.catholic.edu.au  
**Principal:** Mr. Richard Blissenden

**St. Patrick's Marist College**  
171 Kirby Street, Dundas NSW 2117  
**Ph:** (02) 8841 7900  
**Email:** stpatsdundas@parra.catholic.edu.au  
**Principal:** Mr. Paul Ryan