



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5.30 pm Sunday: 9.00 am and *10.30 am

(*10.30am will be celebrated in the church and the school hall)

JOHN TERRY CHAPEL (DAY CHAPEL)

Monday 8.30am Mass
Tuesday 6.00pm Mass
Wednesday 6.00pm Mass
Thursday 8.30am Mass
Friday 9.00am Mass
Saturday 9.00am Mass

MASS AT WILLMOT CHURCH

Sunday 7.30am
Cnr Pelsart & Carteret Ave Willmot

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Saturday from 9.30 am to 10.30 am



10.00am—Mass with Fr Rob Galea
<https://www.youtube.com/frrobalea>

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnCBgGMOg>



11.00am—Diocese of Parramatta
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese/>

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are many practical things we can learn from Scripture about how to live a good life. Today's Gospel reading is not just about forgiveness, but also about how we treat each other. Forgiveness is a very important lesson to learn. In Matthew West's song: "Forgiveness" he says, "It's always anger's own worst enemy. / Even when the jury and the judge / say you've got a right to hold a grudge / It's the whisper in your ear saying set it free / Forgiveness." If we are going to be free of guilt, of the burden of grudges - forgiveness is the answer.

The other issue is about how we treat people. In today's Gospel the original servant has not let the forgiveness of the master penetrate his heart and so continues to treat his fellow servant harshly. He continues to treat the other as property rather than feeling from the heart what forgiveness call out.

Today marks the end of Child Protection Week, when we are asked to look at how we treat children. Do we treat them as young human beings with feelings and struggles, helping them to form themselves into good and productive adults? Or do we treat them as servants, as things to be used or ignored at our whim? The abuse of adults is bad enough, but at least they generally have more capacity to defend their rights. Children on the other hand are still in need of protection and guidance as their minds and bodies continue to develop and form into adults. Abuse (like love) can have lasting effects on our lives, effects that are sometimes almost impossible to erase - especially when they happen in these formative years.

The Royal Commission on Child Abuse was a landmark moment in Australian society, giving us an opportunity to mark a line in the sand and say: "No more!" It was an opportunity also for many to seek forgiveness and reconciliation between victims and abusers (which is never an easy experience). While forgiveness does not necessitate a relationship, it does unburden us from carrying the grudges and allows for healing.

*The more you know your need
for forgiveness the deeper
you love.*



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Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Where you not bound
to have pity?



FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30–28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful person will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

Does anyone harbour anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward another like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins? If one who is but flesh harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for that person's sins?

Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps. 102: 1-4, 9-12. R. v.8

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits. R.

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. R.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us. R.



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2020 –
25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME in YEAR A**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 **Second Reading:** Philippians 1:20-24,27
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Brothers and sisters: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' The lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

"But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

"When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you? And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

"So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Lopisoni Allsopp, Cullen, Carter, Remi, Marlyh, and Samuela Usoalii, who were baptised last Sunday 6th September 2020

LIST OF THE SICK: Gerry Borg, Bridie Perry, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Laurie Taylor, Vaa Lauvao, Sue Pickervance, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, John Healey, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Lopisoni Makario, Faith Nimmo, Janette Queensell, Vaha Vave, Barry Barrakett, Shirley Chapman, Kenny Clements, Paul Cusack, Maria Hannelas, Ian Watts, Corina Valentine, Jeffrey Bonnici, Jose Lay, Fay Iffland, Mayda Attachian, Tim Meagher, Ray Fenech, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Fara Vargas, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

ANNIVERSARIES: Arimou Araujo, Mele Fangupo, Carmencita Inocencio, George Nematalla, Estefan D'Cauna, Charlie Wilkinson, Mel Fouhy, Manuel Herrero, Epifania Saquitan, Salvadore (Buddy) Datoc, Connie Wells, Fr. Bernie King, Martinus Tunggal, Tina Lane, Margaret Best, Richmond Byrne Jnr, John Carlow, Luke Cassar, Ronald Aldridge, Milly Anderson, William Charles Flynn, Baby Holly Kelly, Nellie Shepherd, Ivan Glasheen, Win Walton, Rev Tom Leonard, Joan d' Cruze, Irene Nardie, Kevin Williams, Martha Abood, Crispin Andrade, Cyril Eakin, Thelma Muller, Ana Seina Toa Filipe

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eileen Gaynor, Fr John Langtry, Soofa Sita.



PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2020

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta	\$ 462.50
2nd Collection—for parish expenses	\$ 1,667.45

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

- If you would like to make a donation towards the Diocesan Priests' Pastoral Revenue, i.e. 1st Collection, you can do so via:

Acc Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy

BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00004265

Make sure to Reference: 6024 Donation

- If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please make a direct transfer payment to:

Commonwealth Bank

Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church

BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00446

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion at the Vigil and 10.30am Masses this weekend!

May Christ's life and love fill you today and always!

HOLY LAND COLLECTION—
SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2020

Please give generously to the annual Holy Land appeal at all Masses this weekend (12th/13th September). This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday September 13th** to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** on September 14th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers.

Thank you.

Join Fr Pat on Wednesday evenings, for Christian Meditation.

After the 6.00pm Mass in the Mary Mackillop Meeting Room.



REMINDERS OF PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19

Please view below the key points from our COVID-safe plan. The health and safety of our community, is all of our priority.



PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers in the Diocese to wear a mask to Masses and other services. This may be removed during Communion, but put in place at all other times.



LIMITED CAPACITY

With the regulations in place, we can only accommodate 100 worshippers per Mass and service. Therefore, we request that you make a booking to attend our weekend Masses by contacting the Parish Office during office hours OR online via our website and Facebook page. No bookings are required for weekday Masses.

SIGN IN/
MARK YOUR NAME OFF

You are required to confirm your name on the attendance sheet. If you haven't made a booking, you will need to provide your name and a contact number for contact tracing purposes.



SANITISE YOUR HANDS

On arrival at the church, please sanitise your hands using the sanitiser supplied.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please maintain social distancing at all times during Mass and services.



DO NOT ENTER, IF UNWELL

Please do not enter the church if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, have a temperature, been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID.



WIPE DOWN CHAIRS

At the conclusion of Mass, you are requested to please wipe down your seat with the disinfectant spray and paper towels provided.



PLEASE MOVE ON AFTER MASS

You are requested not to socialise inside or outside the church, but please leave as soon as possible after Mass.



We are registered as a COVID-safe community. You can view our COVID-safe plan via our website: www.holyfamily.org.au



2021 Columban Art Calendar

**2021 Columban
Calendars on sale now!
\$10 each.**

Available from the parish office OR see Sr Carlene or one of the priests at our Sunday Masses.
Limited copies available!



SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) until 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe down upon our troubled world. Shake the tired foundations of our crumbling institutions. Break the rules that keep you out of all our sacred spaces, and from the dust and rubble, gather up the seedlings of a new creation.

Come, Holy Spirit, enflame once more the dying embers of our weariness. Shake us of our complacency. Whisper our names once more, and scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon. Break open the prisons of our inner being, and let your raging justice be our sign of liberty.

Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us to places we would rather not go; expand the horizons of our limited imaginations. Awaken in our souls dangerous dreams for a new tomorrow, and rekindle in our hearts the fire of prophetic enthusiasm.

Come, Holy Spirit, whose justice outwits international conspiracy; whose light outshines spiritual bigotry, whose peace can overcome the destructive potential of warfare, whose promise invigorates our every effort to create a new heaven and a new earth, now and forever.

Empowered by the Spirit, we continue the mission entrusted to us.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

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This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at:

www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday

and

www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

This year National Child Protection Week will celebrate its 30th year with the theme: Putting children first...

‘Putting children first’ was front of mind when the National Child Protection Week campaign was launched in 1990, with the aim of bringing abuse and neglect out of the shadows and putting child wellbeing on the national agenda.

Under this year’s theme of ‘Putting children first’ we invite all Australians to look at how they can prioritise children in their lives and communities and to engage in National Child Protection Week – as individuals, and as part of families, organisations, communities and society.

Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. To grow up well children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare.

For children to thrive we need to come together as a community and put children’s needs first during National Child Protection Week and every week.

HOW TO REPORT A COMPLAINT

ISSUE/ CONCERN	WHO TO REPORT TO
Child or young person currently at risk of significant harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ NSW Police 000. Contact the Police first if the situation requires emergency assistance ⇒ FACS Helpline 132 11. If possible, discuss with your senior ministry leader (Parish Priest OR Principal) first and use the Mandatory Reporters Guideline. ⇒ Office for Safeguarding—Diocese of Parramatta. Where the alleged perpetrator is a church worker (paid or unpaid). T: 8838 3419, email: safeguarding@parracatholic.org
Child abuse by church worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ NSW Police ⇒ Senior Ministry Leader (i.e. Parish Priest) ⇒ Office for Safeguarding—Diocese of Parramatta. T: 8838 3419

*Do not report to the Senior Ministry Leader or Principal if the allegation is regarding them. Contact the Office for Safeguarding.