



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

(*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



MASS FOR YOU AT HOME



10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnC8gGMDg>

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

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Along with last week's "Feeding of the 5,000", this week's miracle of Jesus (and Peter) "Walking on Water" is one of the most well-known miracles in the New Testament. I have a book called "The Lost Art of Walking on Water" about the priestly vocation, we see it in movies such as "The Shack", and it is part of some jokes.

These miracles are so well known, in part, because of how 'impossible' they are. No one can feed that many people on such meagre quantities of food, nor can people walk on water. Yet these are the stories of Jesus presented to us by Matthew.

These stories have a context, however. Take a closer look at what Jesus himself does: this week he has spent the night in prayer to the Father, last week he had offered the gifts to the Father before distributing them. These miracles take prayer, they take a sense of unity between the Trinity working together. Then, and only then, can the Creator God come and do the 'impossible'.

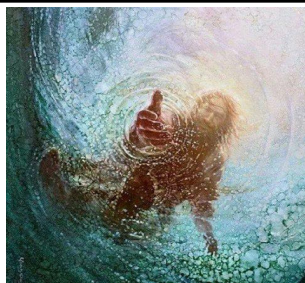
If we too want to do the 'impossible' we need the same union with God. Peter and the disciples are being battered by the winds; yet in faith, he steps out of the boat - keeping his eyes on Jesus. But loses the connection when he feels the strength of the wind against him. Elijah has been running away from God when God calls him to meet him on the mountain. He does not recognize God in the mighty wind, the earthquake or fire - but only in the sound of a gentle breeze, only then does he go out to converse with God.

There will always be some signs of chaos in our lives, but to subdue it we need to listen and see the eyes of God. We can never do the 'impossible' on our own - Jesus never does the 'impossible' on his own. We need to stay united to God, we need to be close enough to Jesus to look into his eyes with faith and trust.

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS.



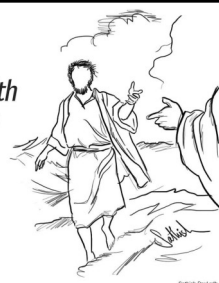
Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

You of
little faith
why did
you
doubt?



FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 84:9-14. R.v.8

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. R.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky. R.

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps. R.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2020 — 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME in YEAR A

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are children of Israel, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God be blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountains by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Krave Sene, who was baptised last Sunday 2nd August, 2020.

LIST OF THE SICK: 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: Eddie Llave, Albert Jacobs, Sister Margaret Picone, Philip Johnson, Ilan Woodley, Thomas Cusack, Yvonne Harris, Trudy Besseling, Muimui He Lotu Sunia, Sr Clara Dal Santo, John Lee, Shona Hookey, Mary Noonan, Sr Xavier Campbell DLHC, Sylvio Pepin, Jesus Manalang, Anthony Voncroft, Reg Chambers, Dail Ryan, Christopher Reuter, Lewis Ferrugia, Nicholas Gat, Grace Gat, Phillip Gat, John Dakin, Baby Paige Whiting, Barry Olaga, Moises Perez, Larelle Corcoris, Avei Laupola, Anthony Spiteri, John Thomas.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Flora Jones.



PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2020

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta	\$ 472.75
2nd Collection—for parish expenses	\$ 1,765.50

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

VOLUNTEER DRIVER REQUIRED

A senior parishioner, residing in Dharruk, is hoping to attend Sunday Mass again. (Any Mass time).
 Are you available to help transport her to and from Mass on the weekend?

Please contact the parish office if available.

PARISH SERVICES

SACRAMENTS

For all sacramental enquiries: Baptisms, Sacramental Process, Funerals and Weddings, please contact the Parish office 02 9628 7272.

FOOD & WELFARE ASSISTANCE

The parish has a number of organisations on-site that offers a range of services to assist the needs of the community. Such services include food assistance, referrals for EAPA vouchers, legal aid, financial and family relationship counselling, and psychology, to name a few.

If you or anyone you know is in need of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. We may be able to support you OR refer you to a service who can.

Please note our office hours are:

Monday—Thursday: 9am—4.30pm

Friday: 9am—3.30pm.

Closed on Tuesday (staff meeting 9.15am-10.00am), daily 1.00pm—2.00pm AND on weekends.

Join Fr Pat on Wednesday evenings, for Christian Meditation.

After the 6.00pm Mass in the Mary Mackillop Meeting Room.



PARISH PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19

These are the latest updates regarding procedures for 'places of worship' during COVID-19.

We ask that you please adhere to the following guidelines for the health and safety of everyone who uses this space.

● MAXIMUM CAPACITY

Religious services and funerals = 100

Weddings = 150

This does not include clergy, funeral directors, photographers, other staff/ volunteers.

● BOOKINGS FOR MASS

Bookings are encouraged for our Sunday Masses.

You can do this online via the links on our Facebook

page: HFPMTDruitt or Parish Website: www.holyfamily.org.au

You can also register over the phone via: 02 9628 7272.

(You do not need to book for our weekday Masses).

● ARRIVING FOR MASS/ VISITING THE CHURCH

Please note, upon your arrival for Mass or visit to the church, you must:

- Register your details (Name and contact number/ email) on the sign-on sheets at the entrance.
- Sanitise your hands.
- Maintain social distancing at all times.

After Mass, we ask that during these times, please do not congregate outside.

"On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe."



● WHAT TO EXPECT DURING MASS

- Chairs are spaced out by 1.5m to adhere to social distancing rules. Family members from the same household are allowed to sit together. (You can move the chairs before Mass, and put back after - notice 'white spot' markings on the floor).
- Lyrics for hymns are not projected, as congregational singing is discouraged. Musicians will be present with very limited numbers.
- Holy Communion will only be distributed on the hands.
- Shaking of hands during the offering of peace is discouraged.
- Collection plate will not be passed around. A volunteer will walk around each row to collect any donation.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS. IMMEDIATELY SELF-ISOLATE, MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS, AND GET TESTED AS HEALTH OFFICIALS ADVISE.

Dispensation for Mass obligations in the Diocese of Parramatta still applies.



We are registered as a COVID-safe community.

You can view our COVID-safe plan via our parish website: www.holyfamily.org.au.

Copies of the safety plan are available in the church also.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15th August, 2020
Mass at 9.00am.

PRAYER

*Almighty and everlasting God,
You have taken up body and
soul into the heavenly glory the
Immaculate Virgin Mary,
Mother of Your Son: Grant,
we beseech You, that, ever
intent upon heavenly things,
we may be worthy to be
partakers of her glory.
Through Jesus Christ Your
Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Parents Passing on the Faith

MEAL TIME IS PRIME FAMILY TIME

Meal time is a major time for sharing, recalling family and faith memories and developing values. Making a priority of family meals plays huge dividends, even if it can only be achieved part of the time.

- ★ Plan the time (avoid 'phone calls', competing TV programmes etc)
- ★ Plan the 'conversation' (what will help involve everyone tonight?)
- ★ Encourage all to have their say, no matter how young or old
- ★ Avoid sources of tension wherever possible (humour is a great 'circuit breaker')
- ★ Always start with a prayer. This is major liturgy of the 'domestic church'.



-Parents Passing on the Faith resource from Diocese of Parramatta. Published with acknowledgment to the Bishops Commission for Family Youth and Life.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET?

DO YOU NEED SOME ASSISTANCE?

Our St Vincent De Paul Emerton Conference is still open and operating from the Vinnies Hub on-site.

If you need any assistance, call 1800 606 724 or 13 18 12 during business hours, to make an appointment.

BEING with GOD in NATURE
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Season of Creation Retreat

with Peter Saunders, Marg Moore RSM and
Iain Radvan SJ

Connect with God in Nature during Season of Creation in this online retreat. It will be a time to listen, reflect, pray and share about your experience of connecting with God in nature.

**OVER 4 WEEKS: 2 SESSIONS PER WEEK VIA ZOOM
AT 11AM—12 NOON EACH DAY:
7 and 11 September, 14 and 18 September
21 and 25 September, 28 September and 2 October**

**Cost \$85. For bookings and information, phone
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**NATIONAL
ROSARY
CRUSADE**

**54 DAY ROSARY
MIRACLE NOVENA**

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a **nation-wide 54-day rosary novena** to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness.

The **Feasts of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th and Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**, are two bookends of grace that will support us as we pray this 54-Day Rosary novena imploring God's help through Mary's intercession, to bring an end to this pandemic.

May we not allow this rare window of grace to pass us by.

Let us pick up our spiritual weapons and together ask for God's help and blessing on our nation.

For more information, visit the group's Facebook page:

National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena



Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au