



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



6.00am—Channel 10
Produced by Diocese of
Wollangong

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

10.00am—Mass with
Fr Rob Galea
[www.youtube.com/
frrobalea](http://www.youtube.com/frrobalea)

10.30am—Archdiocese of
Sydney
[www.youtube.com/watch?
v=UHTnC8qGMDg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnC8qGMDg)



11.00am—Diocese of
Parramatta
[www.youtube.com/user/
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REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

4th Sunday of Easter

Our leader, the Good Shepherd, does not come to save us as a warrior or with a great show of force to save us. Instead, he comes calling us to follow his voice. Stranger still, he also comes as the rejected one, the one hunted down and hung on the cross. No one, including David, expected this to be the image and example of salvation for the people; this is something new.

The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. We are encouraged to look at our own foundations – what is it that we are building? Is the foundation of our life built on our own knowledge and skill? Is our foundation centred on our family and friends? These are good foundations, but is the cornerstone of Jesus present in any meaningful way?

The one who saves is the lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with affairs of state. Sheep are unruly, but also reasonably docile; they do not need much help. They are vulnerable but respond well to care. Our own images of a leader in a time of crisis, such as through the pandemic or war, has often been to look at the political or military leaders. Why would we ever look to a lowly shepherd to lead us out of crisis?



The one who saves is an unlikely Saviour. And we find Jesus in unlikely places. As we come out of this pandemic crisis we are being asked to find anew our Saviour, our cornerstone and foundation, our shepherd leading us through the gate into a new pasture of new life.

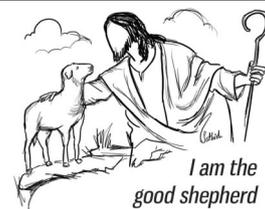
Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be served.

While Peter and John were speaking to the people about the resurrection of Jesus, the captain of the temple arrested them and placed them in custody.

The next day the rulers, elders and scribes assembled. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

"This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among human beings by which we must be saved."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

□ give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in humans.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. R.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. R.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

□ give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever. R.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2nd of MAY 2021— FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 5:1-8



A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: 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 Queenzell, 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: Patrick McCray, Margaret Harrison, Derek Francis, Claude Fauvette, Fr. Geoff Dickinson, Fr. Terry Hogan, Coralie Baker, Alice Lowles, 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, John O'Brien, Vincent Conovan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Duncan, Francis Vincente, Shirley Chapman, Dallas Anderson.



COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



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

- *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 = 220 ppl**

PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 18th APRIL 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta	\$ 636.10
2nd Collection —for parish expenses	\$1,501.30

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

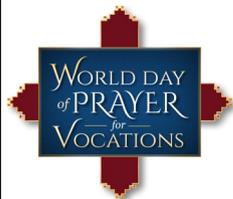
- If you would like to make a donation towards the Diocesan Priests' Pastoral Revenue, i.e. 1st Collection, you can do so via:
Acc Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 004265
Make sure to Reference: 6024 Donation
- If you would like to make a donation to our parish, please make a direct transfer payment to:
Commonwealth Bank
Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 0000446

LOVE DESIGN...

SOCIAL MEDIA ...

... AND EVENTS???

We are looking for volunteers to form a Communications/Media Team. Responsibilities will include preparing promotional material and documenting parish events, as well as updating the parish Website and Facebook page. To express your interest OR for more information, please contact Malia at the parish office.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Today is a day of prayer for vocations: vocations to the priesthood and vocations to religious and consecrated life. On this day, the Church invites us to pray that the

Lord of the Harvest will call young men and women to dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel as priests and religious.

Do you know a young man who might be a good priest? If so, invite him to consider exploring the possibility of becoming a priest? Do you know a young woman who wants to dedicate herself entirely to God? If so, invite her to consider exploring the possibility of entering religious or consecrated life. It is not that young people are disinterested in dedicating their lives to God. But they have never been invited to consider the possibility of doing so. But what if you reached out to them and suggested the possibility? What if you planted the seed that might light to a vocation to priesthood, religious or consecrated life?

If you are a young person reading this, ask yourself what you want to do with the precious gift of life that God has given you. How do you want to live the rest of your life? What is really and truly important to you? Do you have a deep love for Christ and the Church? Do you have a passion to proclaim the good news of the gospel to others? Are you interested in a life of serving others for the sake of the gospel? If so, taking on the call as a priest, religious or consecrated sister/brother may be a way in which you can fulfill your deepest desires.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, pray for the priest, religious and consecrated who have served you throughout your life. Encourage your children and grandchildren and other young people to consider if God is calling them to a life of priestly or religious service. Pray that God will give the Church faithful priests and religious who will give of themselves generously and tirelessly for the sake of the Gospel.



This year Anzac Day falls at a time when we still live in the shadow of coronavirus. The epidemic has been a tragedy for many people and societies. That is true of Australia, too, though we have been spared the massive deaths and continuous disruption experienced in many other nations. The costs of the virus, however, have also been accompanied by benefits. They have pressed us to separate what matters from what we have always taken for granted, and the superficial from the genuine. It is no coincidence that the Black Lives Matter movement and the marches to protest against the toleration of abuse against women in parliamentary circles have eroded community tolerance of systematic racial and gender abuse. These are all part of a wider need to rethink previously accepted attitudes.

That need may also touch our celebration of Anzac Day. Its association with flags, with guns and whizzbang weaponry, with a warrior culture, and with self-congratulation on our perceived national identity, seem superficial. As in Homer's poem *The Iliad* where the excitement and courage of battle ebb away as the curtains of death fall over the eyes of the fallen, we shall now be more inclined to see the battles of Anzac through the eyes of those who died both on the beaches of Gallipoli and in the flu epidemic that followed.

In its earliest days Anzac Day was an occasion to remember the dead and, what a North Vietnamese novelist described as, 'the sadness of war'. It is a day on which to remember both our own soldiers and those whom they fought as alike they lie beneath the earth. As we pray with our New Zealand cousins in thanks for the lives of our soldiers who fought together, we can also join in thanks that in both nations we have largely been spared from the ravages of the coronavirus.

As we recover from the Coronavirus, however, there is a risk of forgetting its lessons. It taught us to respect the living - those different from ourselves as well as those like us. We need to extend this respect to the people whom we often treat as outcasts. At Jesuit Social Services we come into contact with vulnerable young people who come into the justice system. They are often regarded, even by politicians, as trash and treated in a way that makes them more likely to reoffend.

The effects of this kind of disrespect shows us the ultimate futility of dividing our world into people like us and enemies. This lesson might be pertinent at a time when a romantic view of China as best mates has given way to a clearer view of a nation with its own interests that will sometimes coincide with our own interests and sometimes differ. We also see differences in the values espoused by the political class in each nation and the conflict in each between its spoken values and its practice.

A change of attitudes carries the risk that we shall see China as our enemy, and its people as different and lesser than ourselves. We then congratulate ourselves for living by the values we proclaim as Australian, and condemn Chinese people for not living by their spoken values. China and Chinese people alike become the enemy. We have already seen this risk on display in the pillorying of Chinese business people in Australia and in the growing reports of prejudice and abuse met by Chinese students and their families.

In such an environment it will be natural to return to the chauvinistic view of Anzac Day as a celebration of self-attributed Australian values. That return should be resisted by focusing on those who have died, not only from our own nations, but from all nations.

- By Andrew Hamilton SJ



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.



DATES for your DIARIES

PARENTS/CARERS INFORMATION NIGHT FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents and Carers of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to an information meeting on:

Wednesday 12th May, 7pm in the church.

NOTE: This meeting is only meant for parents/carers whose:

- son/daughter made their First Holy Communion in 2019, and was due to be Confirmed in 2020.
- son/daughter made their First Holy Communion in 2020.

If you are unsure OR have any further questions, please contact the parish office.

MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING

Last November, we gathered many of our Ministry leaders to share and reflect on what our Vision was for the Parish.

Since then, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Leadership Team, have reflected upon the fruits of the discussions and suggestions contributed from this meeting, and have developed some priorities and plans of which they would appreciate some further input and feedback.

We would like to invite again all our ministry leaders (and/or their representatives) for another time of reflection and deepening of our Vision:

When: Saturday 15th May
Time: 12.30pm—4.30pm
Where: Holy Family Primary School Hall

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: TBA

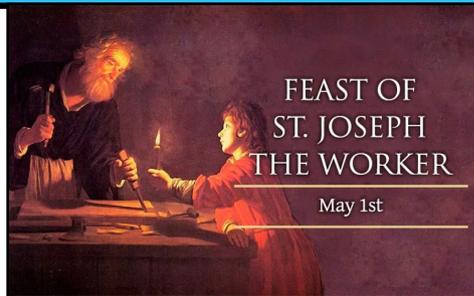
MT DRUITT POLICE NEW CHAPLAIN



On Tuesday 20 April Fr Gregory was inducted as a new Police Chaplain for Mt Druitt Police station. (Don't worry, he has no power to arrest anyone, he cannot drive a police vehicle or carry a weapon.) One of his jobs is to be on-call in case of a major crisis situation.

But primarily he is there to look after the pastoral needs of police officers. He is there to listen to the police when they have had a bad day, when something happens that they need to talk about with someone they can trust, but will not necessarily go on their police record or be reported to their superiors automatically.

We figure that providing some good pastoral care to the police might help to make our whole area a better place to live and work together.



Pope Francis has dedicated this year to St Joseph. He did so after he saw how much pressure Coronavirus put on many families through anxiety, unemployment and fractured relationships. He emphasises St Joseph's role as father of his family.

When introducing the year Pope Francis described St Joseph as a father who worked to support his family and found himself in doing so. The importance of work in our lives is picked up in the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, celebrated on May 1. The feast is relatively new. Its date was chosen to compete with May Day which represented work as a battleground between greedy employers and oppressed workers. The Feast commended a cooperative world in which work is a central part of human life and workers are honoured for themselves and not simply for their use to their employers. Pope Francis also speaks eloquently of the importance that work plays in any human life.

Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour.

In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.

The world of work in St Joseph's time differs from our own. He was self-employed as a carpenter, was skilled, saw his work through from beginning to end, and supported Mary and Jesus through his work. In his work he was relatively privileged – for many others work depended on being hired each day and could be back-breaking and dangerous, was back breaking. Supporting a family was always precarious.

In our developed nation fewer people work at making things for people to buy. Women and men are more likely to work at computers in large organisations and to see only a tiny part of what the finished product. Women are consequently less reliant on men for support but are often expected to contribute to family income. Because manufacturing is so often mechanised and computerised, requiring few workers and privileging people with a higher level of education, work for manual workers is precarious, and many can find only part-time work. People who are unemployed live on the edge of poverty and homelessness.

For both women and men work is an expression of their dignity as human beings. Respect for their dignity demands that they be seen and be able to grow as persons through their work. They are not simply cogs in a machine nor costs on a balance sheet to be hired or fired at will as profits dictate. Respect also demands that people have security of employment and participate in shaping the conditions under which they work.

Because work is so intertwined with what is most deeply human in us and connects us so strongly to our society, it is important that young people be encouraged to make connections. Because of disadvantage in their early years many of the young people whom we accompany at Jesuit Social Services struggle for connection. The stigma and punitive conditions attached to unemployment benefits intensify this difficulty. For St Joseph work was both a gift and a struggle. It remains so today. Because individual workers are weak in relation to employers, and so are at risk of being treated as no more than a cost on their balance sheet or as a tool to be used and discarded, the relationship between them will always need to be negotiated. The Feast of St Joseph the Worker reminds us that this negotiation must be based on respect and its fairness be enforced by Governments, which must also be fair to people who are unemployed.

St Joseph, the Worker, pray for us.

- By Andrew Hamilton SJ