



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



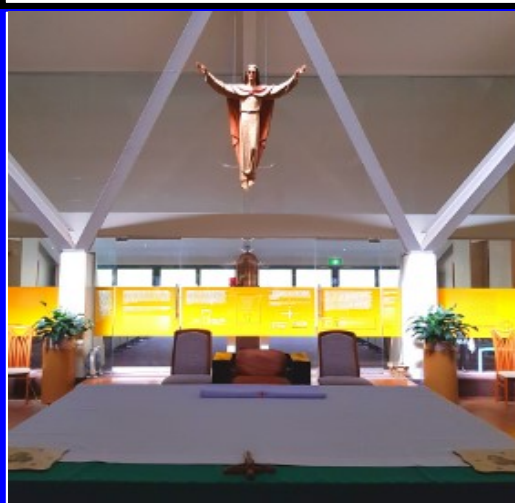
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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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SUNDAY MASS *online*

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR B
SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021
with FR PATRICK MULLINS SJ

Streamed online from 9.00am via

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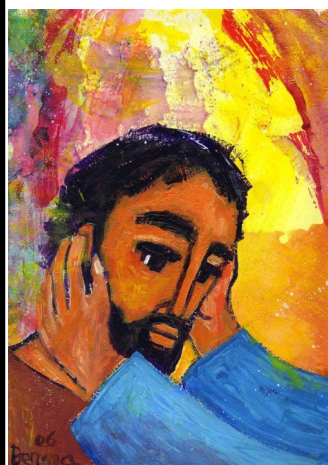
Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In an oral society, such as ancient Israel, to be deaf is especially isolating. As our most common prayer today is the Our Father, for a Jew it is the Shema: "Hear, O Israel." The deaf cannot hear the word of the Lord. So the miracle of opening his ears restores this man to being open to God as well as to society again.

The Gospel is of course also meant for us today: Jesus says, "Be open" – and we begin to see with our eyes and hear with our ears and understand with our hearts. This openness can take some time, it does not always happen immediately. Sometimes we have to read a text of Scripture many times, but suddenly it has new meaning for us – we are now 'open' to a deeper understanding, a deeper insight and relevance for our own lives and situation that was there in the past.



Oftentimes when we listen to the Gospel, we only hear it as if it were coming to us from the past – this can be very helpful as we see the work of God played out through our lives as we look back. However, the good news also always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God the future invades our present, and even the natural world bursts forth with new life. God is calling us to fulfil our potential, to do new things that we have never done before. But it does mean listening to God, otherwise we may only be doing our will and not God's will, we might only be creating our future and not God's future.

Listen to God, tune ourselves to God's voice.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



*He makes the deaf hear
and the mute speak*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35: 4-7

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 146.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free. R.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches over the strangers. R.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. R.

SECOND READING: James 2: 1-5

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distractions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 31-37

Returning from the region of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

They brought to him a man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2021—

24th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

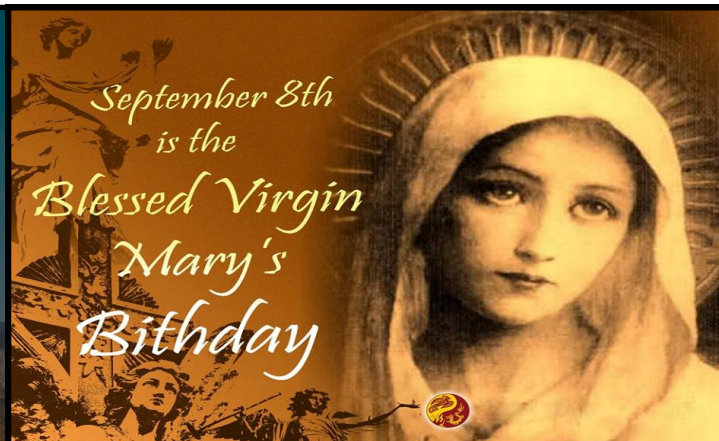
1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9

2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, that is, than
falling in love in a quite
absolute, final way.....What
you are in love with, what
seizes your imagination, will
affect everything....Fall in
love, stay in love, and it will
decide everything.

Pedro Arrupe



September 8th
is the
Blessed Virgin
Mary's
Birthday

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: 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, Robert Piper, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas, Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, 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: Arimou Araujo, Mele Fangupo, Carmencita Inocencio, George Nematalla, Estefan D'Cauna, Charlie Wilkinson, Mel Fouhy, Manuel Herrero, Epifania Saquitan, Salvatore (Buddy) Datoc, Connie Wells, Fr. Bernie King, Martians Tunggal, Tina Lane, Margaret Best, Richmond Byrne Jnr, John Carlow, Luke Cassar, Ronald Aldridge, Milly Anderson, William Charles Flynn, Baby Holly Kelly, Nellie Shepherd, Ivan Glasheen, Win Walton, Rev Tom Leonard, Joan d' Cruze, Irene Nardie, Kevin Williams, Martha Abood, Crispin Andrade, Cyril Eakin, Thelma Muller, Ana Seina Toa Filipe.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Piper, Pam Ball.





COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES

**SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! WE ALL HAVE A DUTY OF CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.
KEEP SAFE // STAY WARM // CHECK IN ON YOUR LOVED ONES // WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS.
LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday -Thursday: 9.00am—3.00pm
Friday: 9.00am—12.00pm
CLOSED ON MONDAY & WEEKENDS

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

- If you would like to make an online donation to our parish, please make a direct transfer payment to: **Commonwealth Bank**
Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 0000446

CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRST COLLECTION while in lockdown

With the continued lockdown of our Church, you may wish to make an EFT contribution to support your Clergy, i.e. what you would normally place on the first collection.

To do, please use the following details:

BSB 067950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference 6024 (followed by) your name. This will enable us to credit your donation to your parish.

Thank you for your contributions – they are much appreciated.

CONSECRATED HOSTS

During this time of lock-down, you may still receive the Eucharist. Someone from your family will need to come to the Parish and collect consecrated hosts in a suitable container (preferably a pyx) and handle this with the necessary sacredness. We would prefer if you came regularly rather than take home large amounts.

Contact the Parish Office or message us via Facebook OR email enquiry@holfamily.org.au to arrange a suitable time.

We're here for you.

We understand that these are some very challenging times, dealing with the effects of COVID-19 and the uncertainty it brings.

The recent announcement of restrictions extending in Greater Sydney is taking a huge toll on individuals and families in our community.

Please know that **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**

Our church buildings may be closed, but we as CHURCH remain open to respond to and journey with those in need.

If you OR if you know someone who needs some assistance during these times, please contact us. Whether it is just for a chat, spiritual guidance OR even with basic needs, e.g. food—please reach out to us via phone, email OR online via our website and/or Facebook page.

It's ok not to be ok. We are here for you. We will get through this.



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

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MASS FOR YOU
at home

If you are not able to access our parish Sunday Mass online, you can make an Act of Spiritual Communion while watching Mass For You At Home broadcast at:

6am Sunday morning on Network Ten (metropolitan) and WIN Television (regional) and 10am on Foxtel's Aurora channel 173

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention— September

*An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle rejoicing in our young people*



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.



Please support our priests' dignified retirement and those clergy who are in ill-health

This Father's Day, please spare a thought for our humble priests who have cared for our faith community's spiritual nourishment and wellbeing for all their lives, asking little for themselves. When their time comes to retire, many are without family to support them and assist with the everyday essentials for a comfortable retirement. With your generosity, the Clergy Support Foundation can help them with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement.

Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

God our Father,
 we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
 We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
 may they find courage and perseverance to balance work,
 family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
 We pray for our own fathers around the world
 whose children are lost and suffering;
 may they know that the God of compassion
 walks with them in their sorrow.
 We pray for men who are not fathers,
 but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.
 We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers
 who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory,
 and nourish us with their love.

Amen

A Prayer

for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

Come Holy Spirit, who moved the people
 of this land in ages past,
 Open our hearts to hear you
 and our minds to the message you send.
 Breathe your vigour into us, and
 launch us into the deep.
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and
 companion on the road,
 Amen.



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parracatholic.org/plenary-2021

Listen

To Listen to Children and Young People in our Catholic communities is to be present, attentive and actively participate. Listening to Children and Young People, can encourage them to speak up, build their confidence and ensure our practices are informed by them.

Support & Engage

To Support & Engage Children and Young People in our Catholic communities is to empower them, through positive and affirming experiences. Empowerment builds confidence in themselves and in the Catholic communities.

**SUPPORT
& ENGAGE
LISTEN
COMMUNICATE**

Communicate

To Communicate with Children and Young People in our Catholic communities involves a two-way interaction that provides encouragement, allows expression, informs, and connects. Children and Young People will find their voice in a safe and supportive environment of a Catholic community.

"It makes me very happy to see that young people have the courage to undertake projects for environmental and social improvement, since the two go together.

We adults can learn much from them, because in all matters related to care for the planet, they are at the forefront.

Let us take advantage of their example and reflect on our lifestyle, especially during these moments of health, social and environmental crisis.

Let us reflect on how the way we eat, consume, travel, or the way we use water, energy, plastics, and many other material goods, is often harmful to the earth.

Let us choose to change! Let us advance with young people towards lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful of the environment.

Let us pray that we all will make courageous choices, the choices necessary for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, taking inspiration from our young people who are resolutely committed to this. And they aren't foolish, because they are committed to their own future. This is why they want to change what they will inherit at a time when we will no longer be here."

(Pope Francis—September Prayer Intention 2021)

NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO GO HUNGRY!

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

**YOU CAN STILL CONTACT ST VINNIES
SUPPORT CENTRES FOR HELP:**

PH: 1800 606 724



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good works



Supporting & Engaging | Listening | Communicating