



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

5th Sunday of Easter

Last week we imagined Jesus as the Good Shepherd, this week we contemplate Christ as the “true vine”. This is an image that the Israelite people are familiar with from the Old Testament in the sense of Israel as the ‘vine’ God brought out of Egypt and ‘cultivated’ in a new land: “You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River” (Ps 80:8-11). Now the People of God are being reconstituted upon Christ as the ‘true vine’ with the disciples forming the branches that are to bear its ‘fruit’.

It is important to bear fruit – otherwise we may be cut away from the vine of Christ. We become useless as Christians if we are cut off from Christ. We bear fruit when we are united with Christ, when our lives manifest the love that Christ has for us – “Love one another just as I loved you.” To do this we do sometimes need to be ‘pruned’ by the word, by the whole revelation of God through Jesus.



This now means that we live for each other, not for ourselves. The Church should be (but is not always) to live for the service of others in humility. From its earliest days the Church was a multi-ethnic community of followers of Jesus and people who never met Jesus, those who knew Jewish customs and converts to the faith. Holy Family Parish is also a multi-ethnic community, still struggling at times with working out how our different cultures can mix and work together as a single community. Like the early Church, our task is also to open our hearts to the variety of God’s gifts so that we can fashion a community that gives glory to God.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Remain in me



FIRST READING: Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the Apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus Saul had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

So Saul went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned it, they brought Saul down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Meanwhile the Church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever. R.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generation will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it. R.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

We shall see God as he is.

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever obeys his commandments abides in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

"Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 9th of MAY 2021— SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



TAKE TIME

Take time for work, it is the price of success
Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to play, it is the source of youth.
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.



Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream, it's hitching your wagon to a star.
Take time to love, it is the highest joy of life.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

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 Queenzell, 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: Sr Margaret Eustace, Des Prendergast, Margaret Palmbly, Patrick McCray, Margaret Harrison, Derek Francis, Claude Fauvette, Fr. Geoff Dickinson, Fr. Terry Hogan, Coralie Baker, Alice Lowles, Lyn Burton, Simon Gunn, Dianna Margetson, Maria Gatt, Cynthia Schumacher, William (Billy) Whiting, Leslie Sercombe, Bill Wilson, Jeanette Monk, Shanese Allen, Anthony Saliba, Ester Charlton, Charlie Vella, Maria Carvalho, Fr J O'Shea, Dennis Kennedy, John O'Brien, Vincent Conovan.





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

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES

- *Wash your hands regularly, and use the hand sanitisers supplied.
- *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 = 220 ppl**

PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 18th APRIL 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta **\$ 727.80**
2nd Collection—for parish expenses **\$1,820.80**

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

LOVE DESIGN...

SOCIAL MEDIA ...

... AND EVENTS???

We are looking for volunteers to form a Communications/Media Team. Responsibilities will include preparing promotional material and documenting parish events, as well as updating the parish Website and Facebook page. To express your interest OR for more information, please contact Malia at the parish office.



The 2021 Young Voices Awards, brought to you in conjunction with Australian Catholic University is currently open for applications. The Australian Catholics Young Voices Awards are an opportunity for students in Catholic schools to have a voice - to use the media to make a difference in the world.

Do you have something you want to say to the world? Is there an issue you're passionate about? Do you know an inspiring story you want to share? Here's your chance to be heard.

Whether it's by crafting an inspiring article, capturing some profound images, or recording an informative podcast or video - we are giving you the opportunity to get inspired and creative.

ENTRY AGES

The Young Voices Awards have three sections:

Junior (Years 5 and 6)

Intermediate (Years 7 to 9)

Senior (Years 10 to 12).

Entries can be in written, photographic, podcast or video formats.

ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ENTER

Teachers are also encouraged to consider how they might incorporate the awards into their lesson plans, and encourage students to turn their RE assignments into awards entries.

Check out the website for more details about entry requirements, examples of past winners, and how to submit an entry.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/young-voices-awards-2021>. Entries close at 5pm, Friday 28 May 2021.

*Pope Francis' Intention for May; The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers

At first sight Pope Francis' intention for May might seem unusually roundabout. We might expect him simply to pray that governments will sort out the world of finance and make it serve people. Hold a royal commission and do what it recommends! Instead, he prays for a conversation between those responsible for finance - the bankers, public servants, policy makers to make rules that will protect people. That may seem to be a very cautious and slow way to proceed.

Yet in Australia we can see that it makes sense. We have had a Royal Commission into Banks, one part of the world of finance, which disclosed massive greed, unethical and sometimes illegal behaviour all designed to increase profits at the expense of those who trusted the banks to care for their interests. The Royal Commission made many recommendations. The Government promised to accept them all but has backed off from most of them. Some experts in the field now anticipate that in time we shall need for another Royal Commission in the future to deal with the same behaviour.

Perhaps the reason for the Pope's indirect approach lies in his insight that the reform of the financial world, like all human reform, depends on a conversion of heart and mind. The root failings of banks, insurance companies, hedge funds, stock exchanges and other financial institutions have lain in human greed and not in technology. They have been dominated by a desire for individual and corporate profit without any consideration of the good of the whole society. They have particularly neglected the most vulnerable people whom they have made victims of the financial systems they devise.

Pope Francis has often described how destructive have been the financial ideologies and assumptions that have guided governments in recent years. He believes that their evil lies in identifying human growth with economic growth, and leaving economic growth to an unfettered market. Human beings are then seen as individuals competing for economic gain. Out of their participation in the market, so it is believed, the whole society will benefit. In this framework profit is seen as an untainted good, and the sole business of governments and regulators is to allow the economy to function without interference.

The consequences of this self-serving vision of society are seen not only in the corrosion of decency by greed, but in gross inequality of wealth and so of political power, the further impoverishment of nations and their poor, and in the debt in which nations and individuals are trapped. Inequality, too, eventually stifles economies as the anxiety of ordinary citizens about economic survival paralyses economic growth. Pope Francis has also pointed out how the greed that is licensed by this economic ideology contributes to the despoilation of the environment and to global warming.

The conversion required is to a vision of human beings that sees them as precious in themselves and not merely because of their competitive contribution to economic growth. The economy is only one set of relationships necessary to build a healthy society. The alternative view, which had been built into the policies and practices of Jesuit Social Services, is to adopt a view of social justice that attends to all the relationships that are involved in human flourishing. These include personal relationships, those between groups, those with institutions like schools and workplaces, those involved in the economy, and those with the environment. All these relationships must serve the good of the whole society, and especially of the most vulnerable.

If Pope Francis asks for a roundabout approach to the economy, it is because governments, bureaucracies, regulators and voters must subordinate the economy to the human growth of all people in society and not just to the wealthy. That requires a shared conversion.

- By Andrew Hamilton SJ



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



**Volunteer Bookkeeper Position:
 assisting poverty reduction (15 hours per week).**

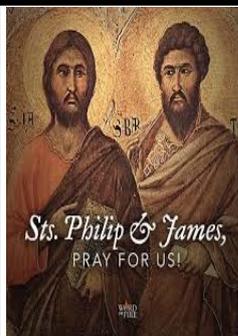
Palms Australia is a Catholic agency who recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians to assist communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seeking to reduce poverty. This is a great opportunity to make a difference from within their Petersham North office, where a small wonderful and hospitable Palms Australia team will make you feel very welcome.

If you know your way around accounting processes, and either looking for experience, or a meaningful retirement, Executive Director, Roger O'Halloran, would love to hear from you. roger@palms.org.au or 9560 5333 in business hours.



Pope calls for month-long global prayer marathon for end of pandemic.

"The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world" in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the rosary, "to pray for the end of the pandemic," said the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization in a press release April 21. "It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire church an unceasing prayer rises to God,'" it said. The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle. Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6 p.m. Rome time (2am AEST) on all Vatican media platforms. The pope will open the monthlong prayer May 1 and conclude it May 31, the council said. See www.catholicnews.com/pope-calls-for-monthlong-global-prayer-marathon-for-end-of-pandemic/ for more information. To view the prayer services, the Vatican live-stream channel is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCDr9ft0Ym4



Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the 4th Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22).

James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62.

The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century.



Launching Nationally on
 Saturday, 31st July 2021
www.catholicmensgathering.com.au



"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July.

Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually.

Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE

Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Program: Available from Saturday 31st July 2021