



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



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
*Masks are mandatory.

*Sanitise hands
*Maintain safe distancing
*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 = 221 ppl

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King

What do you think about when you think of a king? Kings are rulers over people, they often go to war. Kings try to build wealth and power for themselves and their kingdom. Kings are in charge of law and order, the administration of justice. Often in history, because of a fragile ego, one or more of these roles of being a king leads to self-interest and bad decisions and bad behaviour.

Our first and second readings give us a taste of what a good king can bring to people – a vision of eternal glory and sovereignty, a king who restores his people to new life.

Then we have our Gospel reading – this paints a very different picture of a king: this is a king who is to be crucified, shamed, handed over by fellow Jews as a betrayal of truth. No one, then or now, expects this behaviour of a king. Such a fate would surely ruin a kingdom! But this is not how God sees things.

What we have here are two worlds, two kingdoms that come face to face in Jesus and Pilate. On the one side we have this earthly ruler representing the most powerful empire the world had ever seen, a man with economic, political and military power. This is someone to be taken seriously. On the other side Jesus presents a completely different set of value where we are no longer subjects nor slaves but friends. Our relationship with God is restored with God our Creator. This king will rule over, today's Preface says, a "kingdom of truth and justice, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Put like this it seems an easy choice to make – but the truth is that we live six days a week in the first kingdom, and one day we devote to God's kingdom. But ultimately we are asked to choose – to choose with our lives – which king will we follow?



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

SOLEMNITY: CHRIST THE KING

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Daniel 7: 13-14

I had a dream and visions as I lay in bed. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the One who is Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 92: 1-2, 5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. R.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old; you are everlasting. R.

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore. R.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1: 5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and make us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will lament. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 18: 33-37

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2021 —

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

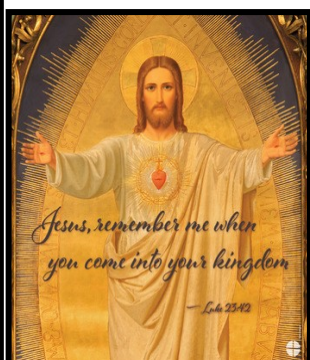


OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Who are the "masters of the universe"? Is it those who pull the levers of the global financial markets? Is it the heads of state who command cast military forces? Is it the media moguls who control the flow of information?

In 1925 Pop Pius XI decided it was time to throw down the gauntlet to the hostile powers of the world. He established the feast of Christ the King to let the world know where ultimate authority lay. Nearly a century later the religious and secular politics of the world have changed radically, yet we still dare to claim that love conquers all, and none have loved and ever will love like Jesus Christ.

This is the power that reaches deep into our hearts and extends to the farthest reaches of the universe. This is the kingdom of Christ, as the Preface declares:



an eternal and universal kingdom,
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

— Source: Liturgy Brisbane.

PROJECTION

"Why is everyone here so happy except me?"

"Because they have learnt to see goodness and beauty everywhere," said the Master.

"Why don't I see goodness and beauty everywhere?"

"Because you cannot see outside of you what you fail to see inside."



Source: Anthony de Mello,
One Minute Wisdom.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Danielle Heatly, Janice Quinn, Rose Wilson, 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: Philia Theseira, Leo Weekes, Sr Maureen James, Joseph Cardona, Lorna Mary Burgess Bogart Llave, Mary Gercovich, Sharon McCauley, Philomena Manning, John Alexander, Ilalio Selui, Adrian Abboud, Edward (Ted) Cassells, Patricia Christian, Louie Vella, 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.

All listed in our Books of Remembrance.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bishop Bill Wright.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 10.00am–1.00pm

Tuesday -Thursday: 9.00am–3.00pm

Friday: 9.00am–12.00pm

CLOSED ON WEEKENDS

Note: Staff meetings held on Tuesdays 9.15am–10.00am

SUPPORT US ONLINE

For contributions towards the 1st Collection, for the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta, please use the following details:

Acc Name: Diocesan Clergy

BSB: 067 950

Acc No: 0000 4265

Reference: 6024 (followed by your name).

For contributions towards the 2nd Collection, for our parish expenses, please use the following details:

Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church

BSB: 067 950

Acc No: 0000 0446

Reference: Envelope No OR Your full name).



*Thank you for your
generosity!*

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

for the weekend of the 13th/14th November 2021

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): **\$ 599.15**

2nd collection (for parish expenses): **\$ 1,658.40**

**2021/11
PEOPLE WHO
SUFFER FROM
DEPRESSION**



*We pray that people who
suffer from depression or
burn-out will find
support and a light that
opens them up to life.*

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



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

doep.org

Maitland-Newcastle Bishop Bill Wright dies.



Bishop Wright announced his ill health in September and confirmed he had submitted his resignation as Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle to Pope Francis. He has been bishop of the diocese since June 2011.

Fr Andrew Doohan, vicar general of the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, said Bishop Wright was "a warm, considered and deeply faithful man" who was "always dedicated to the people of the diocese."

"Bishop Bill was an active and respected member of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. He made major contributions to the Church and the wider communities in which he ministered," Fr Doohan said.

Bishop Wright led the diocese during a period when it faced ongoing revelations of historical child sexual abuse that occurred within the diocese and the failures of some of its past leaders to protect children from abuse.

Fr Doohan said the bishop was recognised as an important figure in supporting survivors and introducing reforms to help the Church respond to child sexual abuse.

"Bishop Bill recognised the pain of the victims and their families, he acknowledged this and made an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Bishop Bill's work to support survivors is part of his legacy," he said.

Funeral details have not yet been finalised.

Read the full article via: CathNews.com/

O come to my heart,
Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart
for Thee.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply.

We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time.

*Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures,
we can begin to quietly pray, "Come, Lord, Jesus."*

We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead,

"Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy.

I believe you love me, because I need your love.

I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart.

Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give."

Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps

or hold up our arms in the privacy of our room and say out loud,

"Come, Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles.

Come and heal us, and give us joy again.

Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way,

a bit of the joy you are offering me now."

*And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for Christmas' message with the
foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. God wants to be with us.*

Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our every day lives.

Advent
A Time to Prepare



**COME! Let us prepare our hearts
for the coming of Christ**

**Join us in prayer and reflection on
either of these days during Advent:**

Wednesdays at 6.30pm

OR

Saturdays at 10.00am

in the church.

Commencing on Wednesday 1st December.
For more information, contact the parish office.



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.



Remembrance Gathering

Sunday 21st November // 5.00pm in the church

Let us gather together to remember in a special way,
 all our loved ones in heaven.

We encourage you to bring along items of remembrance:
 photos, clothing, or any relevant symbol, so we can design our
 own particular memorial.

Book & Banner of Remembrance

We invite you to write the names of your loved ones "who
 have gone before us in death", in our Book of Remembrance
 which will be placed on the altar at each Mass, and also,
 on a small cross to be pinned on our banner (at the front
 of the church).

Special Masses

If you would like a special Mass said in November for your
 loved ones who have passed during this time of the COVID
 pandemic, please see Fr Greg or Fr Pat, or contact the
 parish office to make arrangements.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
 shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT DRUITT

MASS FOR SENIORS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER -
 12.00PM

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 254 LUXFORD RD EMERTON 2770

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Malia at 9628 7272,
 by 10am on Tuesday 30th November 2021. We would be
 grateful for help on this day also with transportation,
 catering and hospitality. If you are available to assist,
 please see Sr Carlene, or any one of the priests.

Thank you.

Parish Retreat / Reflection Day

Sunday 28th November

12.00pm - 3.00pm

A chance to reflect on where you are now, and a
 chance to reflect and share on your lockdown
 experience. More details to follow.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Christmas Carols



Meet and take a selfie with Santa!
 Sausage Sizzle also available.
 More details to come soon.

7-10 PM | Dec 18 | Holy Family Primary
 11 Emert Pde Emerton 2770

We are looking for singers and entertainers for this event.
 It could be a family item, friends, a club/community OR you might
 want to go solo. Please contact Eddie to sign up OR for more
 information on 0401 748 644 OR kosilio_lole@hotmail.com

MOUNT DRUITT Christmas Day Lunch



Christmas Lunch has
 once again been disrupted
 by the Covid 19. We will be
 delivering to those in the
 community needing help to have a
 proper Christmas Day Lunch, please register
 on Facebook at MtDruitt Christmas Lunch or
 on our email: mtd.christmas@gmail.com

Register before
 3 December 21
 for
 catering purposes

Enquiries: please contact John on 0422 402 021

Serving people from Mt Druitt, Rooty Hill & St Marys Areas Only



SUMMER PROGRAM

4-Day Program (11-14 or 18-21 January 2022)

Free program for ages 16-20

Lectures on history, philosophy,
 theology and literature

Beach trip, movie night and more!

Find out more and register at
www.campion.edu.au/summer-program/

