



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

(*Sunday Masses 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



MASS FOR YOU AT HOME



10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnCB8gGMDg>

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

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A seed... multiple seeds of the Word of God have been planted in us; perhaps even some new seeds have been planted recently during this pandemic. But that is only the beginning of the process. We were created, according to Genesis, to till and work the earth.

The great Spanish mystic, Teresa of Avila, uses the metaphor of watering the garden to talk about prayer. In order for the seed to grow it needs watering. At first this is very labour intensive: we need to go and find water, perhaps dig a well, transport it from there to here. (The beginning of prayer can seem just as labour intensive as we seem to be doing all the work to find God, to create space and time for Him, and to keep moving back and forth between this space and our daily life.) Next, God seems to help out a little more by creating a stream close-by that makes it easier for us to access the water. Eventually we can even channel the stream closer to the garden, so things become easier still. Ultimately it is God doing all the work by sending rain to water the garden itself, and all we need to do is sit back and let it happen.

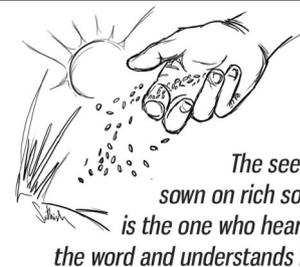
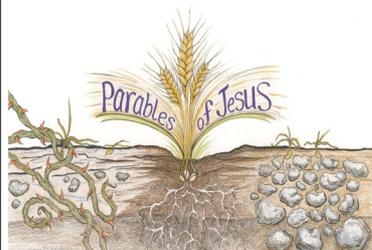
These two metaphors compliment each other of course. The seed, the Word of God, needs water, our prayerful relationship with God, in order to flourish. Even in good soil, one will not survive without the other. This can seem labour intensive at first, but eventually God will take more and more of the initiative. So I encourage you - stay with prayer, stay with the effort to know the seed of the Word of God planted within you. Let it flourish to produce thirty, sixty, even a hundred-fold.



Fr Gregory

SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain. R.

For so you have prepared the earth:
you water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges, softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth. R.

You crown the year with your bounty;
your pathways overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy. R.

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables. "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" Then the disciples came and asked Jesus, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many Prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on the rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR A—SUNDAY 19th JULY 2020

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43



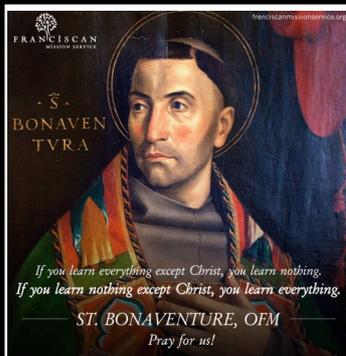
WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Vailemani Selui, Laurie Taylor, Vaa Lauvao, John Agius, 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.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Loleta Tiedemann, Leo Langtry, Lorna Howard, Catherine Cutejar.





PRAYER OF ST BONAVENTURE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Feast Day: July 15

*Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down
and rested upon you, may the same
Spirit rest on us, bestowing his
sevenfold gifts.*

*First, grant us the gift of understanding,
by which your precepts may enlighten
our minds.*

*Second, grant us counsel, by which we may follow in your footsteps on
the path of righteousness.*

Third, grant us courage, by which we may ward off the enemy's attacks.

Fourth, grant us knowledge, by which we can distinguish good from evil.

Fifth, grant us piety, by which we may acquire compassionate hearts.

*Sixth, grant us fear, by which we may draw back from evil and submit to
what is good.*

*Seventh, grant us wisdom, that we may taste fully the life-giving
sweetness of your love.*

PARISH COLLECTIONS

- 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

- For Planned Giving Envelope contributions, please either:
 - drop your envelopes off to the parish office,
 - hold on to them until we continue having Masses in the church,
 - OR make a direct transfer payment to the parish account (details above), and reference your envelope number.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Planned Giving envelopes for the new financial year (2020/2021), are now available at the back of the church.

Please ensure that you check for your name rather than the envelope number, as envelope numbers may have changed.

If you are currently registered in the envelope contribution scheme, and no longer wish to be a part of it, please contact the Parish Office.

If you would like to register to be part of the envelope scheme, please fill out the form at the back of the church and place it in the collection plate.

(NOTE: You do not need to register again if you are already involved in the envelope scheme.)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE NOTE:

- Bookings for our Sunday Masses will now be made permanent. You will not need to book in each week, after your first booking.
- Please notify the parish office otherwise, if you will not be attending the Mass you booked in for, or are wanting to make some changes.

Just a few reminders and notices, for when you arrive for Mass this weekend:

- You will need to register/sign in before entering the church.
If you have already booked in online, you simply just mark your name off. You do not need to fill your details out again.
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided at the door upon entering and leaving the church.
- Families from the same household can sit together, if you want to.
We ask that you do not move the seats already put out, but grab them from the stacked pack on either side of the church, and place them in the gap between the already distanced chairs.
NOTE: Your chairs will need to be 1.5m distanced from the next person/family.
Please put the chair back where you got it from at the end of Mass.
- Please try not touch any of the religious items inside the church.
- Remember to keep a safe distance when lining up to receive Holy Communion.
- Holy Communion can only be administered in the hand.
- Do not put your bulletin back in the booklet holder. Please take it home with you.
- Please do not congregate outside after Mass.
This will count as an outdoor gathering: only 20 people are allowed.

We need some volunteers to help with some cleaning after Mass. If you are available to hang around after Mass to help out, we will greatly appreciate it!

#morehands #lightwork #teamwork

We strongly advise that you stay at home if you are unwell, are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, having a temperature, or have been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

As a reminder, Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office for all your enquiries (02) 9628 7272.

Join Fr Pat on Wednesday
evenings, for
Christian Meditation.

After the 6.00pm
Mass in the
Mary Mackillop



Parents Passing on the Faith

Guess who's watching you now!

It is worth remembering that our faith and our core values are passed on primarily in the home. TV advertisements for responsible drinking often end up with the reminder 'Your children are watching you'. And if a child's behaviour at school is particularly difficult, who does the school call to enlist help? The parents, of course! Most parents are not trained teachers but, for better or for worse, they are the prime nurturers in faith of their children.

"Worry not that your children don't listen to you.

Worry that they watch you"

So is it time for some 'In service training'?

A major way in which we nurture our children's faith is by letting them see how ours is lived out in daily life. So it's always good to reflect on where we can brush up our own faith life and make it more relevant and attractive to our children.

"Parents are the first educators of the faith for their children in order for them to reach full human and spiritual maturity" (Benedict XVI)

GOOD BEHAVIOUR PATTERNS

All of us need to rethink our patterns of behaviour as we go through life. If you wrote your own list of *Good Habits of Effective Catholic Parents*, what would it be? Examples might include:

1. Talk naturally about God.

Sprinkle the conversation with comments such as "Thank you Lord" (when something good happens) or "Praise God!" (on seeing a beautiful sunset), "God willing" (as we talk of our plans), "God bless you" (when saying goodbye).

2. Show practical concerns for others.

The *Church's Option for the Poor* begins with us. Be quick to respond to someone in need and, if possible, engage the rest of the family in the response.

3. Praise the Church!

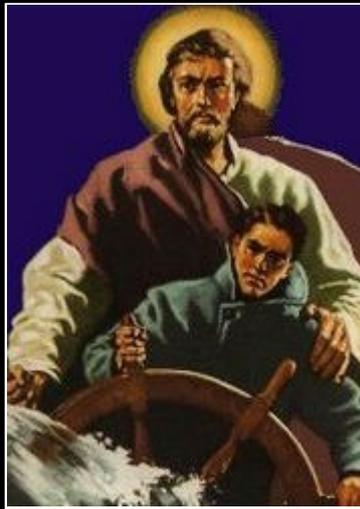
"Often after Mass we would criticise the singing, the homily, or an annoying parishioner. Then our kids started to complain about going to Mass: 'All you do is complain about it. So why should we go? It made us realise that our negativity under minded our children's faith and did not reflect our deep love for the Church."

4. Encourage questioning.

Questions about faith are opportunities to enter into their world of discovery and help us to discover more about our own faith. When you are not sure of the answer, show your willingness to learn more about it yourself.

5. Pray.

Pray often. Pray with confidence. Our prayers are always answered, though not always in the way we immediately expect.



SEA SUNDAY July 12

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at

personal risk to their health. To support this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

Prayers for Seafarers

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Have mercy on all seafarers

Our Father. . .

Hail Mary. . .

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Pray for us

St Peter, Pray for us

St Andrew, Pray for us.

Let us pray

O God, in Your kindness, lead all seafarers through the perils of the ocean and bring them back in safety to their homes and friends. Guide them through the many temptations their way of life occasions. Inspire them to make fruitful use of the clubs and chapels Your Church has established for them, and grant that they may learn to love and follow You with strength and loyalty through Christ Our Lord. Amen

To have courage for whatever
comes in life - everything
lies in that.

St. Teresa of Avila



PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection,
O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

