



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	9.00am 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 10.00 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=UHTnG8gGMQg>


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

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



*Register your details upon entering the church
*Wear your face mask

*Wash your hands regularly, and use the hand sanitisers supplied.
*Wipe down your chairs before you leave.

*Please do not enter the church if you are unwell and/or experiencing flu-like symptoms.
MAXIMUM CAPACITY in the CHURCH = 100ppl

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

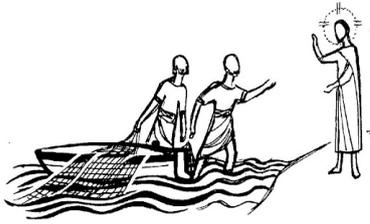
God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. Apparently it does not matter *who* brings the good news but who *receives* it. Jonah was a prophet who was sent to outsiders, people who were considered enemies of God's own people. The first disciples were fishermen who spoke to the women and men of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

There is some similarity in the messages; it is a call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a turning to God in faith and commitment. In addition, the good news proclaimed first by Jesus and then by his disciples announces



the advent of the reign of God. Those who hear this message are invited into the age of fulfillment. This salvific reign is a reign of truth, compassion, and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice, that teaches the ways of a humble God. It is a way of life lived in the holiness of the call itself. Repentance is necessary because we have not been living in this way.

*(Dianne Bergant, with Richard Fragomeni.
Preaching the New Lectionary Year B,*



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Repent and believe
the good news



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5,10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation. R.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! R.

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world, as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near; believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As Jesus went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2021—4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



COMMON GRACE

#Change
The Heart

Tuning in
Together

Monday, 25 January 2021 7:30 PM AEDT

Simulcast on ACCTV, online and on radio
commongrace.org.au/tunein

In his prayer for Human Fraternity this month, Pope Francis called upon us to know, love and support people of all religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs different to our own.

At 7:30pm on Monday, we invite you to listen to and pray with the First Nations people of Australia by joining the nationally broadcast [#ChangeTheHeart](https://www.commongrace.org.au/tunein) prayer service.

The service calls upon us to stand with First Nations communities on the eve of 26 January and to take the time to build a deeper understanding of our history.

*To learn how to tune in to the service, visit:
<https://www.commongrace.org.au/tunein>*

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Scott Dickson, Pacita Galasgas Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Laurie Taylor, Sue Pickervance, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, 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.

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PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 17th JANUARY 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta \$ 666.85
2nd Collection—for parish expenses \$ 1,217.60

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



Donations via credit-card/ EFTPOS now available! Simply 'tap' your card to make a \$10.00 donation
 (Note: donations are made in multiples of \$10.00. E.g. if you would like to donate \$30, simply tap your card three times).



The Importance of the Word of God

There are two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September—one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his “living and tender love” of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculcating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time.

Do you know?

Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. Therefore, our Australian bishops have decided that each year the first Sunday in February is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

So!

Let us embrace the Sunday of the Word of God to help us launch our new year with a deeper and richer encounter with the Risen Lord.

[Fr Tom Elich, *Editor of Liturgy News*].

HOLY FAMILY PATRONAGE

In the absence of Fr. Greg's holiday time, it might be appropriate to make some remarks concerning the importance of our patron which is The Holy Family. The Family we are referring to is of course the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



It is very appropriate that we invoke the Holy Family as patron for ourselves. We are a community of families of many different shapes and styles and cultures for whom family is the most important and sacred part of our lives. What would our lives be like if we had no family at all? And we know that does happen to far too many people. It is a disaster beyond imagining. However there are no perfect families. We can pray for our families and invoke the Holy Family to bless us.

Our community of Holy Family Parish rejoices in the patronage of the Holy Family. We have the gift and the challenge to become and to grow into a family of families or a community of communities. The gift is the great variety of communities which comprise the Holy Family Parish. For example there are strong and thriving communities which are Tongan, Samoan, Filipino, Sudanese, Vietnamese, Egyptian, Maltese, Tokelauan, Indian, Pakistani, Irish, along with Indigenous groups, Men's groups, school groups, Preschool group,

Wilmot groups, Ignite group, youth group, prayer groups, service groups, choirs and many other. The richness is staggering in its cultures, languages, music, faith traditions and many more.

The challenge is that we can become like silos, independent groups which live and work just on their own with no outreach to others. In fact if we are just part of a silo then we are no proper part of the Holy Family community.

So, to be practical, in what ways could we find realistic ways to express the life of the Holy Family? Could you make suggestions and bring them forward?



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FORMATION COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be starting soon early February.

This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar in the parish.

If you are interested or would like more information please see Sr Carlene or contact the Parish Office. Registrations close on Friday 29th of January.

PLAQUES

Following the number of people who have passed on recently from our Holy Family community, now is a good time to consider having a plaque placed on our wall at the garden memorial. It is of course the family's right to design and place such a plaque but many others might like former members of our community to be remembered and honoured in such a way. The memorial garden is also a place of prayer, quietness and reflection and the stone seat is placed specifically for such purposes.



We recommend **Paramount Trophies and Plaques**, Unit 2/47 Kurrajong Ave., Mt.Druitt (02) 96252163, if you would like to inquire. The size is 30cm x 20cm, the company designing the layout and the Holy Family Church erecting and caring for the plaque. Cost is about \$70 and donations will be received.

COMING EVENT:

- ★ Each year in the grounds of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt, we celebrate the Commemoration of the 2008 Apology, on the 13th February.
- ★ Please join us for this even in 2021... WATCH THIS SPACE for further details about our evening celebration.

TOUCH FOOTY

Touch footy is starting for the second half of the season, men on Monday 25th January, and men's, women's and mixed groups February 1st. Let us make a start by having a players session on Sunday 31st January at 4pm at Holy Family with a barbecue and even a few songs. **All players invited.**



PRAYER

*Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.*

*At the beginning of this new school year,
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety,
we implore your mercy.*

*Bless and protect our students, teachers,
staffs, their families, and especially _____.
Give wisdom to the decision makers,
be they in our schools or in our homes.*

*Expand the horizons of our minds,
and deepen our commitment to seek
the truth of your ways.
Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need,
particularly those isolated and lonely.*

*In these days when so much has changed,
help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus,
our Divine Teacher, who is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.
Amen.*



The Story of Australia

This is the Story of Australia—the story of an extraordinary nation. The Story begins 60,000 years ago. New chapters are written every day.

On Australia Day, we reflect on our history, its highs and its lows. We respect the stories of others. And we celebrate our nation, its achievements and most of all, its people. **We're all part of the story.**

RECONCILIATION

Our First Peoples are the traditional custodians of our beautiful lands and waterways and have a fundamental role in the great Australian story.

We aspire to an Australia Day that can increasingly include a recognition and celebration by all Australians of the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to our nation.

January 26 has multiple meanings: it is Australia Day for some, and it is also, for some, Survival Day.

Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have mixed feelings about celebrating this day—some consider it a day of mourning, and others use the day to mark the survival of their ongoing traditions and cultures.

It's important that these views are respected and that collectively we have constructive conversations about this history and seek ways to move forward together as a nation.



Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Our national day provides an opportunity to acknowledge and learn about our nation's past. It's a time to reflect on and learn about our national journey including the ongoing history, traditions and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

let your light shine

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?" Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world.

There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us: it is in everyone!

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

[In his inaugural speech, as President of the new South Africa, Nelson Mandela quoted the above words from Marianne Williamson, in *A Return to Love*].