



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sunday, 11 October 2026

It is the most important invitation you could ever offer—and the most important invitation anyone could accept. — Henry B. Eyring

A little girl was asked to say grace before a dinner to which her parents had invited many guests. She nervously bowed her head and prayed: “Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?”

We smile at the story—but this Sunday’s Gospel presents a very different problem. The host prepares a magnificent banquet, sends out the invitations, and yet the invited guests refuse to come. God’s invitation is different from every other invitation we receive. He invites us not simply to a meal, but to life, friendship, love, forgiveness, and communion with Him. But how often are we too busy to accept?

A businessman once said, “I am working hard now so that one day I can enjoy life.” Years passed. He became successful, but his children grew up without him. His marriage became distant. His health suffered. One day he realised: “I spent my life preparing to live, but I forgot to live.” That can happen to any of us. We can become so occupied with work, money, study, sport, entertainment, social media, appointments and endless responsibilities that God slowly gets pushed to the edge of our lives. We may still believe in God—but we stop making time for Him. We may still love our family—but we stop being present to them. We may still come to church—but our hearts may no longer be at the banquet. Jesus asks us to rediscover what truly matters.

A successful businessman once looked back over his life and said that his greatest achievement was not the company he built or the money he earned. It was that, despite his demanding career, he had made sure to have dinner with his family, pray with them, and be present for the important moments in their lives. His words were simple: “You can make more money. You can build another business. But you cannot get yesterday back.” That is the wisdom of the Gospel.

God does not ask us to abandon our work, responsibilities or ordinary joys. He asks us to put them in the right order. The Eucharist is God’s invitation to stop, breathe, remember who we are, and receive the nourishment we need for the journey. There is an old story about a chicken and a cow. The chicken said to the cow, “Let us prepare breakfast for the farmer. I’ll provide the eggs, and you will provide the bacon.” The cow thought for a moment and replied: “For you, that’s a contribution. For me, it’s a total sacrifice!” We can smile at the story, but it asks us an important question: What does saying “YES” to God really mean for me?

God’s invitation may require us to change our priorities, forgive someone, return to prayer, repair a relationship, come back to Mass, spend time with our family, serve someone in need, or let go of something that is keeping us away from Him. Every Sunday, the doors of the church are open. The altar is prepared. The Eucharistic table awaits. And once again, God says: “Come. I have prepared something for you.” Do not let busyness steal the invitation. Do not let fear keep you away. Do not let yesterday’s mistakes convince you that you are unworthy. The invitation is for you.

Come with your joys. Come with your burdens. Come with your family. Come with your questions. Come with your brokenness. Come to Christ. Because at God’s banquet, we discover that the greatest treasure in life is not what we possess, but Whom we belong to. Will you say YES?



This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon: Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet for every nation

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23)

℟: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **℟**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **℟**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **℟**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **℟**

Second reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

With the help of the One who gives me strength, there is nothing I cannot master.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: cf 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 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can to the wedding

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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



Holy Name of Mary Parish

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.

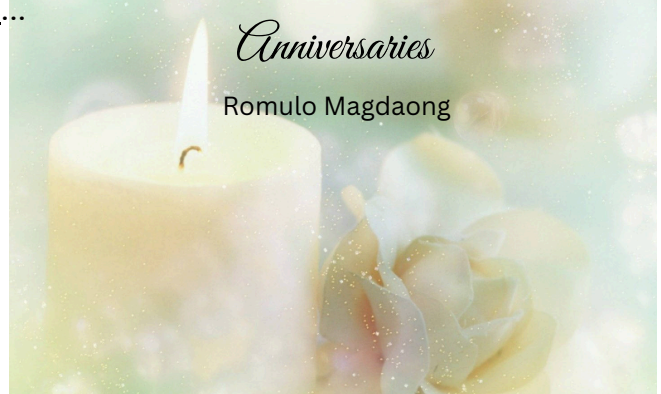
Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Benny Adile	Al Alam Family	Rey Legaspi	Rosa Urqueza
George Asic	Michael Doherty	Maria-Trinidad Lim	Alexander Velasquez
Cristina Assuncao	Darryl Fernandes	Fr Michael Maroun	Alan Tracy Villarosa
Mario Borsellino	Patrice Gelle	Romenda McGregor	Pia Ylagan
Maree Buttenshaw	Daniel Hamilton	Joan Nayler	Gladys Harvey
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	

Anniversaries

Romulo Magdaong



PARISH ROSTERS

10/11 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	Lynette Rodrigues	Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza	Ruby P.	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Francis Mathew Bill O'Shea Sheila Tapiador	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
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

17/18 October 2026

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Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Tracy Samuel	Eli Ogrizek Michelle Acharya	Cristian A. Jacob K.	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Evelyn Noviza Carleen Borres Tyrone Wiratunga	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Helen Wong Glenys Oxlee	Bridget R. Tara C.	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong		Lawn & Garden Romeo Urqueza
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Edlynne Salvador Marco Tapiador	Avril L. Savannah S-F. Amelia I.	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade		

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



ALL SOULS DAY

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



PARISH VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING

Thursday, 05 November 2026

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW



HEALING MASS FOR PARISH RETIREES

Friday, 04 Decemer 2026
Masses at 11:30am followed by Fellowship

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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.



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! ♥

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.



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)

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

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

St. Mary's Primary School

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Principal: Mr. Richard Blissenden

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171 Kirby Street, Dundas NSW 2117

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Email: stpatsdundas@parra.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr. Paul Ryan