



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*

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR B
SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021
with FR GREGORY JACOBS SJ

Streamed online from 9.00am via

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Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

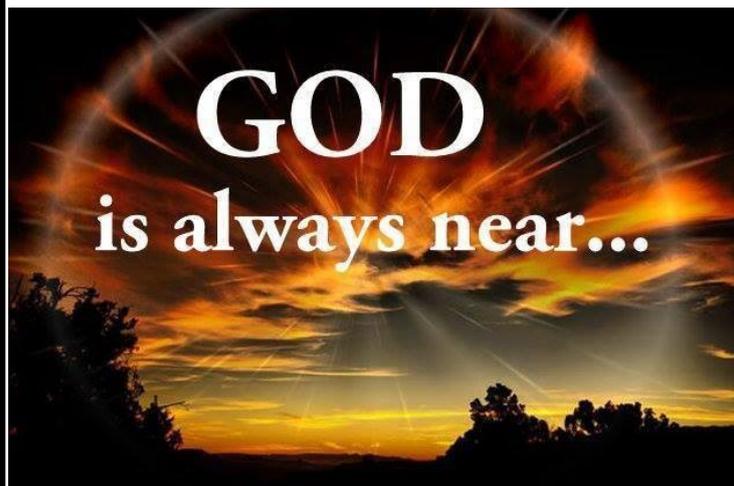
We have a God who is close to us. We can often lose sight of this. We often think of God being in heaven, out of our reach, beyond our world. But God assures us that he is in our heart, on our lips, God speaks to us directly. (St Ignatius had to fight with the church to defend this understanding of God speaking directly to each human being, and not having to be mediated by the priest. And thank God that he did.)

Our task then is to humbly welcome that Word planted in our soul, to water it and feed it. We do this by spending time reflecting on the word of God in prayer and study. We must also put this learning into action. Ignatius called this being a contemplative in action - continually shifting between listening to God and doing God's will, until those two parts become

one. One of the most famous monks of the 21st century was Thomas Merton. One of the dynamics of his life was that the more he sought solitude, the more active he became in the affairs of the world - movements for peace, for care of the environment, for the health and well-being of his fellow man and woman.

This is reflected in the gospel, which wants us to respond to this God who is close to us. Contrary to a literal interpretation, Jesus is interested in what we put into ourselves - 'fake news', conspiracy theories, bad habits - are not good for us. What he is saying is that even when we put good things in, we need to work on what good things can come out from this.

Fr Gregory





What is important for Jesus is what is in our hearts.
www.midsoma.blogspot.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Why don't your disciples
live according to the tradition...

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

'You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 14: 2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly, and does what is right,
and speaks the truth from their heart;
whoever does not slander with their tongue. R.

Whoever does no evil to a friend,
nor takes up a reproach against a neighbour;
in whose eyes the wicked one is despised,
but who honours those who fear the Lord. R.

Whoever stands by their oath even to their hurt;
who does not lend money at interest,
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
One who does these things shall never be moved. R.

SECOND READING: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many others traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

Jesus said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile them, but the things that come out of a person are what defile them.

"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021—
23rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7
2nd Reading: James 2: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 7: 31-37

*When the oceans rise, and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm.
Father, You are King over the floods,
I will be still and know You are GOD!*

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 Beemster, 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: Loreta Balbin, Lina Fauvette, George McKay, Robyn Eberl, Baby Chan Dumo, Norrie Anderson, Fr Steve Hogan, Nancy Boyle, Sione Kiteau, Anne Doreen King, Sr Anne-Marie Webb SM, Baby Paul Hepburn, Victor Zarseczny, Eddy Russell, Felix Gando, Raymond Bellette, Dorothy Bamdee, Vera Anderson, Grace Rodriguez, Kathleen Kogan, Lillian May Magennis, John Fuller, Tuimalo Lanosa Sefulin, Grahame Kennedy, Michael Wilkinson, Piusho Serra.

RECENTLY DECEASED: May Ball



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

Tuesday -Thursday: 9.00am—3.00pm
Friday: 9.00am—12.00pm
CLOSED ON MONDAY & 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

CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRST COLLECTION while in lockdown

With the continued lockdown of our Church, you may wish to make an EFT contribution to support your Clergy, i.e. what you would normally place on the first collection.

To do, please use the following details:

BSB 067950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference 6024 (followed by) your name. This will enable us to credit your donation to your parish.

Thank you for your contributions – they are much appreciated.

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@holfamily.org.au to arrange a suitable time.

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.



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

dosp.org



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.

2021/08
CHURCH ON THE WAY



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST THE CHURCH

LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THAT SHE MAY RECEIVE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT THE GRACE AND STRENGTH TO REFORM HERSELF IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL.



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.



Caring for the health and wellbeing of our retired priests

The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, traditionally held on Father's Day, raises much needed funds for the Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work supporting retired clergy and those in ill health. Due to the current lockdown, the Appeal will be held via mail and online. Your thoughtful donation will mean so much to those who have put the care of others before themselves.

Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-22

CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR



Prayer

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
 the bush grown more silent,
 the birdsong less vibrant,
 the stream's sluggish ripple.
 Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
 the soil depleted,
 the sky smudged,
 the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.
 Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
 the workers who struggle to get by,
 the women subjected to violence,
 the people who are excluded.
 Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
 the sound of hungry children,
 the distress of the mentally ill,
 the silent pain of homeless women and men.
 Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,
 to restore our hearing,
 and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people
 and peace for creation.

AMEN

CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR



We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

*By listening with an open heart
 to those who are most affected,
 we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit,
 to discern the signs of the times.*

**Social Justice Statement 2021-22:
 Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor**



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NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO GO HUNGRY!

**DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?
 YOU CAN STILL CONTACT ST VINNIES
 SUPPORT CENTRES FOR HELP:
 PH: 1800 606 724**



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works