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## MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

There are a number of resources available for you to ATTEND MASS at HOME:

✠ Mass for You at Home—broadcast on channel 10 on  
Sundays at 6.00am

✠ Masses online:

- 9.00am Diocese of Wollongong—[www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)
- 10.30am Archdiocese of Sydney—[www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org)
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*Churches are not being  
closed.  
Buildings are being  
closed.  
You are the Church!  
You are to remain  
open!*

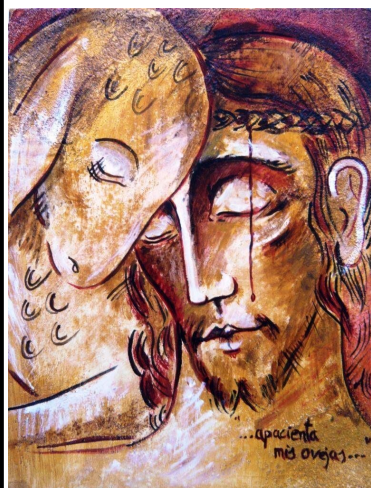


## REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our leaders are supposed to help us find safety and happiness. Many people will follow someone who promises well-being and prosperity, someone who will ease or eliminate their hardships and make life easier to live. A leader should also encourage us to pursue what makes us happy. We seek such leadership in our political and religious communities. But that is not all that leadership should offer.

Leaders should also challenge us to become our best selves, to go beyond what we currently experience of ourselves, and explore the full potential of our gifts and talents. They should help us to accept and live through the burdens and disappointments of life. Life is complicated and hard sometimes, and simple or universal answers do not acknowledge such complexity – we need leaders who can help us through such anxiety and tension.



As Dianne Bergant instructs us: “Authentic leadership is patterned after the example of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, as is the voice of the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.”

This is Vocation Sunday, when we pray for those with a vocation of leadership in the Church – those many people who have given all their life in service of others, who try to reflect the true shepherd. May we spend some time this week in thanksgiving for them, and continue to pray to God for more people to join the call of Vocation for service in the Church.

Fr Gregory



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a,36b-41

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd. "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other Apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day were added about three thousand souls.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul. R.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me. R.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows. R.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. R.

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20-25

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

Beloved: If you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse, when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the Cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 10th MAY 2020 —  
FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER - YEAR A



First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**LIST OF THE SICK:** 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:** 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:** Sr Margaret Eustace, Des Prendergast, Margaret Palmby.





**DONATIONS for  
PROJECT  
COMPASSION**



- Please return Project Compassion donations to the parish office by **Monday 18th May, 2020**.
- Alternatively, you can bank your donation and make a transfer to the parish account:

**Commonwealth Bank**

**Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church**

**BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00446**

**Reference: Caritas2020 [YOUR LAST NAME]**

Email your remittance advice notice to:

enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

- If you require a tax deductible receipt, please also email through the following details:

\* First and Last Name

\* Full address

\* Contact Number

If you have any further questions or require help with this, please do not hesitate to contact us at the parish office.

### PARISH COLLECTIONS

- 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**

- For Planned Giving Envelope contributions, please either:
  - drop your envelopes off to the parish office,
  - hold on to them until we continue having Masses in the church,
  - OR make a direct transfer payment to the parish account (details above), and reference your envelope number.

*We remember in prayer the late,*

**Sr Margaret Eustace** (Brigidine Sister), who passed away on Wednesday 22nd April, 2020, at the age of 98.

*Sr Margaret had a great commitment to the poor and needy in Mt Druitt, having worked in the parish for 20 years (1982-2002).*

*Fr Paul Hanna shared that "Sr Margaret was more than just a Pastoral Associate. Everything that was going on in the community, she joined, and became a part of it. She was the human voice behind the phone, and the human face at the door. The young people would refer to her as the "wise elder".*

*Sr Margaret was involved in all areas of the parish; from the Holiday Program to Teaching & Education, Seniors' program, the Mt Druitt & District Reconciliation Walk, helping families prepare for Baptisms and Funerals, and especially in the establishment and running of the Food & Clothing Market since its opening in 1992.*

*Sr Margaret's small funeral, celebrated on Wednesday 29th April 2020, does not do justice for her wonderful commitment and service. However, we can still pray for her and rejoice as she joins the Communion of Saints, rising to new life with Christ in heaven.*

***"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her."***



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 Fr Gregory on 0487 778 154 if you need any assistance.

## 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. Amen.

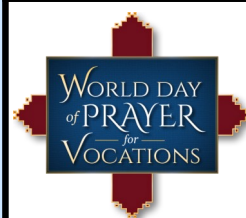
O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3 times)



**Only a crisis,  
actual or  
perceived,  
produces real  
change.**

Milton Friedman

PENSADOR



**Prayer for World Day of  
Prayer for Vocations  
Sunday 3rd May 2020**

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical Franciscan life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.

Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.





# Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us to overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020*

*Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist.*

*Pope Francis*

## Prayers to recite at the end of the Rosary in the month of May

### *First Prayer*

O Mary,  
You shine continuously  
on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,

and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves  
to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself  
our suffering,  
and burdened himself  
with our sorrows

to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.  
Amen.*

### *Second Prayer*

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need.

Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

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catholicexchange.com

Prayers source: The Vatican