



# 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=UHTnCBgGMDg>

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

## REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CROSSING BOUNDARIES

In the very full account of the episode given by Matthew, the sense of separation of 'holy' Israel from 'unclean' Gentile world emerges with increasing intensity.

Jesus first ignores the woman completely, despite the persistence and force of her plea, as she turns to the Jewish Messiah ('Son of David') for help. The disciples' urgent recommendation, 'Send her away', seems to imply 'Get rid of her by granting her what she wants', but Jesus coldly insists that his mission is restricted to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel' (cf. 10:5-6). When, in one of the most moving gestures in all the Gospels, she comes and kneels before him and simply begs, 'Lord, help me', all she receives is a third rebuff in the form of the heartless image about not throwing the children's food to dogs.

But here, at last, is her chance. With superb wit, she takes up Jesus' image and turns it against him – or at least against the restrictive attitude he is displaying.

Certainly, food prepared for children is not intended for domestic animals. But children eat untidily and house dogs under the table seize any scraps that fall. 'Outwitted', Jesus gives in, agreeing to her request and praising the greatness of her faith.

**O WOMAN,  
GREAT IS  
YOUR FAITH!**



Many readers of the Gospel will doubtless be troubled by the apparent coldness that Jesus initially displays towards this desperate person. By depicting him acting in such a way, however, the narrative first intensifies the sense of the barrier between Jews and Gentiles, only to highlight the significance of what is happening when, as a result of the woman's faith, the barrier comes crashing down.

-Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 6th August 2020  
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## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



*O woman, great is  
your faith*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 56:1,6-7

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord; "Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 4

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations. R.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the earth peoples praise you. R.

The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him. R.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2020 –  
21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME in YEAR A**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 22: 19-23

**Second Reading:** Romans 11: 33-36

**Gospel:** Matthew 16: 13-20



**SECOND READING:** Romans 11:13-15,29-32

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Brothers and sisters: Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an Apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own flesh and blood jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:21-28

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out, and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him"*

### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**BAPTISMS:** We welcomed into our community Jace Grebert and Patelisio Misiloi, who were baptised last Sunday 9th 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:** Mileng Esteban, Melva Livermore, Pat McGinley, Amy Carmichael, Elisabeth Eberl, Mary Vella, Lourdes Larrarte, Gerard Brown, Patrick and Winifred Mannix, Ross Payne, Bruce Hennessy, Pat McAuliffe, Lily McConville, Lewis Farrugia, Nicholas Gat, Phillip Gat, Cretice Sharpeley, Stephen Griffen, Daphne Normoyle, Moises Perez, Baby John Tuisalogo, Gloria Carton, Patricia Rogers, Val McCrae, Brian McDonnell, Ronald Challenor, Alice McGovern, Walter Bulk, Alison Woods, Connie Hampton, Maria Laupola, Joyce Newman, David Hey, Bruce Chapman, Yvonne Donovan, Ivy Hanna, Joas Gago, Ilda Beatrice Cafir, Joana Zadarias de Oliveira, Purucho Serra, Oliver Jelilio



## PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2020

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta	\$ 517.15
2nd Collection—for parish expenses	\$ 1,588.60

## 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**

## GIVE THE GIFT OF MASS

A widowed parishioner residing in Dharruk, would like to attend Mass again.

Would you be willing to provide a ride to Mass for one of our fellow parishioners?

Let us know! 02 9628 7272. enquiry@holyfamily.org.au



**St Vincent de Paul Society**

ARE YOU STRUGGLING?

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.



**2021 Columban  
Calendars on sale  
now! \$10 each.**

**Available from the parish office  
OR see Sr Carlene or one of the  
priests at our Sunday Masses.  
Limited copies available!**

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](http://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](http://www.holyfamily.org.au).

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



Please continue to  
pray for  
**Fr Ramesh Richards SJ**  
Ordained a Priest on  
the Feast of  
**St Mary Mackillop,**  
**8 August 2020,**  
**at St Mary's Church,**  
**North Sydney.**

### PRAYER for PERSEVERANCE

O Christ Jesus,  
when all is darkness and we feel our  
weakness and helplessness,  
give us the sense of Your Presence,  
Your Love and Your Strength.  
Help us to have perfect trust  
in Your protecting love  
and strengthening power,  
so that nothing may frighten or worry us,  
for, living close to You,  
we shall see Your Hand,  
Your Purpose, Your Will through all things.  
Amen.

(St Ignatius of Loyola)

### THE TEN GREEN COMMANDMENTS OF



Fr Joshstrom Isaac Kureethadam is one of  
the church's top experts on Laudato Si  
and has published a spiritual and  
theological commentary, *The Ten Green  
Commandments of Laudato Si*.  
Fr Joshstrom has arranged the book

according to the See-Judge-Act methodology and in doing so  
provides the tools to create a better now and a vision to move forward  
with hope and courage.

1. Take care of Our Common Home in Peril
2. Listen to the Cry of the Poor
3. Rediscover a Theological Vision of the Natural World
4. Recognise that the Abuse of Creation is Ecological Sin
5. Acknowledge the Human Roots of the Crisis in Our Common Home
6. Develop an Integral Ecology
7. Learn a New Way of Dwelling in Our Common Home
8. Educate toward Ecological Citizenship
9. Embrace an Ecological Spirituality
10. Cultivate Ecological Virtues

Let's work together as we celebrate the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si',  
to care for our common home and all who live with us.

(Fr Joshstrom Isaac Kureethadam, JI (2019).

The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si', Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press.

BEING with GOD in NATURE  
IHS

## 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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INSTITUTE FOR MISSION DIocese of Parramatta

## ONLINE SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT WITH DR LAURIE WOODS

# FREE LIVESTREAM

TUESDAY  
AUG  
18  
7PM

How can I get meaning out of Scripture for my life?  
How do I approach difficult passages?  
How to begin reading Matthew

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED! JOIN US ON THE NIGHT**

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED! JUST WATCH LIVE FROM  
THE INSTITUTE FOR MISSION'S FACEBOOK PAGE  
[www.facebook.com/ifmconnect](https://www.facebook.com/ifmconnect)

The Institute for Mission's ONLINE Scripture Night is coming.  
Only ONE WEEK to GO! No registration needed. Please SHARE  
even with those who do not have FB account. Simply send them  
the link: <https://www.facebook.com/ifmconnect/live> and ask them  
to join on 18 August at 6.45pm for 7pm start.  
Need more details? Call 02 9296 6369 or email:  
[grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au)

### 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  
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