



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 10.00am—1.00pm
Tue-Thur: 9.00am—3.00pm
Friday: 9.00am—12.00pm

CLOSED ON WEEKENDS

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

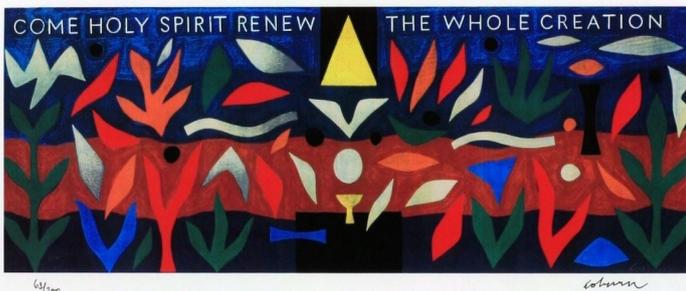
Pentecost Sunday

Only a few people receive such a strong ‘Pentecost’ moment like the disciples in our readings (moments of ‘infused grace’ the church would call it). The Spirit comes upon them and has immediate affect on their life – a new and wonderful vitality explodes: tongues are loosed and speech overflows, charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human life, barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed, now they can see the plan of salvation laid out before them. Now the Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. But such an explosion is not sustainable for individuals or for a community – life settles down to a new pattern, and the war between the good and evil spirits continue.

This week marks the 500th anniversary of St Ignatius being hit by a cannonball (and the start of an Ignatian Year to celebrate the event). This incident changed the direction of his life as he gradually shifted his dreams from that of a courtier to dreams of serving God. We mark the start of that journey with this incident, but in reality it was a long and painful journey for Ignatius which took him down a number of wrong paths before he found the path to God.

One of the great gifts of St Ignatius was his ability to read the signs of the spirits working in us. His discernment of spirits is a great gift to us, knowing how to notice what comes from God and what is there to fool us into following the wrong path. The evil spirit is subtle and a trickster, tempting us with apparent goods only to fool us when we take hold of them.

The other great moment of Pentecost is the community gathered. We come as individuals with our own devotions, but God sweeps us up into a communal gathering. Through the Spirit of God we are reconciled to each other from the ends of the world (if only that promise were fulfilled, even in our own day!) and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. At least that is the ideal community of God that the kingdom promises, and we are asked to work towards today.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

PENTECOST SUNDAY

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Receive the Holy Spirit...



FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their own language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is that we hear, each of us, in our own language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34.

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
O Lord, how manifold are your works!
The earth is full of your creatures. R.

When you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. R.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

The fruit of the Spirit.

Brothers and sisters: No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 30th of MAY 2021— THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



*Oh, Great Spirit,
whose voice I hear in the winds
and whose breath gives life to all the world,
hear me.*

I am small and weak.

I need your strength and wisdom.

*Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes
ever behold the red and purple sunset.*

*Make my hands respect the things you have made
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.*

*Make me wise so that I may understand
the things you have taught my people.*



*Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.'
I seek strength, not to be superior to my sisters or brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.
Make me always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes,
so when life fades, as the fading sunset,
my spirit will come to you
without shame.*

Amen.

Author unknown

Image ~ Karel K Hendee

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Mahalia Palu and Mary Palu, who were baptised last Sunday 16th May 2021.

LIST OF THE SICK: Vangana Kautai, Jean Toovey, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Robert Piper, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Lopisoni Makario, Faith Nimmo, Janette Queensell, Vaha Vave, Barry Barrakett, Kenny Clements, Paul Cusack, 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: Colin Summerfield, Fr Adolfo Nicolas SJ, Kathleen Donnelly, Pat Allen, Val Hardy, Lusia Sitani, Cecil Benson, John Benson, Elsie Llige, Helen Chambers, Kilistina Kiteau, Vicente (Vic) Araullo, Mario Llige, Gary Hallett, Lyn Burton, Simon Gunn, Dianna Margetson, Maria Gatt, Cynthia Schumacher, William (Billy) Whiting, Leslie Sercombe, Bill Wilson, Jeanette Monk, Shanese Allen, Anthony Saliba, Ester Charlton, Charlie Vella, Maria Carvalho, Fr J O'Shea, Dennis Kennedy, Alice Lowles, John O'Brien, Vincent Conovan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pam Lassini, Kevin Sullivan, Robyn Norman, Sister Mary Ryan.



COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



- *Register your details upon entering the church.
- *Masks are mandatory!
- *Maintain safe distancing.

- *Wash your hands regularly, and use the hand sanitisers supplied.
- *No singing allowed.
- *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 = 232 ppl**

PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 16th MAY 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta **\$ 618.65**
2nd Collection—for parish expenses **\$ 1,637.70**

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.: 004265
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.: 0000446



On 20 May 1521, Ignatius of Loyola was hit by a cannonball in the battle of Pamplona, Spain. This would lead him eventually to his conversion and the founding of the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits around the world are beginning an Ignatian Year from this date until 31 July 2022 (the feast of St Ignatius). In our parish, and around Australia there will be a number of celebrations and opportunities to engage with our ministries in different ways."

We invite you to attend an online **Prayer Vigil for Myanmar and India** on **Wednesday 2 June from 6-6:30pm**. These two nations are in crisis and need our support now more than ever. It will include input from Jesuits in Australia, Philippines, India and Myanmar. We will host this in the Church on Wednesday night (replacing our usual Mass), or you can register for the Vigil yourself through <https://jesuitmission.org.au/prayer-vigil>.

Support our seminarians to serve as good shepherds of our Church

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
Your Faith | Your Foundation



At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community.

****Please give generously to this appeal 29/30 May.****

Priestly vocations are nurtured and formed in the womb of the family, the womb of the seminary, but also the womb of the larger Catholic community here in the Diocese of Parramatta.

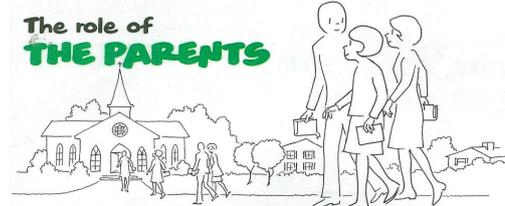
Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/donate-seminary



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

- * In last week's Parish Bulletin we recalled the fact that **Confirmation is the Sacrament** that celebrates the PRESENCE of GOD'S SPECIAL STRENGTH and GIFTS in a BAPTISED PERSON. We also outlined the ROLE of the SPONSOR.
- * This week, let us look at the role of our Parents/ Carers.



Parents have a responsibility to:

CREATE A CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT in the home

They should:

- set a good example and encourage their child to lead a life of active Christian service
- serve their family out of love
- build an atmosphere of trust and understanding
- worship together regularly and participate in parish programs
- be sure their child is formed in the fundamentals of the faith relationship
- continue to nurture their child in faith.

HELP YOUNG PEOPLE PREPARE for Confirmation

They should:

- encourage their child to reflect thoughtfully on this special sacrament
- take the time to pray with their child, to discuss various aspects of faith and the special meanings of Confirmation
- take part in special catechesis for parents to help renew their own faith so they can more effectively guide their child.



The home is the place where faith can best be nourished and brought to maturity.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated here in Holy Family Parish at 10.30am Sunday 13th June 2021, and 7.00pm Wednesday, 23rd June 2021.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph.

Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you

become closer to St Joseph in this special year.

When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book!

To sign up visit www.yearofstjoseph.com.au



HOLY FAMILY PARISH VISION

† Holy Family Mt Druitt is a welcoming community:
 † on a journey towards a personal encounter with Jesus;
 † called to unity and celebrating our diversity;
 † living and sharing the joy of the Gospel.



Ministry Leaders Gathering—Saturday 15 May

Last Saturday a group of more than 30 Parish Ministry leaders gathered for a lunch and an afternoon meeting in the Holy Family School Hall. Leaders from almost all the groups in the parish attended ... leaders of liturgical ministries, social justice ministries, prayer ministries, and the key people from the main cultural groups which make us our diverse parish. Richard McMahon, from the Parramatta Diocese Pastoral Planning Office facilitated the first part of the day, which focused on our giftedness. Richard helped us to explore the gifts which God has blessed each of us with, gifts which we bring to our parish and our various ministries. Father Greg led us through the rest of the afternoon, where we reviewed the plans which emerged from the November meeting of the ministry leaders. Father Greg outlined the next steps in implementing these plans. Many events are coming up which will involve the entire parish, the Parish Expo, retreat, Parish Fair, and Carols by Candlelight among many others. The parish leaders contributed many ideas about how we can all be involved and bring our parish vision to life. The event was a spirit-filled, joyful gathering. Holy Family Parish Mount Druitt is looking forward to year of many blessings, assisted by our committed group of ministry leaders.

- By Lawrie McCane.



DATES for your DIARIES

PARISH EXPO

This would be an opportune event to get to know the who's and what's of our parish community. The Parish Expo will highlight the different groups and activities associated with the Parish—prayer groups, activities, other agencies etc, that we belong to or that use our site.

When: Sunday 20th June
 Time: 11.30am—3.00pm
 Where: Holy Family Primary School Hall

Pencil these dates in your diaries also, for upcoming parish events. More details will come out soon:

- Sacrament of Confirmation celebrations 13th & 23rd June
- NAIDOC Week Celebrations: Monday 5th & Thursday 8th July
- Parish Alpha (Formation program) July—September
- First Communion celebrations August—September
- Parish Retreat Day—Sunday 15th August
- Parish Fair—Saturday 23rd October 9am—4pm
- Carols by Candlelight—Sunday 19th December

Our Lady, Help of Christians

Thursday 24th May



The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

PARISH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED.

You can find the office hours on the front page of the bulletin. You can contact the office via email, website OR Facebook, and we will respond as soon as we can. Thank you.

GET MORE OUT OF MASS



I Confess... Lord Have Mercy

Sometimes God meets us unexpectedly (**Gen 17:2, 28:17; Ex 3:6, 19:16**), but sometimes we are given advanced notice of God's coming. On Mt Sinai Israel prepared for three days to meet the Lord. We too prepare ourselves for a sacred encounter with the Lord every time we come to Mass.

We are truly not worthy to participate in all this. Indeed, our sinfulness stands in stark contrast to what we are about to do in the Mass. So we are invited to humbly confess our sins publicly before God and the congregation.

How and why should we confess our sins? Scripture attests that because God is faithful He will forgive us and cleanse us (**1 Jn 1:9**). Also, we confess our sins because the kingdom of God is at hand (**Mt 3:6**). There is no shame in confessing sins (**Sir 4:26**), but scripture warns us against concealing our sins, but promises that those who confess will obtain mercy (**Prov 28:13**). If you want to know how to ask for God's mercy then read **Psalms 17** about David pouring out his heart to God before asking for his mercy after omitting a serious sin. Pope Francis reminds us that God *never* tires of us seeking him in forgiveness.

We sin in our thoughts, our words, in what we have done or failed to do. Once again scripture helps us: here are some examples – In our thoughts: being angry with others (**Mt 5:22**); impure thoughts (**Mt 5:27-28**); being anxious about our lives (**Mt 6:25-34**); and judging others (**Mt 7:1-3**). In our words: slander and gossip (**2 Cor 12:20**); insulting others (**Mt 5:22**); foul talk, lying (**Col 3:9**); boasting (**1 Cor 5:6**); and evil talk (**Eph 4:29**). In what we have done: immorality, impurity, strife, jealousy, selfishness, anger and drunkenness (**Gal 5:19-21**); drunkenness, licentiousness, quarrelling, and jealousy (**Rom 13:12-13**); love of self, money and pleasure more than love of God, ungratefulness, pride and disobeying parents (**2 Tim 3:2-6**). In what we have not done: these are known as 'sins of omission' (**James 4:17**). In **Col 3:12-15** we read of the virtues we are to imitate – compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, forbearance with other's faults, forgiveness, and above all of these is love – there might be things here that we are not doing in our own lives.

At the heart of God's forgiveness and mercy is the love of God – for though we were sinners, Jesus still died for us (**Jn 3:16-21**). The biblical word for 'mercy' is *hesed*, which describes steadfast, covenant love, a love that is unconditional and totally committed.

[Adapted from Edward Sri, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*.]