



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

JOHN TERRY CHAPEL (DAY CHAPEL)

Monday 8.30am Mass
 Tuesday 6.00pm Mass
 Wednesday 6.00pm Mass
 Thursday 8.30am Mass
 Friday 9.10am Mass
 Saturday 9.00am Mass

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Saturday from 9.30 am to 10.30 am

BIDWILL

Sunday 7.30am - 1st and 3rd Sunday each Month
 Uniting Church, Carlisle Ave, in Shopping Centre

WILLMOT

Sunday 7.30am - 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday each Month
 Cnr Pelsart & Carteret Ave

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The way that God works is doing extraordinary things through ordinary people. Jesus himself was the son of a carpenter; Peter and many of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker. I looked at some Census data this week that revealed that Holy Family Parish is made up of 49.4% 'blue collar' workers - just the sort of people that Jesus loved to work with. I think God does extraordinary things through these people because they are more open to their own frailties and fears, they know more about their need to trust in God and let God's grace into their life.

Even very ordinary things like Salt and Light can speak powerfully of God. Until very modern times salt was an essential for food preservation. You would not survive the long winter without preserving food from the harvest. Salt gives added flavour to what we eat. God can help preserve us for the darkness of our own winters and can add rich flavour to our spiritual life.

Light is an escape from darkness. Light helps us to see what is hidden. A candle can be used to light other candles without being diminished itself. God's love for us, our love for others does not diminish us but helps us to grow stronger. God helps us to see what is hidden and to take away the fear of darkness.

This is only some of the rich symbolism of salt and light that Jesus alludes to with these images. They reveal much about the work of God in our lives and the world.

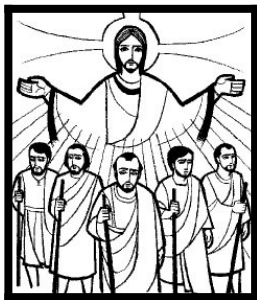
BE THE **SALT** OF THE EARTH
 & THE **LIGHT** OF THE WORLD

-MATTHEW 5:13-16

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SALT & LIGHT
 CREATIONS

Fr Gregory

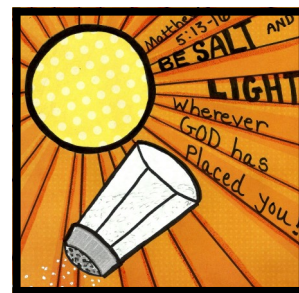


SCRIPTURE READINGS YEAR A

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

For the deaf and hearing impaired, Holy Family Church is equipped with a loop system. Those with hearing aids should turn on their "T switch".



FIRST READING: Isaiah 58: 7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Light rises in the darkness for the upright: gracious, merciful and righteous. It is well with the person who deals generously and lends, who conducts their affairs with justice. R.

For the righteous person will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. Unafraid of evil tidings; their heart is firm, secure in the Lord. R.

That person's heart is steady and will not be afraid. One who has distributed freely, who has given to the poor, their righteousness endures forever: their name is exalted in honour. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
those who follow me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before human beings, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."



The Gospel of the Lord

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2020—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

[7.30AM MASS WILL BE AT BIDWILL - 26 BIDWILL SQUARE]

UPDATE: REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

The World Health Organisation has declared a public health emergency for the Coronavirus.

As a result of this declaration, and also advice from the NSW Health Department, the following directions have been made for the Celebration of Mass within the Diocese of Parramatta:

- **Communion of the Precious Blood will NOT be distributed.** It will be for the priest only.
- For the time being, Priests/ Deacons are not to invite parishioners to exchange the Greeting of Peace.
- All ministers of Holy Communion, are to ensure that they use hand sanitiser before the distribution of Holy Communion commences.

These measures will be reviewed in due course and when advice is received that the threat of the virus has receded, and the emergency declaration has lifted, you will be advised accordingly, and the measures will be reversed.

- Very Rev Peter Williams VG EV (Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia)
Diocese of Parramatta, 03/02/2020

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

***LIST OF THE SICK:** Jane Brogan, Joseph Cardona, Frank Camarda, Marilet Jones, Annette Kelly, Maria Saliba, Barry Barrakett, Pat Annian, Shirley Chapman, Seti Akaroa, Paula Niumata, Daisy Yeo, Jacinta Gariner, Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Maria Llave, Fe Llave, Fara Vargads, Anthony Lythgoe, Nerissa Espiriru, Delia Dumindin, Mateo Vitale, Doris Cafay, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Prescilla Sellick, Margaret Kearney, Loretta Seupule, Kenny Clements, Paul Cusack, Janette Salama, Yvette Kassab, Faith Nimmo, Alenepi Sepule, Maria Hannelas, Ave Sio, Margaret Joyce, Ian Watts, Sue Pickrance, Fely Manalo, Finau Kautai, Corina Valentine, Jeffrey Bonnici, Jose Lay, Fay Iffland, Mayda Attachian, Tim Meagher, Ray Fenech, Boyet Llave

ANNIVERSARIES: Br Joseph Byrnes, Garran O'Malley, Baby Hanna Scott, Veronica Hamilton, Mel Tala, Catherine Hay, Annie Kearney, Terry Grayson, Irene Way, Thomas Hickey, Avo Gago, Rev K. English, Justin Lobo, George Khawaga, Ernie Leonard, Anne and Alec Prentice, Geoff Gregory.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Johnny Hollingdale.



PLEASE NOTE: The list of the sick will be refreshed at the beginning of Lent (1st March).

Please notify the parish office by Wednesday 26th February 2020, if you would like to keep or add a name(s) to the list. Thank you.

PARISH COLLECTIONS**2nd February 2020**

1st Collection: (for the Diocese of Parramatta)

\$ 642.50

2nd Collection (for parish expenses)

\$ 1,704.05

MASS and ANOINTING OF THE SICK

- At 11.30am Wednesday 26th February.
- At Rochford Place, Ropes Crossing.
- ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

**FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

8 FEBRUARY 2020

Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking



Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives. Whether they are women in electronics, children on cocoa farms or men in bonded labour on construction sites, millions of people globally, including Australia, are forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. We are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.

CANCELLED -**World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February**

Due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass scheduled for 11 February has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

KEZ 112 11**SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY****2.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL****JACKPOT \$1,100.00 IN 51 CALLS****(You've got to be IN IT, to WIN IT)****11TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE 2008 APOLOGY****WHEN:****Thursday 13th February****TIME:****6.00pm—9.00pm****WHERE:****Holy Family Centre****(11 Emert Pde, Emerton)**

**HOSTED BY THE MOUNT
DRUITT AND DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION GROUP**

Please RSVP to
mtdruittreconciliation@gmail.com
OR Ph: 02 9639 8394

Free community event to:

- ◆ remember and honour those who were stolen, their parents and families
- ◆ acknowledge the impacts still being felt by their children and grandchildren
- ◆ encourage thought and discussion about our history and what we want for our future.

// GUEST SPEAKER //

// FREE SUPPER //

// REFLECTION //

// COMMUNITY //

// CONNECTION //

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ★ Volunteers are needed to help count our weekend collections.
- ★ We are currently looking at a new system to make it more easier and flexible for our counting teams.
- ★ Need to be reliable and committed.
- ★ No experience necessary. Training is provided.
- ★ Contact the parish for more information, or to register your interest: 02 9628 7272

POPE FRANCIS turns 19th Century PALACE into a HOMELESS SHELTER

Palazzo Migliori, which was constructed in the early 1800s, served as the headquarters of the all-female Calasanziane religious order, which used the building to care for young single mothers. After occupying the building for 70 years, the order relocated to new premises last year and the palace was renovated, leading to questions about how it would be used. Sitting on prime real estate just off St Peter's Square, the building could have generated significant income for the Church as a luxury hotel, but Pope Francis had other intentions.

According to Vatican News, Pope Francis personally directed his almoner, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski (his officer in charge of distributing services to the poor), to convert it into a homeless shelter. The four-storey building will house around 50 men and women, although the 16-bedroom facility has capacity for more during cold winter temperatures, Cardinal Krajewski said.



Pope Francis at the Palazzo Migliori homeless shelter.
(Community of Sant'Egidio)

The lower levels will be used to provide social support to the occupants, including computing, reading, recreation, and psychological counselling. Volunteers can also use the building to prepare meals for homeless people who were sheltering elsewhere.

Cardinal Krajewski said the Vatican requested the construction company in charge of renovating the building employ homeless people during the overhaul. Andrea Riccardi, founder of Rome-based Catholic association Community of Sant'Egidio, which will run the shelter, said all people should be welcomed by the Vatican.

"The important thing is that here we are in front of the Vatican, within the heart of the Pope, the poor have a home in front of the Pope," he said.

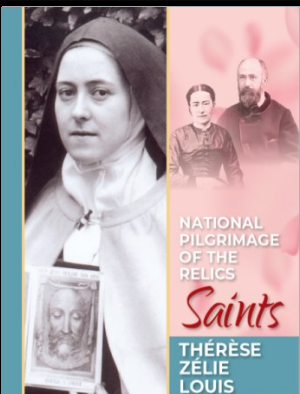
Pope Francis blessed the venue in November and dubbed it "A Palace for the Poor", just ahead of World Day of the Poor on November 17.



Are you lonely, or wanting some company? Or know someone who is?

Fr Greg would like to gather some people together for a regular cuppa and a chat, or learn to play cards (e.g. Canasta).

Please contact the Parish Office to register your interest. Contact Malia 9628 7272 or enquiry@holyfamily.org.au



Overnight Vigil of St Therese of Lisieux and her Parents

The Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick's, Parramatta, is blessed to have the relics of St. Therese and her parents overnight on Wednesday 4th March 2020.

The relics are scheduled to arrive at the Cathedral at 9:15pm and depart 7:30am the following morning. Led by Fr. Bob Bossini

we will recite the Office of Compline at 10:00pm and end with the celebration of Holy Mass the following morning at 6:30am. All are welcome to come and stay for as long as they like.

Address: 1 Marist Place, Parramatta 2150

The relics of St Therese and her parents will make their pilgrimage around NSW from 25th January to the 4th of February 2020. The full itinerary and other information about the pilgrimage can be found via: catholicmission.org.au/relics



Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP)

invites you to the next

LIFTED LIVE with Gen Bryant

Thursday 13th February 2020

7.30—10.00pm at the Rooty Hill RSL

\$5.00 donation

Live music, talks, prayer and worship. All are welcome. Register via <https://catholicyouthparramatta.org>

CLEMENTE AUSTRALIA // EMPOWERMENT & LEARNING

Have you ever experienced hardship, struggled financially or had life get in the way of your education?

Are there things you've always wanted to learn but have never had the opportunity?

The Holy Family Parish and Australian Catholic University (ACU) are offering a free university course for **12 weeks** starting 24/02/2020. Our classes cover a range of topics including history, sociology, literature and ethics.

UNIT: HIST 106 Australian Aboriginal Peoples: Past and Present

INFORMATION DAY

Monday 17th February // 10.00am

Holy Family Parish Centre // 11 Emert Pde, Emerton

***** FREE UNIVERSITY COURSE *****

A supportive, caring, and learning environment

To confirm attendance at the information session, or for further enquiries, contact 0430 916 079.

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS for OLDER CHILDREN

- ◇ Is your daughter/son **BAPTISED**, aged 11 years or over, and wanting to prepare for First Holy Communion?
- ◇ Please note that, according to present church law, preparation for First Reconciliation ("Confession"; Sacrament of Penance) needs to be completed by the candidate before sessions for First Holy Communion commence.
- ◇ For further information, please contact Sr Carlene after Mass or Ph: 9628 7272
- ◇ **SESSIONS BEGIN AT HOLY FAMILY CENTRE, 5.00PM on MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2020.**



The season of Lent will begin soon on Ash Wednesday, 26th February, 2020.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:

8.30AM and 6.00PM

Please note that during Lent, extra Masses will be available on Friday at 9.00am and 6.00pm (Commencing Fri 28th February). Mass times from Monday-Thursday will be as per normal.

If you would like to join a Thursday afternoon Lenten group, please contact the parish office.

If you would like to form a Lenten Reflection Group with resource provided, please contact the parish office. (Resource: Grace Lenten Program from the Diocese of Wollongong).