



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)

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| Monday | 8.30am & 6.00pm Mass |
| Tuesday | 8.30am & 6.00pm Mass |
| Wednesday | 8.30am & 6.00pm Mass |
| Thursday | 8.30am & 6.00pm Mass |
| Friday | 9.00am & 6.00pm 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


10.00am—Mass with Fr Rob Galea
<https://www.youtube.com/frrobalea>

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME
10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnG8gGMQg>


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



*Register your details upon entering the church
*Maintain safe distancing

*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 = 200 ppl

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Third Sunday of Lent

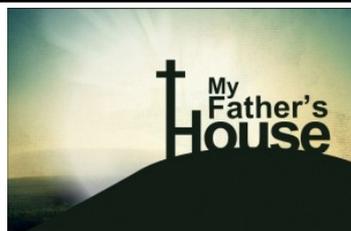
Vatican II called all the baptised to “read the signs of the times”. It has taken us more than 50 years to work out what this meant. Joseph Tetlow SJ helps us: “Signs’ are not just the events in the wide world or the long developments of human history. The bishops meant what we can see with our own eyes and feel with our own hearts. And ‘times’ are not world events or [the stock market or Canberra politics]. The bishops meant the things that are happening to us in our everyday life on our own streets and in our own city councils.”

These are the sign and times we need to be reading for the presence of God, for finding the Body of Christ in the People of God - that is in you and me, in Mt Druitt! “During any ordinary day, every follower of Christ makes many concrete choices. What we do looks like what everyone else is doing, even co-workers or neighbours who are agnostics or atheists. However, we bring to everything we do a faith that puts its deepest meaning into human experience of world and time.” Tetlow gives a helpful story: “Mother Teresa did not just sanitize a leper’s lesions, though that certainly looked like what she was doing. She was actually taking care of Christ’s Body as revealed in the leper she cleansed and loved.”



We are being asked today to find the Body of Christ using our head, heart and hands. Do you have a head that grasps the true faith in Jesus, a heart that believes in Jesus and commits to following his Way, and hands that enact your faith through the behaviour of your daily life? Look at Abraham’s faith, look at the faith of the Pharisees, look at your own faith – where is the Body of Christ?

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17 (short version)

The Law was given through Moses

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether. R.

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much find gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Brothers and sisters: The message about the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of chords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body.

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about human nature, for he himself knew what was within the human person.

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 14th MARCH 2021— FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21



Become a Catechist, A Special Religious Education teacher!

What is an SRE or Catechist?

Special Religious Educators (SREs) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share the Catholic faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into **12** state primary schools in school hours. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 02 9628 7272

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, 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: Don Pedro Nuno, Sandy Oloaga, Nellie Lincoln, Maria Farrugia, Siasoi Palu, Gary Russell, Jack Pratt, Elaine Chatfield, Dennis Gleeson, (Jan) Pendel, Phillip Perich, Una Fuller, Agatha Benson, Mary Stewart, Veronica Kelly, Eric Bokyar, Pat Kennedy, Blanch de Alvis, John Coorey, Dorothy Millar, Gina Kenk, Fred Allen.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta \$ 645.05
2nd Collection—for parish expenses \$ 1,589.70

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



Donations via credit-card/EFTPOS now available!
 Simply 'tap' your card to make a \$10.00 donation
 (Note: donations are made in multiples of \$10.00. E.g. if you would like to donate \$30, simply tap your card three times).

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

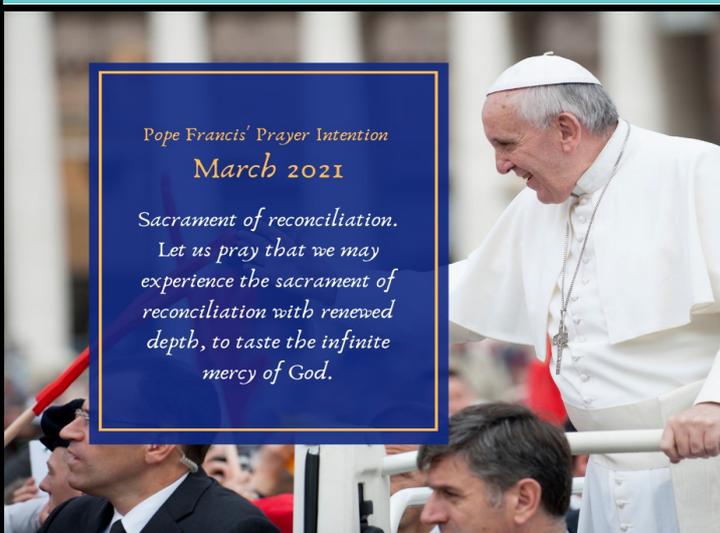
Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. **Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan.**

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal on the weekend of the 13th/14th March 2021: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
March 2021

Sacrament of reconciliation.
 Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

LETTER FROM BISHOP VINCENT, Diocese of Parramatta

My dear People of God,
 In Western Sydney, which is where the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is situated, we are blessed with many faith-based communities as diverse as our nation itself. There are those who have been here for generations, as well as those who have only just arrived from war-torn countries like Iraq and Syria. We stand united as citizens of Australia and as brothers and sisters of the human family. We stand in celebration of our common humanity and dedication to peace and justice for all.

At my Installation, I pledged to continue the legacy of my predecessors in building stronger relationships with non-Christian people. I believe we must foster pathways across the political and religious divide to create an inclusive and harmonious society.

We are the epitome of multicultural, multi-faith and ethnically diverse Australia. It is for this reason that we are privileged to host the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations. It has played a vital role in building bridges in our community, bridges of understanding, inclusion and solidarity instead of walls of prejudice, division and exclusion.

It is my hope that the Diocese will continue and expand the works of the Centre as a permanent feature of our mission. To this end, I would like to establish the Diocesan Inter-faith Commission and appeal to you all, clergy, religious and parishioners to consider joining its membership. This Commission will work to advance the vision of Pope Francis in forging a new fraternity in our fractured world. I do hope that you can join me in this bridge building exercise.

Please contact and register your interest at comms@parracatholic.org or your local parish.

With the men and women of goodwill, let us build a better Australia and a better world. May our endeavour to build true peace and unity be brought to fulfilment in accordance with God's vision of the fullness of life for all humanity.

Yours fraternally,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
 Bishop of Parramatta



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Two positions vacant at Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (JISA)

Would you like to be part of a new national team to shape and grow the ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and Mission Formation in Australia?

The JISA national team is looking for two part time (3 days a week) assistants to support the Coordinator Spiritual Exercises Ministry and the Coordinator Mission Formation. (National office in Pymble).

FOR MORE INFO :

<https://jisa.org.au/work-with-jesuit-and-ignatian-spirituality-australia/>



International Women's Day

(MARCH 8)

On this day when the call is for gender equality, we pray for all women and children and, in particular,

The vulnerable and oppressed, especially the trafficked and victims of domestic violence and abuse
May they experience justice and know mercy

Women who are struggling to make ends meet
May they experience justice and know mercy

Women raising children on their own without support
May they experience justice and know mercy

Women whose jobs are in doubt or who can't find work
May they experience justice and know mercy

Women experiencing the effects of climate change
May they experience justice and know mercy

Those who are lonely, lost, alone
May they experience justice and know mercy

Children who are neglected or abandoned
May they experience justice and know mercy.

- Prayer from the Mercy International Association.

Journey with us this Lent...



MASS TIMES during LENT



Monday—Thursday: 8.30am & 6.00pm
 Friday: 9.00am & 6.00pm
 Saturday: 9.00am & 5.30pm
 Sunday: 7.30am (Willmot)
 9.00am & 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30am (after the 9.00am Mass); by appointment OR before and after our Easter Triduum Services.

NOTE: Our Easter Triduum services are currently scheduled for the following times:

Holy Thursday—1st April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Good Friday—2nd April:

Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Holy Saturday—3rd April:

Easter Vigil 7.30pm

LENTEN PROGRAMS

† There are a couple of Lenten reflection groups happening that you might like to join (contact the parish office for more details):

- Thursdays 3.00pm (Tregear residence)
- Wednesday 7.30pm (Minchinbury—or contact Zara: 0431 524 059)
- Fridays 10.30am (Dharruk residence)

† Christian Meditation on Wednesday evenings, after the 6.00pm Mass, in the Mary Mackillop Meeting Room.

† Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent:

- 5.00pm in English
- 7.00pm in Tongan



EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES 2021

BOOK NOW

REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES. LINK AVAILABLE VIA PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE.

But God shows his love for us in that Christ died for us
 Romans 5:8



“Lent is the time to restore prayer and holiness so that Christ’s Body may truly speak with his voice and touch with his healing power. If the world believes the Church is losing ground, it is a judgment on us who are the Church. It is a sobering thought and an incredible challenge to the modern Christian.”

- Monsignor Graham Schmitzer, Comfort Lenten Program 2021
 Diocese of Wollongong



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

6 WEEKS OF LENT GIVE 6 THINGS

This Lent, donate 1 item each week to give to refugees living in this community.

WEEK 3: Cooking Oil



Your donation goes to the Jesuit Refugee Service's (JRS) COVID- safe Refugee Foodbank.

There's still time to join JRS' Lenten Food Drive to give healthy food to people seeking asylum living in our community.

To learn more, please visit:
<https://aus.jrs.net/.../jrs-australias-lenten-foodbank.../>

You can drop off your donations to the Parish Office.

How is your Lenten journey calling you?

If you are looking for some inspiration this Lenten season, this resource from the Global Catholic Climate Movement offers guidance for a Laudato si' Lent, focused on the call to care for our common home: www.laudatosilent.org/

