



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



6.00am—Channel 10
Produced by Diocese of
Wollongong

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

10.00am—Mass with
Fr Rob Galea
[www.youtube.com/
frrobalea](http://www.youtube.com/frrobalea)

10.30am—Archdiocese of
Sydney
[www.youtube.com/watch?
v=UHTnC8qGMDg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnC8qGMDg)



11.00am—Diocese of
Parramatta
[www.youtube.com/user/
ParramattaDiocese/](http://www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese/)

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

6th Sunday of Easter

All our readings can be summed up as: “Remain in my love”.

Our first reading relates the story of how Peter’s meeting with Cornelius helped to define a new direction for the Church’s mission and identity: it is not simply a renewal movement within Judaism but an instrument for the gathering of all nations into the one worldwide People of God. As so often happens, the Holy Spirit is ‘out in front’ of the community understanding. The community has been purely Jewish until then, but now has to ‘catch up’ with the work of the Spirit working in the wider world. It does this ‘catch up’ in the person of Peter (and later in the first Council of Jerusalem when Paul and Barnabas relate their experiences working with the Gentiles).

What we see is that the Spirit works in two ways: Firstly, the Spirit pushing us out into the world, often creating problems for us. Secondly, the Spirit builds harmony within the church through the love of the Father.

The two Johannine readings talk more explicitly about this love. In John’s letter he unpacks the flow of God, not from us to God, but rather God’s love flowing through us. Our ability to love is simply an extension of the great chain of love stemming from the love of the Father. We know God only through this love. The greatest love: to lay down your life. “Love always goes that way: giving your life” says

Pope Francis. “To live life is a gift, a gift to give. It is not a treasure to hang on to. And that is how Jesus lived, as a gift.”

The same chain of love is central to the talk that Jesus gives his disciples in the Gospel: remain in the love of the Father. Pope Francis tells us: “when a Christian community lives in love, it confesses its sins, it worships the Lord, forgives offences, is kind to others and is a manifestation of love, then it feels bound to be faithful to the Lord and follow the commandments. It is a ‘yes community’ and when it says ‘no’ this follows from that first ‘yes’.”



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

*You did not choose me
but I chose you*



FIRST READING: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

On Peter's arrival, Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian cohort, met him, and falling at his feet, worshipped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a man."

Then Peter began to speak, "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Q sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought him victory. R.

The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises. R.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-10

All who live in love, live in God, and God in them.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

"I have said these things to you so that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

"You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 16th of MAY 2021— THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20



The Mt Druitt and District Reconciliation Group
invites you to

THE MT DRUITT RECONCILIATION WALK & GATHERING 2021



SATURDAY 22nd MAY, 10.00AM—2.30PM DAWSON MALL, MT DRUITT

To foster positive relationships between our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader community, everyone is invited to join us for **INFORMATION, ENTERTAINMENT, and our WALK FOR RECONCILIATION** on the above date.

[Mt Druitt and District Reconciliation Group]

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Facebook: Mt Druitt and District Reconciliation Group.

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WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: 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, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Lopisoni Makario, 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: Laurie Finn, Maria Gerada, Jilan Rizuallah, Charles Vella, Val Hardy, Lusita Sitani, Cecil Benson, John Benson, Elsie Llidge, Helen Chambers, Kilistina Kiteau, Vicente (Vic) Araullo, Mario Llidge, Gary Hallett, Lyn Burton, Simon Gunn, Dianna Margetson, Maria Gatt, Cynthia Schumacher, William (Billy) Whiting, Leslie Sercombe, Bill Wilson, Jeanette Monk, Shanese Allen, Anthony Saliba, Ester Sharlton, Charlie Vella, Maria Carvalho, Fr J O'Shea, Dennis Kennedy, Alice Lawles, John O'Brien, Vincent Conovan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pedro De Castro, Christina Fatu, Poli Kefu, Kate Glendenning.





- *Register your details upon entering the church.
- *Masks are mandatory!
- *Maintain safe distancing.

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES

- *Wash your hands regularly, and use the hand sanitisers supplied.
- *No singing allowed.
- *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 = 232 ppl

PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 2nd MAY 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta \$ 570.05
2nd Collection—for parish expenses \$ 1,329.25

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.: 004265
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.: 0000446

WISDOM FROM THE YOUNG

Below you will find answers to questions posed to some Grade Two students:

1. **Why did God make mothers?**
 - She's the only one who knows where the sticky tape is
 - mostly to clean the house
 - to help us out of there when we were getting born.
2. **How did God make mothers?**
 - He used dirt, just like for the rest of us
 - magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring
 - God made my mum just the same as he made me. He just used bigger parts.
3. **What ingredients are mothers made of?**
 - God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean
 - they had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.
4. **Why did God give you your mother & not some other mum?**
 - Because we are related
 - God knew she would like me more than other people's mums like me.
5. **Why did your mum marry your dad?**
 - My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world and my mum loves spaghetti
 - she got too old to do anything else with him
 - my grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.
6. **What's the difference between mums and dads?**
 - Mums works at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work
 - Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them
 - dads are taller and stronger but mums have all the real power cause that's who you've got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
7. **If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?**
 - She has this weird thing about keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
 - I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
 - I would like her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

TO MY DARLING MOTHER

I said a prayer for you today

I said a prayer for you today
 And know God must have heard;
 I felt the answer in my heart
 Although He spoke not a word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame
 (I knew you wouldn't mind);
 I asked for priceless treasures rare
 of a more lasting kind.

I prayed that He'd be near to you
 at the start of each new day,
 to grant you health and blessings fair,
 and friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you
 in all things great and small,
 but that you'd know His loving care
 I prayed the most of all.

Author unknown.



WISHING ALL OUR MOTHERS,
 A VERY

HAPPY
 MOTHER'S
 DAY!

You are LOVED!



REASONS WHY WE LOVE OUR MUM!

1. **She supports all our crazy ideas—just not the ones that could hurt you.** Mothers know best and when she believes that something is right for you, she would do everything just to help you achieve it.
2. **She's the first person to give you a call whenever you're still out late.** Mothers worry too much, in a good way. Always let her know that you are safe and sound.
3. **She makes you feel special at times when you feel worthless.** Your mother will be the only person who will love you for who you are even at times when you feel unloved. She will remind you how precious and beautiful you have become even if you, yourself, can't see it.
4. **She gives you strength whenever you've lost confidence in yourself.** She will never give up on you even if you have already given up on yourself.
5. **She understands that you're not perfect and still helps you love yourself.** She will always remind you that imperfections can be beautiful.
6. **She is our greatest prayer warrior.** We know that mum always has our back, in praying for our health and safety.



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.



DATES for your DIARIES

PARENTS/CARERS INFORMATION NIGHT FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents and Carers of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to an information meeting on:

Wednesday 12th May, 7pm in the church.

NOTE: This meeting is only meant for parents/carers whose:

- son/daughter made their First Holy Communion in 2019, and was due to be Confirmed in 2020.
- son/daughter made their First Holy Communion in 2020.

If you are unsure OR have any further questions, please contact the parish office.

MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING

Last November, we gathered many of our Ministry leaders to share and reflect on what our Vision was for the Parish.

Since then, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Leadership Team, have reflected upon the fruits of the discussions and suggestions contributed from this meeting, and have developed some priorities and plans of which they would appreciate some further input and feedback.

We would like to invite again all our ministry leaders (and/or their representatives) for another time of reflection and deepening of our Vision:

When: Saturday 15th May
Time: 12.30pm—4.30pm
Where: Holy Family Primary School Hall

PARISH EXPO

This would be an opportune event to get to know the who's and what's of our parish community. The Parish Expo will highlight the different groups and activities associated with the Parish—prayer groups, activities, other agencies etc, that we belong to or that use our site.

When: Sunday 20th June
Time: 11.30am—3.00pm
Where: TBA

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN LIFTED SPORTS DAY SUNDAY 16th MAY 2021

We are looking for expressions of interest from young people aged between 16-35, to compete at the upcoming Diocesan Sports Day next Sunday!!

Teams compete against each other in Touch Footy, Basketball, Soccer, and Volleyball.

It will be held at the Marist College in Parramatta, Sunday 16th May—9.00am—3.00pm.

If you would like to be part of the team, and represent Holy Family Mt Druitt, please see Fr Pat or contact the parish office.



Save the Date!

Palms 9th Annual Solidarity Awards



Special Guest Speaker:

Professor Paul Kelly, Australia's Chief Medical Officer

Professor Paul Kelly is a former Palms participant who undertook a placement as a Medical Officer in Mzuzu, Malawi in the 1990s. Paul will address some of the challenges and complexities of international development during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Sunday 11 July, 12pm to 4pm (Including lunch)

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre

247 St Andrews Rd

Varroville NSW 2566

Early Bird Tickets \$60 by 14 May. Visit palms.org.au or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

The Sign of the Cross

GET MORE
 OUT OF
 MASS

"The Sign of the Cross" is not only a way to begin prayer, but we also enter into a sacred tradition.

The early Christians saw that the Sign of the Cross was foreshadowed by a mysterious Old Testament sign. For the background to this, read **Ezekiel 8:9-18**. Ezekiel tells us that due to their sins, God's presence will leave the Temple. Babylon will destroy Jerusalem and the sanctuary, taking many people into exile. But not all will suffer this fate (**Ezekiel 9:3-6**). A certain group of people in Jerusalem receive a mysterious mark on their foreheads that protects them from the judgement that will come. In the Hebrew text, this mark was represented by the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet (*tahv*), which has the shape of an 'X' or a cross.

Even in the Old Testament, but more especially for Christians, the Sign of the Cross has two elements. Firstly it expresses our desire to be set apart from the corrupt ways of the world. Secondly, it invokes God's presence and invites God to bless us, assist us and guard us from harm. You might want to explore how the power of God's name saves us (**Ps 54:1**), or that Christ's name is above all other names (**Phil 2:9-11**), or that when we gather in Christ's name he is present with us (**Matt 18:20**), or that praying in his name is powerful (**Jn 14:13**).

With the Sign of the Cross, we call on God's name: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Calling on God's name is a powerful biblical practice. In ancient Israel a name mysteriously represents the essence of a person and carries the power of that person. So when we invoke the name of our Triune God, what we are saying is that all that we do – our thoughts, our actions, our desires and prayers – we do "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

So when you use the Sign of the Cross, let it mean something. Romano Guardini writes in *Sacred Signs*: "Make a large cross, taking time thinking what you do. Let it take in your whole being – body, soul, mind, will, thoughts, feelings, your doing and not-doing – and by signing it with the cross strengthen and consecrate the whole in the strength of Christ, in the name of the triune God."

[Adapted from: Edward Sri, *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass*.]

