

Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish
4 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere
Office: 2 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere 2116
Email: admin@holymary.org.au Phone: **(02) 9684 1541**
Website: www.holymary.org.au

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A **Sunday, 15 November 2026**

REFLECTION

Today's readings basically continue the overall theme from those of last week: productive use of the time before the coming of the Lord.

The three readings are strong on productivity. In order to enter heaven, we must show diligence. We do good works.

The First Reading, praises a wife who is industrious, diligent and productive. She is an asset to her husband. It also praises the wife who knows her priorities.

Nonetheless, it will need careful handling. While admirable in several respects, the commendation hardly escapes the prevailing Old Testament sense of a wife as basically the possession of her husband, whose honour is at stake in all that she says and does. The stress on industry and competence, the negative remarks about charm and beauty, show up the absence of any positive evaluation of sexuality in a way that a sacramental sense of marriage could build on. Some parish communities balance the reading of this text with a parallel one on 'the good husband' composed by women. At best, perhaps, the text can be a launching pad for a wider reflection upon relations between the genders within the context of faith.

The Gospel, Matthew 24:14-30, features the second of the series of three parables dealing with time of waiting that began last week. The Parable of the Talents in the form we have it in Matthew clearly relates to the issue of how to live appropriately in the period before the coming of the Lord. The first generation of believers expected the Lord to return soon. Matthew's treatment reflects a time when the intensity of that expectation has waned and been replaced by a sense of the stringency of the account each believer will have to give concerning the use they have made of all the gifts and graces received from the Lord. In other words, the gospel reading greatly rewards those who respond to God's challenge, with diligence and creativity. The parable is unashamedly 'capitalist' – though this doesn't mean that Jesus endorses the economic system it presupposes. He simply points to familiar ways people behave in ordinary everyday life to illustrate how people should behave in view of the Kingdom. The master about to go abroad is a businessman who doesn't want his wealth to lie unproductively idle while he is away. So, he entrusts its management to three servants, apportioning it in line with his estimation of each one's business acumen: five talents, two talents, one talent respectively. Even one talent denotes a large sum of money.

With the master away for a long period, a high rate of interest enables the enterprising first two servants to realise a 100% increase on the amount entrusted to them. Their reward is to be welcomed "into the joy" of their master-that is, in Matthew's allegorical development of the original parable, welcomed into the final banquet of the Kingdom.

The failure of the third servant, the one who simply went and hid his single talent in the ground, is that he didn't do what his master expected: trade with the money so that it would increase. He didn't even bank the money, where it would have at least earned interest. The servant simply sees his master in terms of strict justice. His fear made him take the least risk. He felt secure if only he could give back the exact sum with which he had been entrusted. Though he has not been in any way dishonest, he incurs a severe penalty because he has been concerned simply with his own security rather than with what is really required of him.

We should be wary of the allegorical impulse to identify the master in the parable too strictly with God. At the same time, the parable challenges a particular type of religiosity that, flowing from a fearful image of God, is concerned simply with not doing anything wrong in order that God will not find anything to punish. Such an attitude neglects to ask what God really wants of believers in the present time, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the "weightier matters of the law": "justice, mercy and faith" [23:23]. The gifts God has entrusted to us, like our minds and limbs, need active exercise, if they are not to be wasted.

The second reading warns us to be vigilant always because we never know when Jesus will come to judge us. Jesus' coming may be long delayed, but still we are asked to watch our behaviour. We stay awake and vigilant until the end of days. There is no end to waiting and watching and when He finally comes, we will be judged according to our deeds.

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon: Jer 29: 11, 12, 14
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
A perfect wife - who can find her?

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127(128):1-5
℟: *Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ℟

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ℟

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! ℟

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4. 5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel: - Matthew 25:14-30
You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.
'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."
'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."
'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."
'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

Communion Antiphon: Ps 72: 28
To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Book of Life and Mass Intention Envelopes:

You are all invited to write down the names of your loved ones in the Book of Life at the entrance of the church. Throughout the month of November, the masses will be offered for our loved ones who have gone before us. Mass intention envelopes are also available at the entrance of the church - you can complete & drop these into the box provided.

May our loved ones rest in peace. Amen.



Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Benny Adile
George Asic
Cristina Assuncao
Mario Borsellino
Maree Buttenshaw
Kath Clinton
Margaret Constable
Patrick Coughlan
Den-Toll Family
Younis Family
Al Alam Family
Michael Doherty
Darryl Fernandes
Patrice Gelle
Daniel Hamilton
David Hilvano
Klara Jakober
Janine
Denise Kassis
Lorna Lagarto
Rey Legaspi
Maria-Trinidad Lim
Fr Michael Maroun
Romenda McGregor
Joan Nayler
Nelune Rajapakse
Rosemary Romeo
Ned Powlr
Kaz Seremet
Hayden Thomson
Rosa Urqueza
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan
Gladys Harvey
Aidan Daniel A. Portas
Samantha, Florence, Simon & Arlette
Natalie Coghlan

Recently Deceased

Norman Watson

Anniversaries

Mary Ahern
Arthur Barakat

Let us pray that the souls of our dearly beloved rest in peace and may their entire family take courage and hope from the Risen Christ!

PARISH ROSTERS

14/15 November 2026

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Sue & Len Farrugia	Cristian A. Jacob K.	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows Reza Ferdinanto Audrey Ferdinanto	Thomas & Sophie Russo	Lynette Rodrigues Barbara Rosario
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Angela & Will Finnane	Bridget R. Tara C.	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			**Lawn & Garden** Michael Clark
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Astrid Kossim Lorna Argal	Avril L. Amelia I.	Sheila Tapiador Helen Gade			

21/22 November 2026

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Lynette Rodrigues	Nada Coorey Anne-Marie Hewkins	Cristian A. Clareese M.	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows Barbara Rosario Geoff Rosario	Thess Davidson & Family	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Anne Marie Lyons Anton Fernando	Jensen M. Judah M.	Eric & Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Linda Tsang Jessica Tapiador	Alessandro C. Isabella N. Tashnie W. Tashen W.	Lynette & Dominic Rodrigues			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Vinnie's Christmas Appeal

The Saint Vincent de Paul Rydalmere Conference will hold the Annual Christmas Appeal on
Saturday, 14th & Sunday, 15th November 2026.
St Vincent de Paul will be selling Christmas Cards and Colombian calendars at all Masses from this Saturday up to Christmas week .
Price for a pack of Christmas card and Calendar $10 each.
Please be generous so we can assist our less fortunate brothers & sisters.
Have a blessed Christmas!
Thank you in anticipation.
Ron Della Vedova
(President of the Rydalmere Conference of SVDP)




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 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.

PARISH WORKING BEE

The Parish is planning a Working Bee in readiness for Christmas.



Day & Date: Saturday, 28 November 2026
Time: After the 9:15 am Mass
Activities:



*Lawn mowing *Cleaning windows in the presbytery & church * Cleaning & tidying-up the garden area *Cleaning & Fixing-up the Bulletin Boards at the Church Entrance

Please fill in the forms found on the table at entrance of the church and drop them into the "Mass Intentions" wooden box or call Mark Bannister on 0400 808 004.

The Singer Who Listened

Lila had a voice that could fill a hall with joy, but she rarely sang outside her home. She feared her songs were too simple, too small.

One day, she visited a friend in the hospital. The friend asked her to sing. Lila's voice floated softly through the room, and the nurses paused in their work. Patients leaned toward the sound. For a moment, the sterile air felt warm.

Later, a nurse told her, "You gave them something medicine can't — peace."

Lila understood then: God had given her a gift not for applause, but for healing hearts.

And from that day, she sang wherever there was need, knowing her talent was a seed planted in the soil of kindness.

(Source duly acknowledged)

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

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
1 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere NSW 2116
Ph: (02) 8844 5700
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