



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5.30 pm

Sunday: 9.00 am and *10.30 am

(*10.30am 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



10.00am—Mass with Fr Rob Galea
<https://www.youtube.com/frrobalea>

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

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



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

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the time of Jesus, as today, day-labourers had the least security of employment. Whether they get work – and the wage they need – depended entirely on whether they were hired for the day in the marketplace. One denarius is the usual daily wage. The landowner is providing each person what they need to survive.

Even though this story is so old, it retains its bite even for us today. Who would pay each of these workers the same wage? Is it not fair to expect that those who worked all day in the heat get more than the one who only worked the last hour? Does justice mean being paid the exact amount agreed upon? Or does it mean being paid in proportion to the amount of work done? Our modern industrial relations laws would certainly side with the later! But this landowner is generous by paying everyone what social justice today would call a 'living wage'.

We must also not forget, however, that this is a parable about the "Kingdom of Heaven": that is, as a story that will illustrate the way in which God is reclaiming the world for true relationship with its Creator and for values that will allow all people to live lives that are human in the fullest sense of the word.

The parable shows that we cannot simply take the human idea of justice and apply it without qualification to God. God will not be imprisoned within a strict 'law of deserts'. God is just, but, beyond justice, reserves the right to be overwhelmingly generous as well – not on a comparative basis but on the basis of the divine relationship with each individual, something often wrapped in mystery. No one really has any 'deserts' before God; no one can claim to be more deserving than others who seem to have received more. We are all equally and totally recipients of God's boundless generosity. Aligning ourselves with this view of God has much to do with allowing the Kingdom to transform our lives and our world.

IN GODS EYES WE ARE
ALL UNIQUE AND EQUAL

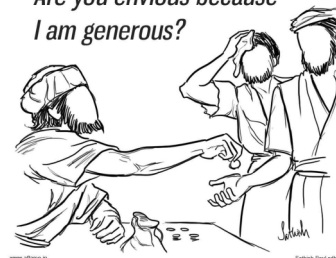
Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Are you envious because
I am generous?



FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked person forsake their way, and the unrighteous person their thoughts; let that person return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 144:2-3,8-9,17-18. R. v.18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable. R.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. R.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20-24,27

For me to live is Christ.

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day? They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

"Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2020 —

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME in YEAR A

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

**MANY THINGS HAVE TO CHANGE COURSE,
BUT IT IS WE HUMAN BEINGS
ABOVE ALL WHO NEED TO CHANGE.**

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Alexis Venzlauskas and Isla Tinao, who were baptised last Sunday 13th September 2020.

LIST OF THE SICK: Gerry Borg, Bridie Perry, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Laurie Taylor, Vaa Lauvao, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Chris Gordery, Samuel Atonio, Rino Llave, Tom Flood, Rocco Dominici Kevin Walz, Carmencita Inocencio, George Nematalla, Estefan D'Cauna, Charlie Wilkinson, Mel Fouhy, Manuel Herrero, Epifania Saquitan, Salvatore (Buddy) Datoc, Connie Wells, Fr. Bernie King, Martianus Tunggal, Tina Lane, Margaret Best, Richmond Byrne Jnr, John Carlow, Luke Cassar, Ronald Aldridge, Milly Anderson, William Charles Flynn, Baby Holly Kelly, Nellie Shepherd, Ivan Glasheen, Win Walton, Rev Tom Leonard, Joan d' Cruze, Irene Nardie, Kevin Williams, Martha Abood, Crispin Andrade, Cyril Eakin, Thelma Muller, Ana Seina Toa Filipe

RECENTLY DECEASED: Zenaida Obdin



PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2020

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta	\$ 463.45
2nd Collection—for parish expenses	\$1,408.95
Holy Land Appeal	\$ 557.20

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.: 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

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

HOLY FAMILY TOUCH FOOTY TEAM

We are calling for an expression of interest from men and women, aged 18 years and over, who would like to help form a Holy Family Touch Footy team.
(Men's, Women's, and Mixed Teams).

If you are interested OR would like more information, please see Fr Pat, or contact the parish office.
(02) 9628 7272

FOOD DRIVE for MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Church celebrates **Migrant & Refugee Sunday**. COVID-19 has affected so many within our community, but has greatly impacted people seeking asylum within our diocese. Many have no access to any safety net of support. You can make a difference and support people in desperate need. Many seeking asylum and their families:

- Are excluded from JobKeeper, JobSeeker, Medicare or income assistance
- Have lost their jobs
- Cannot pay their rent and are facing homelessness
- Struggling to feed their families
- Are facing destitution.

WE ARE CALLED TO ACTION: "In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who pleads with us to help." (Pope Francis)

To celebrate Migrant & Refugee Sunday, we will be running a food drive for Jesuit Refugee Services, to support their works in helping those families in need.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Long life milk
- Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas and fruit
- Biscuits and muesli bars
- Oats & cereal
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tea & Coffee

TOILETRIES:

- Nappies (large sizes)
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Sanitary pads & napkins
- Razors & shaving foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap

Please drop off any donations to the Parish Office. Thank you.

REMINDERS OF PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19

Please view below the key points from our COVID-safe plan. The health and safety of our community, is all of our priority.



PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers in the Diocese to wear a mask to Masses and other services. This may be removed during Communion, but put in place at all other times.



LIMITED CAPACITY

With the regulations in place, we can only accommodate 100 worshippers per Mass and service. Therefore, we request that you make a booking to attend our weekend Masses by contacting the Parish Office during office hours OR online via our website and Facebook page. No bookings are required for weekday Masses.

SIGN IN/
MARK YOUR NAME OFF

You are required to confirm your name on the attendance sheet. If you haven't made a booking, you will need to provide your name and a contact number for contact tracing purposes.



SANITISE YOUR HANDS

On arrival at the church, please sanitise your hands using the sanitiser supplied.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please maintain social distancing at all times during Mass and services.



DO NOT ENTER, IF UNWELL

Please do not enter the church if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, have a temperature, been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID.



WIPE DOWN CHAIRS

At the conclusion of Mass, you are requested to please wipe down your seat with the disinfectant spray and paper towels provided.



PLEASE MOVE ON AFTER MASS

You are requested not to socialise inside or outside the church, but please leave as soon as possible after Mass.



We are registered as a COVID-safe community.
You can view our COVID-safe plan via our website: www.holyfamily.org.au

Join Fr Pat on Wednesday evenings, for Christian Meditation.

After the 6.00pm Mass in the Mary Mackillop





SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

**1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)
until 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi)**

EASY WAYS to CARE for CREATION

Avoid single use products:

such as plastic or Styrofoam cups, bottles, cutlery, straws.

Use reusable bags for shopping:

Recycle plastic ones at most grocery stores.

Refill a reusable water container

instead of buying bottled water.

Ride a bike or walk instead of driving.

Buy fair trade products

that are ethically and sustainably sourced.

We are invited to remember above all that creation's ultimate destiny is to enter into God's eternal Sabbath. This journey, however, takes place in time, spanning the seven-day rhythm of the week, the cycle of seven years, and the great Jubilee Year that comes at the end of the seven Sabbath years.

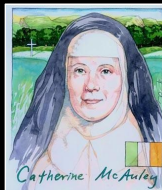
A jubilee is indeed a time of grace to remember creation's original vocation to exist and flourish as a community of love. We exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God's creatures within our common home. "Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth" (LS, 92).

A Jubilee, then, is a time of remembrance, in which we cherish the memory of our inter-relational existence. We need constantly to remember that "everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others" (LS, 70).

(Laudato Si, Pope Francis)



SEASON OF CREATION



CATHERINE MCAULEY FOUNDER of the SISTERS of MERCY

Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, was a woman of great faith in Jesus Christ. She had a burning desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CATHERINE'S LIFE

Catherine McAuley was born into a wealthy Dublin family in 1778. By the time she reached adulthood, she had witnessed the death of both parents, and experienced considerably personal poverty. She then worked for twenty years as a companion for an elderly couple and, upon their deaths, received an unexpected inheritance. Driven by a deep faith and pragmatic sense of charity, she opened, in 1827, an institution for unemployed and impoverished women. This proved to be the first step towards the foundation, in 1831, of the Sisters of Mercy, an order now established throughout the world.

ISMAPNG TODAY

The Sisters of the Institute of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG) continue Catherine's work today by advocating for people with no voice and seeking justice for the broken and displaced. Thus, as well as education and health care, their ministries include pastoral care in hospitals, schools and parishes, counselling, spiritual direction and retreat and renewal centres. Some also work in the public arena, outside the more clearly defined pastoral ministries of the church, but often in positions of potential structural influence.

24th SEPTEMBER is the FEAST of OUR LADY of MERCY



St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Feast Day: September 21

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the "tax farmers" got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with "sinners" (see Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and "those known as sinners" came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus' answer was, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Mt 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO BE PART OF OUR DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

Season OF CREATION

We are creating an online reflection celebrating the natural beauty of our Diocese. It will be launched on the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the 4th of October.

We are inviting all parishioners of all ages in the Diocese of Parramatta to send us your original:

PHOTOGRAPHY // ARTWORKS // POETRY // MUSIC // SHORT VIDEO // OTHER

Entries close September 25. Find out more at: www.parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation/