



# 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

(\*Sunday 10.30am Mass 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 10.00 am



### MASS FOR YOU AT HOME



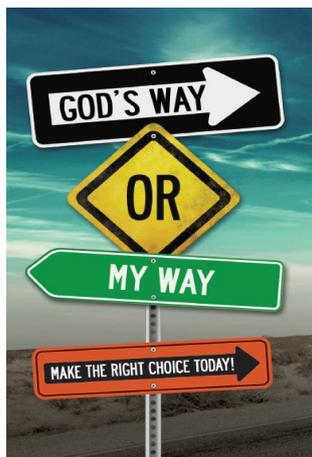
10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnCBgGMDg>

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

## REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

These have been weeks of hearing about the Kingdom of God – Jesus is trying to explain things that no eye has seen but are only open to faith. Two weeks ago we heard that the Kingdom of God was like the sower, but the devil kept coming and taking away the seed (the word or God). Yet some remain faithful to bear fruit of 30, 60 even 100-fold. Last week the devil was at it again, sowing weeds amongst the wheat of God, but these weeds will be burnt at the judgement. The Kingdom is also like the mustard seed growing into abundance, and the yeast leavening the dough.



Today we have more images: treasure in the field, and fine pearls that are worth selling everything to possess – here Jesus is asking us if we have discovered something in Him that is worth selling everything for? But again, we are being warned that there will be a sorting of the wicked and the good. And finally, that the Kingdom is like the scribe bringing out the new and the old.

Jesus has explained a couple of these parables for us but left the others for our own comprehension. Really the parables are asking us about our own understanding and faithfulness to Jesus. What are we willing to give? Will we remain faithful in spite of the working of the devil to take away from us the fruits of the God's graces? Do we hold God in check, or allow for the abundance and mystery of Him to grow and influence our entire life? If we want to enter the Kingdom of God, then we need to learn these lessons of discipleship; we need to decide about how we act and who we are. "Let anyone with ears listen!" (Matt 13:9)

Fr Gregory



**SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A**  
**YEAR OF MATTHEW**  
**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD**

*The Kingdom of heaven is  
like a treasure*



**FIRST READING:** 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

*Salomon chooses the gift of wisdom.*

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

"And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 118: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. Rv.97

**Lord, I love your commands.**

The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. R.

Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise to your servant.

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. R.

Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.

Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way. R.

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. R.

**SECOND READING:** Rom 8:28-30

*Those he called, he justified.*

Brothers and sister: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

And those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Mt 13:44-52

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus spoke to the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad."

This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**READINGS FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR A**  
**SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2020**



**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 55: 1-3

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8: 35, 37-39

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14: 13-21

*"Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God,  
make my heart open to goodness,  
make my heart open to the  
beauty of God every day"*

POPE FRANCIS



**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**BAPTISMS:** We welcomed into our community Malia Sosefina Vaivao, who was baptised on Sunday 19th July, 2020.

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Laurie Taylor, Vaa Lauvao, John Agius, 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:** Folole Cook, Melelopa Manu'atu, Moyna Dean-Smith, Br Bernard Bulfin, Fr Tony Reynolds, Velonika Palu, Milfud Button, Sister M Angela Quinn, Sadie Raeburn, Lucia Tan, Shorkey Gayed, Phillip Whitton, Len Stuart, Jim Filewood, Grace Farrugia, Alan Pearson, Desmond James (Dodger) Long, Eileen Brown, Shirley Jean Bodestyne, Rhonda Aldridge, Veronica Smith, Michael Fox, Barry Newby, Trevor Monk, Rodney Hain, Baby Senia Aleti, Rhonda Ryan, Dorothy Brown, Margaret Filios, John Dakin, Stephen Lewis, Jennifer Baine, Isaac Palmer, Sr Anthony Keating, Dionisio Matugas, Paul Frisk, Emmis Frisk, Mau Bece, Mau Bute, Lucia Vicente, Mau Asu, Nbi Lihu, Anthony von Kraft.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kay Walters.



## PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 19th JULY 2020

1st Collection—For the priest's of the Diocese of Parramatta: \$ 473.05  
 2nd Collection—For Holy Family Parish: \$1,954.25

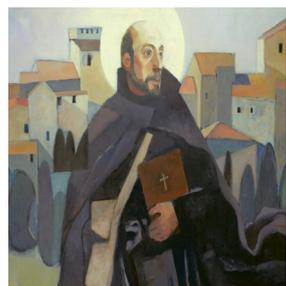
## PARISH COLLECTIONS

- 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**



## St Ignatius of Loyola Feast Day: July 31

St. Ignatius Loyola was born in 1491, one of 13 children of a family of minor nobility in northern Spain. As a young man Ignatius Loyola was inflamed by the ideals of courtly love and knighthood and dreamed of doing great deeds.

But in 1521 Ignatius was gravely wounded in a battle with the French. While recuperating, Ignatius Loyola experienced a conversion. Reading the lives of Jesus and the saints made Ignatius happy and aroused desires to do great things. Ignatius realized that these feelings were clues to God's direction for him.

Over the years, Ignatius became expert in the art of spiritual direction. He collected his insights, prayers, and suggestions in his book the *Spiritual Exercises*, one of the most influential books on the spiritual life ever written. With a small group of friends, Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits. Ignatius conceived the Jesuits as "contemplatives in action." This also describes the many Christians who have been touched by Ignatian spirituality.

### Prayer of St. Ignatius (Suscipe)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
 my memory, my understanding  
 and my entire will, all I have and  
 call my own.

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I  
 return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and grace,  
 that is enough for me.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola



Join Fr Pat on Wednesday  
 evenings, for  
 Christian Meditation.

After the 6.00pm  
 Mass in the  
 Mary Mackillop



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

The NSW Government announced on Friday 24th July, new updates regarding practices during COVID-19 pandemic:

- Maximum of 100 people at religious services.
- Maximum of 100 mourners at a funeral.
- Maximum of 150 guests at a wedding celebration.

We will continue our Mass schedule as per the current arrangement. We strongly advise you to register yourself/family for our Sunday Masses.

If we exceed our capacity and start building a waiting list, we may have to ask those who have been to Mass regularly, to give the opportunity to another.

## MASS SCHEDULE:

## Weekday Masses:

Monday & Thursday: 8.30am  
 Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00pm  
 Friday & Saturday: 9.00am

## Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm in the church only.  
 Sunday at Willmot: 7.30am  
 Sunday: 9.00am in the church only.  
 10.30am in the church and school hall.

## BOOKINGS FOR MASS:

- If you made a permanent booking previously via 'Trybooking', you do not need to book in again!
- For all NEW BOOKINGS, please register your details via: <https://forms.gle/oaT4zrhxBrcwYnCX7>

## ARRIVING FOR MASS:

- Register/ sign off your name(s) when you enter the church
- Sanitise your hands.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Families living in the same household are allowed to sit together.
- If available, please help with cleaning/ wiping down seats after Mass.
- Please move on when Mass finishes, and do not congregate outside.

As a reminder, Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations until further notice. So, we strongly advise that if you are unwell and experiencing respiratory symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, a fever or a cough) that you stay at home. And, as current NSW health advice recommends, please get a COVID-19 test. Find your nearest COVID-19 testing clinic via: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics#find-a-covid-19-testing-centre-in-nsw>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Parish Office during office hours (02) 9628 7272.

Monday—Thursday: 9.00am—4.30pm

Friday: 9.00am—3.30pm

CLOSED ON WEEKENDS.

You are invited to join in on praying the Rosary, with the Intention of the Conversion of Fundamentalist Islamic People around the World.

On Tuesdays, starting from the 28th July, at 5.30pm (before the 6.00pm Mass) in the church.

All are welcome.



# Parents Passing on the Faith

## FAMILY RITUALS

Family rituals are repetitive family activities that distinguish our particular family and often reflect some of our deepest desires.

For example:

**BLESSING** - We deeply desire that God will bless our children and look after them. As we help them snuggle into bed at night, we can kiss them or make a sign of the cross on their forehead and say something like, "May God bless you and keep you safe always."

**GIVE THANKS** - "In one family I know, the father often can't get home until after dinner but then the family gets together and each person shares one thing that happened that day for which they can thank God."

**FAMILY PRAYER LIST** - There is always someone we know in special need of prayers. This ritual of lighting a candle for them each evening acts as a simple reminder to pray for them and help involve others.

**MAKE SUNDAY SPECIAL** - Go to Mass as a family, preferably a Mass attended by other families. Explain what is happening to little children. Afterwards enjoy a simple treat or outing together and discuss readings or homily with other children. Avoid cramming the day with activities.

*"My husband is not a Catholic, and it is difficult to get the kids up to Mass each Sunday. Being involved in running Children's liturgy has helped. To my surprise, my own children have taken an interest and help out. Also, it gives me extra motivation to be there."*

-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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the Parish Office during the week.

Do you have some time available between Tuesday and Friday, from 10am—3pm?

Duties may include: welcoming visitors, answering phone and taking messages, data entry, filing.

Training provided.

Must have (or be willing to) obtain a Working With Children Check clearance.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Malia on 02 9628 7272.



WORLD DAY AGAINST  
**TRAFFICKING  
IN PERSONS**  
30 JULY

#EndHumanTrafficking

**OUR THEME:**  
May our prayer lead us to act  
against human trafficking.

Pope Francis says that human trafficking is without a doubt, a crime against humanity for its violation of human dignity and freedom.

Trafficking constitutes an unjustifiable violation of the freedom and dignity of the victims.

This is why it is considered a crime against humanity. Trafficking seriously damages humanity as a whole, tearing apart the human family and the Body of Christ.

// Some questions for research and reflection: \\  
Does human trafficking still exist in the world?  
Does it occur in our country?  
How might a good citizen, who is also a Christian,  
view issues of human trafficking?  
What will you do personally or with others  
to stop human trafficking?

### PRAYER FOR AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Loving God, it's hard to express what our minds can hardly comprehend or our hearts feel when we learn of people like us being trafficked because of human greed.

**Response:** May our prayer and actions cast light on the crime of human trafficking and help bring an it to an end.

It's difficult to hear of people being threatened, deceived and forced into sexual exploitation or forced labour. **Response.**

We remember all who have been trafficked and robbed of their God-given dignity, that they will be strengthened by love and support that is tender and good. **Response.**

Give us faith and courage to stand in solidarity with all trafficked persons that together we will find the freedom that is your gift and thus create a safer world. **Response.**

Produced by ACRATH. More resources at: <https://acrath.org.au/>

**WE ARE  
HIRING!**



WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN  
ASSISTANT STORE MANAGER  
FOR THE IGNITE FOOD STORE  
3 DAYS A WEEK  
JOIN A GREAT TEAM

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