



# HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



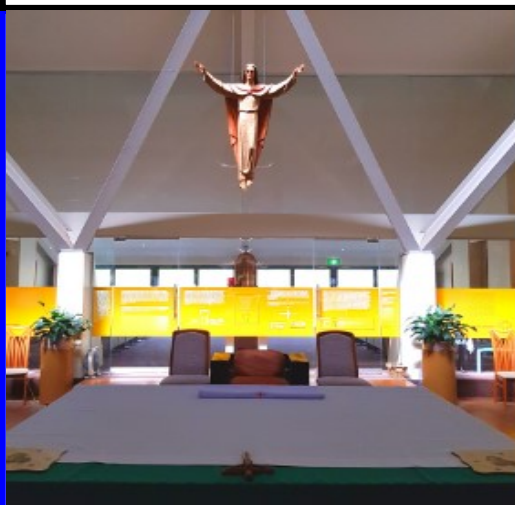
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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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## SUNDAY MASS *online*

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA FEAST DAY  
SUNDAY 1st AUGUST 2021  
with FR GREGORY JACOBS SJ

Streamed online from 9.00am via

**facebook**

[www.facebook.com/HFPMtDruitt](https://www.facebook.com/HFPMtDruitt)

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Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt

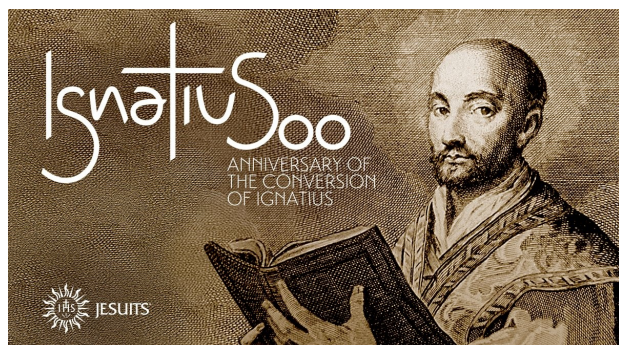
### REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

## St Ignatius of Loyola Feast Day

We are in a special Ignatian Year: 500 years ago, on 21 May 1521, Ignatius was injured by a cannon ball in the battle of Pamplona, and this began a conversion experience that would change his life and the life of the Church for centuries to come.

As he lay in bed recovering for a year (Ignatius' own experience of lockdown!), he read books and daydreamed about winning the hand of a noble lady, or following in the footsteps of the saints. Eventually his heart was won over to God, and he gradually gathered companions around him to share in the passion of doing greater things for God in the service of the Church.

At the heart of Ignatian prayer was the Spiritual Exercises, a retreat experience that would open many lives to a personal encounter with Jesus in their own lives. This was controversial at the time - that God would talk directly with individuals and not only through the priests of the church. The other great insight of Ignatius was his experience and interpretation of the movement of the Spirits: how the good and evil spirits work to draw us closer to God, or tempt us away from God in subtle or obvious ways. We are ever in need of these rules of discernment in our Church and lives today as always.



As we celebrate this Ignatian tradition, we are encouraged along the path of encountering Jesus for ourselves; we are encouraged to go out and tell this good news, and we are given tools to help us discern the spirits that guide us and tempt us - May we learn to use these tools wisely.

*Fr Gregory*



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

# ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA FEAST

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascent to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over to the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 33: 2-11. R. v.2.

#### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast,  
the humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. R.

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. R.

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. R.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. R.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 31–11: 1

So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Luke 14: 25-33

*Unless you are ready to give up all that you possess, you cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any many comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 8th AUGUST 2021— SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS: IN YEAR B

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-34

**DUE TO COVID-19, PUBLIC  
MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE  
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.  
BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.**

**YOU ARE THE CHURCH!  
YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.**

 DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Sylvia Greene, Lopisoni Makario, George Mallouk, Zarouf Mallouk, Ave Sio, Cristina Frugone, Tracey Tosatto, Sandra Roseworn, Kenny McConnell, 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, Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Vailemani Selui, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beamster, 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:** Ana Pelasio, John Agius, Robert Boulter, Latu Fatu, Tosso Blakelock, Dawn Tobin, Mifud Button, Sr M Angela Quinn, Sadie Raeburn, Lucia Tan, Shorkey Gayed, Phillip Whitton, Len Stuart, Jim Filewod, Grace Farrugia, Alan Pearson, Desmond James (Dodger) Long, Eileen Brown, Shirley Jean Bodestyne, Rhonda Aldridge, Veronica Smith, Michael Fox, Barry Newby, Trevor Monk, Rodney Hain, Baby Senia Aleti, Thonda Ryan, Dorothy Brown, Margaret Filios, John Dakin, Stephen Lewis, Jennifer Baine, Isaac Palmer, Anthony Keating, Dionisio Matugas, Paul Frisk, Mau Bece, Mau Bute, Lucia Vicente, Mau Asu, Nbi Lihu, Anthony von Kraft

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Vonnie Schutes, Tamer Salama.







## COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES

**SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! WE ALL HAVE A DUTY OF CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.  
KEEP SAFE // STAY WARM // CHECK IN ON YOUR LOVED ONES // WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS.  
LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

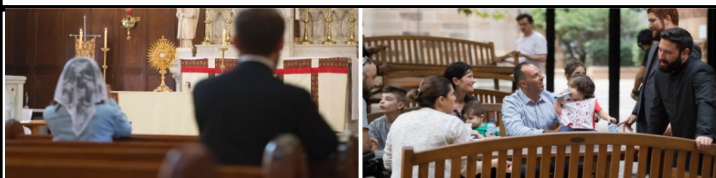
**Monday:** CLOSED  
**Tuesday -Thursday:** 9.00am—3.00pm  
**Friday:** 9.00am—12.00pm  
**CLOSED ON WEEKENDS**

### DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

- If you would like to make an online 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**

### Clergy Support Foundation Donations

It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese of Parramatta, which supports retired priests in the diocese. Please make donations via credit card at <https://parracatholic.org/csf> or transfer directly to **BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Name CSF No 1** with names as reference and send email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your details for receipt to be sent. Thank you.



## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

**1ST—8TH AUGUST 2021**



*As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.*

*During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live your own vocation more deeply.*

*We also pray for more and generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We all have a vocation. The word vocation comes from the Latin vocare, which in English means to call. God calls each one of us to holiness. Being called to holiness means being called to love God and others.*

*Someone's specific vocation is the particular path or the unique specific way that he or she is called to follow Christ, to be more like him, but with their own personality, and characteristics, their gifts, talents, weaknesses and circumstances.*

*Following God's call is not about becoming someone that we are not, but about become more fully the ones He created us to be.*

*How am I called to love others, making God's love present in the world?*



### 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.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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**MASS FOR YOU**  
*at home*

If you are not able to access our parish Sunday Mass online, you can make an Act of Spiritual Communion while watching Mass For You At Home broadcast at:

**6am Sunday morning on Network Ten (metropolitan) and WIN Television (regional) and 10am on Foxtel's Aurora channel 173**

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

### CONSECRATED HOSTS

During this time of lock-down, you may still receive the Eucharist. Someone from your family will need to come to the Parish and collect consecrated hosts in a suitable container (preferably a pyx) and handle this with the necessary sacredness. We would prefer if you came regularly rather than take home large amounts. Contact the Parish Office or message us via Facebook OR email [enquiry@holysfamily.org.au](mailto:enquiry@holysfamily.org.au) to arrange a suitable time.



## 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.



Ignatius



In Jesuit communities and works this year June marked the start of the year of St Ignatius Loyola. It began with the stray cannonball that broke Ignatius' leg. From that followed twenty years of adventure: filled with wandering, searching, gathering like-minded people, responding to unanticipated events, and coming to a climax in the foundation of the Society of Jesus.

Most summaries of St Ignatius' life leave off there, giving a sentence or two to the next fifteen years of his life. That is understandable. Adventure stories usually leave their heroes at the point of their most magnificent victories - when they are made admirals, for example, or Prime Ministers, or when they win the heart of their beloved. That was the point at which their life's path was finally set. We readers, too, are more interested in how they got there than in how they finished up. That is why writers rarely continue the story of their sailor hero into his old age when he is crippled with gout.

That's not how it is with Christian saints. Their feast days do not remember their birthday nor the day on which they set out on their life's work, but the day they died. On that day begins their new life with God, when they can help us in our needs, and we can see what it meant for them to follow Jesus until the end of their life's journey. For Christians all endings are beginnings, and are more important than any triumphs along the way.

The Feast Day of Ignatius invites us to turn our eyes to the fifteen years after he was elected first Superior General of the Society of Jesus, and particularly to his last few years in which he lived with serious illnesses. He did not spend these years travelling and in hands-on building of new ventures, but in his office in Rome pushing chaos under the door as he faced crucial questions about the directions of the new Order. He had to put out bushfires, deal with the anxieties of Popes and Bishops, respond to increasing demands for Jesuits, encourage his companions in times of discouragement, and bed down a distinctive way of following Jesus. This was a hard ask: over those years Jesuits had grown from single figures to over five thousand. And among all these tasks, like a Vinnies member today, he found time to give time to people who were doing it hard through social contempt, homelessness or hunger.

His life can be caught in the thousands of letters he wrote over that time - formal letters to authorities of kingdoms and of church, business letters about foundations, letters of appointment and dismissal, letters of encouragement and of rebuke to his fellow Jesuits in their life journeys, letters of spiritual advice, and instructions on how to proceed in important missions. They represent the thousands of people whom his life touched. Not exciting work, but work that drew on all the experiences of his years of wandering, advising, and dealing with suspicion, hostility or exaggerated respect.

All that took its cost. He suffered from kidney stones, could be short tempered and demanding, and enduring his companions' hero worship in which even intolerant behaviour was regarded as a sign of the saint's wisdom. An attractive story told about him in this time was how he loved to go on to the roof where he wept as he watched the stars. The tears were surely of gratitude for the beauty and goodness of God, his habitual attitude. We might wonder, though, if perhaps they also reflected his joy at reaching this time of contemplation at the end of yet another day of unending toil.

In the end Ignatius defied any craving for miracles and long farewells when he died. We know of no memorable words spoken, no visions granted, no edifying farewells. He simply died in his sleep. Like so many of his followers he got on with his living and went to his death in undemonstrative faith. He was a Saint but an unassuming one.

- By Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

### Homelessness Week 2021 Launch

**"Everybody needs a home"**

Join Homelessness Australia, online  
Monday 2 August 2021, 11.00-12.15pm



Registrations essential.



### What is Homelessness Week?

In Australia there are over 116,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night. Homelessness Week aims to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness on Australia via national and local community events, including providing information on the importance of housing as a solution and educating communities on how they can make a difference.

### How do I get involved?

Join us for the launch of Homelessness Week 2021 on Monday 2 August 11-12.15pm

Launched by Minister Sukkar, Minister for Housing and Homelessness and hosted by the ABC's Patricia Karvelas, Dr Angela Jackson, Lead Economist, Equity Economics will talk about her report commissioned by the Everybody's Home campaign: *Nowhere to go: the benefits of providing long term social housing to women who have experienced domestic and family violence*. Angela will outline the impact of lack of access to social housing on women fleeing violence, and the economic benefits to women and the community of providing safe affordable homes, so women can rebuild their lives.

This will be followed by a panel discussion including including:

Jason Clare, Shadow Housing and Homelessness Minister,  
Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Greens spokesperson on housing and homelessness and Angela Jackson.

**Register Online!**

### Get on social media.

Use the hashtags #HomelessnessWeek21 and #EverybodyNeedsAHome to promote your events and share what you think Australia needs to prevent homelessness and increase housing. We will give you a shout out on our social pages!

Visit [www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au](http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au) for more information.

**We're here for you.**

We understand that these are some very challenging times, dealing with the effects of COVID-19 and the uncertainty it brings.

The recent announcement of restrictions extending in Greater Sydney is taking a huge toll on individuals and families in our community.

Please know that **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**

Our church buildings may be closed, but we as CHURCH remain open to respond to and journey with those in need.

If you OR if you know someone who needs some assistance during these times, please contact us. Whether it is just for a chat, spiritual guidance OR even with basic needs, e.g. food—please reach out to us via phone, email OR online via our website and/or Facebook page.

It's ok not to be ok. We are here for you. We will get through this.