



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 NO 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



MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnC8g6MDg



11.00am—Diocese of Parramatta
www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese/

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



*Register your details upon entering the church
*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 = 120pp

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen the classic Abbott and Costello routine of Who's on First, What's on Second, and I Don't Know's on Third? Well, that is a good way of seeing the disciples in Mark's gospel, they just don't get the point of Jesus' message. But to be fair, it is an upside-down world that Jesus is presenting to them. "Discipleship with Jesus means the first are last and the last first, where one forgives one's enemies seventy times seven times, where the one who loses his life saves it, where the miserable, chest-striking publican in back of the Temple is more worthy than the triumphant Pharisee in front, where proud fathers run to their wayward sons instead of the other way around, where one gives his coat when asked for a shirt, where enemies are to be prayed for, good deeds are to be done in secret, and the one who wishes to rule over all must be the servant of all." In who's world is this the expectation, apart from God's?

Yet this is the world that God wants us to live in. It is a world where the blind come to see, often before the rest of us. It is the world where those who are least are often the ones to come to faith before those who have studied the Scriptures.



It is therefore the call to be open and trusting in the Spirit. And like Bartimaeus, to be ready and willing to cry out to God in our need, and to respond in faith to the question: What do you want me to do for you?"

Fr Gregory

What do you want Jesus
to do for you?
(Mark 10:46-52)



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.'

"See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them those who are blind and those who are lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here.

"With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. R.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them"
The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.. R.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. R.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. R.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER 2021 — 31st WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34



SECOND READING: Hebrews 5: 1-6

Every high priest chosen from among men is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weaknesses; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "May teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."

Immediately the man regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

WELCOME BACK PARISHIONERS & VISITORS!

Weekday Masses will resume from
Monday 25th October 2021.
Please see front page for Mass times.

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED for weekend Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on
Saturdays 9.30am—10.00am OR by appointment.

For all other enquiries, please contact the parish
office on 02 9628 7272 during office hours.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 21st November at 5.00pm
Annual Remembrance Gathering for our
loved ones who have passed.

Saturday 18th December 7.00pm—10.00pm
Carols by Candlelight

More details will be available soon.

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, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas, Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Louise 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: Anthony Valentine, Vaa Lauvao, Charlie Bartolo, Lucy Sabelleil, Julia Niumata Sitani, James Tobin, Domingas Gago, Daniel Campbell, Daniel Fenech, Bill Russell, Patrick Hennessy, Peter O'Rance, Collin Saunders, Joe Scerri, Renee Belton, Kevin McGilray, Rita Thomson, Lionel Jessop, Dorothy Tipping, Teliesha Thurston, Mary Young, Rodney Marsh, Clarence Wood, Patricia James, Namulauulu Su, Patrocinio Inocencio (Junior), Maria Denyer.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peni Afu, Pat Leonard, Vili Ahovelo, Renato Lobo.



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.: 00000446

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.

**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

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2022**

Columban Calendars for 2022 will be available soon for \$10.

If you would like to reserve a copy, please contact the parish office
 02 9628 7272.



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

**Saints Simon and Jude**

Feast Day: 28th October

Simon "the Less" also called "the Cananite" and "the Zealot". Jude "son of James" (Luke 6:16, Acts 1:13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3, Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

WISDOM

A young man came to a Master and asked, "How long is it likely to take me to attain enlightenment?"

Said the Master, "Ten years."

The young man was shocked. "So long?" he asked incredulously.

Said the Master, "No, that was a mistake. It will take you twenty years."

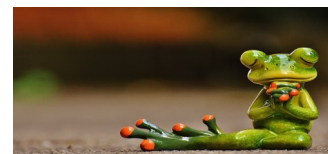
The young man asked, "Why did you double the figure?"

Said the Master, "Come to think of it, in your case it will probably be thirty."

Some people will never learn anything because they grasp everything too soon. Wisdom, after all, is not a station you arrive at but a manner travelling. If you travel too fast you will miss the scenery.

To know exactly where you're headed may be the best way to go astray. Not all those who loiter are lost.

Source: ANTHONY de MELCO
 The Prayer of the Frog

**October IS World Mission Month**

For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
 ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast her experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand





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.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
October 2021

Missionary disciples.
We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

On first hearing, Pope Francis' hope that all baptised people, no matter how lacking in learning or eloquence, should be engaged in evangelisation is quite challenging. Evangelisation is a big word, and most of us would associate it with knowing big words and being able to talk easily about theology and faith. These are the kind of gifts that bishops and priests might have. We think of Evangelisers as people who can talk powerfully about faith on street corners, radio and television and can set unbelievers right.

When Pope Francis says that we should all be engaged in evangelisation he doesn't mean we should all do all these attention-gaining things. But what he does mean might be even more challenging. As he speaks of it, to evangelise is to help people to be touched by the love of God which Jesus has shown to us. Evangelisation does not focus on what we do or say but on what people will see and hear when they look at our lives. Francis of Assisi, the Pope's great hero and namesake, summed up this view when he urged his followers to preach the Good News - and only sometimes in words. The times when people would see the Good News shine out in the way in which Christians lived were more important than those when they heard about it through their words.

Most of us would recognise that to be true of our own lives. If we ask ourselves what has attracted us to faith in a loving God we would first think of people and what they were like. Their words were important because they matched their lives. Faith is contagious only when people are close to us. This the reason why saints are important in Catholic life. From them we can catch something attractive in the Gospel. Faith grows when we rub shoulders with people of faith and sense that they have something precious in their lives which we would like to share. Pope Francis understands this and so insists that evangelising means moving out of our safe world and allowing strangers to see our lives and faith with all our weaknesses and strengths. That is really scary because it asks us to let others see our real selves and to trust that this will draw them to the Gospel.

Pope Francis also prays that we shall be available to the mission. Mission is another big Christian word that can be intimidating. It might suggest that we sign up as members of the sales force in a huge organisation busy about converting people to Christianity. In reality mission is much more simple and attractive. The mission is Jesus' mission, which is to share his trust in a loving God and his joy in a simple and generous way of life. The mission is not something that dwarfs us but is something that is part of our DNA.

Being available to the mission also means seeing ourselves not as lone fighters but as members of an unlikely mob drawn together by Christ. The early Christians put it very simply. They were astounded to find that they attracted observers most of all by their love for one another. When all is said and done that is what mission and evangelisation are all about.

Jesuit Social Services inherits a Catholic tradition in which love and compassion are central. Very many of our staff and the people whom we serve are not Catholic, of course, but they live out deeply in their lives, their respect and in their accompaniment of people, the values of the Christian Gospel. That generosity of spirit is what Pope Francis has in mind when asking our prayers this month.

- Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Positions Vacant:

- Human Resources Partner - Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

As NSW reaches its 80% double dose vaccination target, parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors for private prayer, Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check Mass and liturgy times and the COVID-Safe arrangements in place.

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Celebrate the joy of returning to public Mass with a special Worship Wednesday session titled 'A Light at the end of lockdown'. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

Young people of the Diocese - we are with you

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal is open

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Office for Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

UPDATE: Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290



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