



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



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=UHTnCBgGMOg>



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

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is much in today's readings, and the gospel especially, that we could take in the wrong way if we interpret it too literally. At its heart, it is still about the kingdom of God, yet the story is taken from Jesus' world. It is not really about capitalist use of wealth; nor is God such a harsh judge to cast the third slave out in such a way.

Rather, the parable warns us that we cannot act through fear, believing that "we can get by simply by avoiding wrongdoing and giving back to God what we have received on a basis of strict justice (that is, the third slave). But those who appreciate God as Jesus reveals God to be, have the freedom to live in the creative and adventurous way that is truly appropriate (the first two slaves). They seek to carry out what God wants: an enterprising, even risk-taking practice of the faith. Hence they stand to receive at the judgement the invitation: 'Enter into the joy of your master'".

That same call goes out to us through this parable – do not be idle and hide the gifts given to you but go out and invest these gifts to make more. Invest in "fraternal and social friendships" (as Pope Francis calls us to in his latest encyclical: Fratelli tutti); invest in new understandings of the Church in Australia (e.g. the reflection papers in preparation for the Plenary Council); invest in helping others discover their gifts (through servant leadership). Do not let these things happen around you and to you, but be creative and take some risks to make the Church and our world a better place because we have been a part of it.

*Do not bury your talents,
the gifts that God has given you.
Do not be afraid to dream of
great things!*

Pope Francis

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A
YEAR OF MATTHEW
33RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A capable wife, who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 127:1-5. R. v.1

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.
 You shall eat the fruit of your hands; you shall be happy,
 and it shall go well with you. R.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
 your children will be like olive shoots around your table. R.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
 The Lord bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief. You are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
 my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 (shorter version)

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

"After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled account with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2020 — SOLEMNITY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



Christmas Mass Times

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, our capacity for Christmas Mass attendance will be very limited. For this reason, bookings will be required. More details on how to do this will be available soon.

CHRISTMAS EVE—THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER
 5.00pm & 6.30pm: Children & Family Mass
 8.30pm: Mass at Willmot
 12.00Midnight: Midnight Mass (in the church & hall)

CHRISTMAS DAY—FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER
 9.00am: Christmas Day Mass

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Vaha'a Liu Chan and Phoenix Seet, who were baptised last Sunday, 1st November 2020.

LIST OF THE SICK: Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Bridie Perry, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Laurie Taylor, Sue Pickervance, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, 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: Mele Tangikina, Mary Bernadette Allen, Warren Lynch, Patricia Christian, Jim Mullins, Ritchie Byrne, Olive Waterhouse, Mary Nulty, Patrick Carton, Peter Mason, Dave Scifleet, Cornelius Polkamp, Fr Carl Boes, Tony Woodgate, Kitty Keating, Alan Gill, Ruth Allen, Marguentle Epselis, Joseph Donovan, Samantha McIlrick, Peter Haroa, Adreano Ippavis, Isabel McCulloch, Timo Eriksson, Marie Perry, John Barner-Cahill, All listed in our Books of Remembrance.



PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2020

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta	\$ 579.00
2nd Collection—for parish expenses	\$ 1,566.65
November Mass Offering	\$ 65.00

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

TOUCH FOOTY IS UNDERWAY!

7.00pm at the Kingsway
Playing Fields, St Marys

Mondays: Mens & Womens Teams
Tuesdays: Mixed Teams

We still have spots available for
more players!!!

See Fr Pat or contact the parish office
for more information.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

We remember in thought and prayer,
all the children preparing to make
their First Reconciliation this week
on Wednesday.

May they continue to experience God's
love and mercy in this sacrament.



"Going to confession is about going to meet
with our Father who pardons us, who forgives
us and who rejoices." - Pope Francis

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This Christmas, we will be preparing hampers for families in
need in our community.

We will need some help with sorting, organising, sanitising,
and wrapping items donated for the hampers.

If you can offer some time to help out in December, either
during the day or evening, please contact Malia at the
parish office.



Join Fr Pat on Wednesday
evenings, for Christian Meditation.

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



Maximum capacity for
Mass: (excluding weddings and funerals)
In the church: 120
*In the school hall: 100

*School Hall Mass only
available on Sunday at
10.30am

Maximum 120
guests for a
wedding in the
church.

All guests will need to provide their name
and contact details for contact tracing
purposes only.

Bookings for Sunday
Masses, face masks,
sanitising hands, and
social distancing
are still
encouraged!

Contact the parish office
for more information.

On Friday 23rd October,
the NSW government eased
some of the restrictions for
places of worship and
religious services.

So, under these new rules,
at Holy Family, Mt Druitt:

Maximum 100
mourners for a
funeral, memorial
service or wake.

People attending the service will need to
provide their name and contact details for
contact tracing purposes only.

PLEASE NOTE
PARISH PROCEDURES

during COVID



Protect yourself and
others by wearing a face
mask.



Please maintain social
distancing at all times.
Families from the same
household are allowed to
sit together.



Register your name and
contact details OR mark
your name off (if you
booked for Mass), upon
entering the church/ hall/
centre.



At the conclusion of Mass
(or other events), please
wipe down your chair
with the cleaning
supplies provided.



Please sanitise your
hands upon entering.
Hand sanitisers available
at all locations onsite.



We request that during
this time, we do not
socialise outdoors after
Mass (or other events),
but move on as soon as
possible.

You can register for our Sunday Masses via the parish website:
www.holyfamily.org.au OR by contacting the parish office:
02 9628 7272; enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

Remembrance Gathering

Sunday 29th 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 Primaries Indigenous Garden

Our indigenous garden was created to pay respect to our elders, past present and emerging. It was designed to link people, place and country, recognising the dreamtime land that 'was and always will be'.

Holy Family Primary Emerton elders designed the garden with students and teachers. The symbolism held within the garden tells the story of our connection to land.

The three rocks in the centre of our garden illustrate the 'sisters' standing at the top of the Blue Mountains, though as your gaze draws closer to the forefront of the garden you can see four 'fallen' sisters. This tells of the dreamtime story of the Seven Sisters, connecting the mountains to the plains. The snaking dry river bed below the three main rocks symbolises the Nepean River. This river snakes through the Mulgoa Plains where the Dharug and Gundugarra people traditionally traded and met for ceremonies. The garden invites us to be a part of this place, by positioning the viewer on Dharug lands, in which they stand.

There are two artworks surrounding the installation. To the left, is a green artwork symbolising the mountain forests, with the smallest of creatures - the dragonfly and the frog depicted. These animals are both fragile, fleeting and a part of the cycle of life. When you see these in plenty, the forest is healthy and thriving. To the right is the blue artwork, symbolising the Nepean River and the many tributaries of creeks and streams that meet to form the river that flows to the ocean through Kuring-gai and Eora lands.

You will also notice two red waratah plants either side of the garden. This flower holds a special place in Holy Family's school logo, which is situated just above the cross. There are also a number of Custodian Poles with the Buru (Kangaroo), Mogra (Fish) and Warigal (Lizard) demonstrating the care held for these animals, and all of creation by the Dharug people.

We hope you are able to visit Holy Family in the near future to see our ultimate Acknowledgement of Country and its People.

Kind regards,

Mr. Ben Oxley
Religious Coordinator



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

'Stretch forth your hand to the poor' (Sir 7:32). Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40).

Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor Message, 2020.

REFLECTION

In his Message Pope Francis says that "prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable" (n2). How are prayer and solidarity with the poor and suffering connected in your life? How are they connected in the life of your parish or school community, or that of a Catholic organisation or movement in which you are involved?

Who is being 'left behind' in our national community's response to COVID-19? What can you/ we do about it?

Has the pandemic helped you to rediscover "the importance of simplicity" or keep your "eyes fixed on the essentials" (n6).

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PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day: November 21

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Saviour, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead.

She replied yes to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

The feast of the Presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3 years old, and dedicated to God. What we

celebrate on this day in the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to His grace and dedicate yourself to Him, as Mary did.



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HYMN

Little flower let us pray
The world gets madder every day
There's little I can understand
The anxious hearts, the broken land
All I want to know is you
Your leaves so green, your petals blue
Your beautiful humility
Are made of love and sanity.
Little flower let us pray
Together in this childish way
For there within your petals curled
Lies wisdom that would heal the world.



Leung



Always Was, Always Will Be.

8-15 NOV 2020