



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



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MASS FOR YOU AT HOME



CELEBRATE MASS THIS SUNDAY, 17th MAY, WITH
FR PATRICK MULLINS SJ.



STREAMING AT 9.00AM VIA:
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HFPMTDRUITT](https://www.facebook.com/HFPMTDruitt)
and HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT DRUITT YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Disclaimer: As we are still in the earlier stages of recording our Masses, there may be some technical or logistical issues. We appreciate your patience, and your feedback for future recordings.

Churches are not being closed.

Buildings are being closed.

*You are the Church!
You are to remain open!*



REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hope is a very powerful feeling. One thing that I feel sad about is the atheist who has no hope in anything beyond death. But that is not for the Christian – we have hope. We live in hope based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit, whom Jesus will send. We hope, not because we are necessarily a trusting people but because God is trustworthy. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them. That is why true Christian hope is so remarkable.

*Pope Francis is a man full of hope for the Church and the world. This week marks the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si'* – On Care for our Common Home. In it he calls us to live a new lifestyle: "May our age be remembered as the one in which we woke up to a new reverence for the earth and her people, especially the poor" [207]. We have seen how quickly the earth can begin to recover during COVID-19, such*



HOPE

Hold On Pain Ends

as images of decreased pollution around the world. This could be our opportunity to "wake up" and have a "new reverence for the earth and people" around us – grow our own vegetables, pollute our environment less, care for the lonely and those in need.

This pandemic might be an ideal time to hit the "reset" button and start our lives anew. We can re-evaluate our Church and society, we can re-evaluate our care for our family and those in need, we can re-evaluate our relationship with the God of hope and promise.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 65:1-7,16,20 R. v.i

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" R.

"All the earth worship you; they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among the children of Adam. R.

He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might forever. R.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

"The one who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24th MAY 2020 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS



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RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Bonavia.



GO FURTHER TOGETHER

DONATIONS for PROJECT COMPASSION



- Please return Project Compassion donations to the parish office by **Monday 18th May, 2020**.
- Alternatively, you can bank your donation and make a transfer to the parish account:

Commonwealth Bank

Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Acc No.: 00446

Reference: Caritas2020 [YOUR LAST NAME]

Email your remittance advice notice to:
enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

- If you require a tax deductible receipt, please also email through the following details:

- * First and Last Name
- * Full address
- * Contact Number

If you have any further questions or require help with this, please do not hesitate to contact us at the parish office.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

- 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

- For Planned Giving Envelope contributions, please either:

- drop your envelopes off to the parish office,
- hold on to them until we continue having Masses in the church,
- OR make a direct transfer payment to the parish account (details above), and reference your envelope number.

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. Amen.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
 all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3 times)

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 for assistance.

COVID-19 UPDATE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Families and Friends in Faith,

As of Friday 15th May, 2020, with the given restrictions, we wish to inform you that until further notice:

- Church doors and Eucharistic Mass for the public will remain closed.

We hope to open the doors for our Weekday Masses when we are allowed to gather up to 20 people in the church.

We are still working out logistics to ensure best practice and safety of our community, before opening the doors for private prayer. We will notify you of any changes, when they come into place.

Sunday Mass will continue to be streamed online from 9.00am via our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

- Baptisms, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Marriages will commence via appointment only, and following the restrictions of the government.

- 20 mourners indoors and 30 mourners outdoors are permitted for funerals, in addition to clergy and funeral directors.

We look forward to the time where we can celebrate Mass together as a family. But in these times of uncertainty, we continue to turn to God in prayer to help us overcome the challenges our world faces. May we be encouraged also, in this month of our Mother Mary, to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary each day, for our families, our Church, and our world.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ.

"Holy Family Primary helping those in need"

Holy Family Primary received a very welcome donation of 100 Family Food Relief Hampers from OzHarvest on Wednesday last week.

The Ignite Food Store also donated a large proportion of fresh fruit and vegetables to supplement the hampers.

With the help of Year 6 students, these hampers went out to families within the community and to the Aboriginal Catholic Care Centre. What a greatly appreciated donation this was to members of our school community.



Photo credit:
 Catholic Education
 Diocese of
 Parramatta.

Fr Gregory Jacobs
 with Ben Oxley
 (REC), Oz Harvest
 staff and Year 6
 students receiving
 hamper donations.
 13/05/2020

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

CELEBRATION FOR
5TH YEAR OF PUBLICATION
May 16-24, 2020



Catholic Earthcare Australia and our partners at the Diocese of Parramatta, the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality invites you to celebrate Laudato Si' week by listening, praying, reflecting and participating in Pope Francis' call to action.

2020 is the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si' - the environment encyclical where Pope Francis calls us to expand our understanding and experience of the interconnectedness of all life. The activities below invite you to join us, for one or more of these fulfilling experiences, with fellow travellers on our ecological and spiritual journeys.

LAUDATO SI' MASS

16 MAY 5:30PM EST

Live-streamed from North Sydney Parish.
www.northsydneycatholics.com/spirituality/liturgy/mass-on-demand

5-DAY ONLINE ECO-RETREAT

"CONNECTING WITH GOD IN NATURE"
18-22 MAY

Hosted by Campion Centre for Ignatian Spirituality.

www.campion.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/BwGiN-Online-Retreat-2020.pdf

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE PRAYER, REFLECTION AND DIALOGUE

TO CELEBRATE LAUDATO SI'S 5TH
YEAR

21 MAY 2020 11AM EST

<https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kcEqpqz8sGNFp3NlbcSuTwyHQGt9Zxfw>

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION,
DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGE.
20 MAY 4PM EST

Countries involved are: Malta, Tonga, New Zealand, Solomon Island and others.

<https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtceiqrTME1ZK5qzPvRnHHXse7KuX4CfU>

RESOURCES FOR LAUDATO SI' WEEK

All-ages Laudato Si' Week activities, courtesy of Caritas Australia: www.caritas.org.au/docs/default-source/parish-resources/laudato-si-week.pdf

From Jesuits Australia:

www.jesuit.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Laudato-Si-week-2020.pdf

COMMON PRAYER

for the 5th anniversary of
Laudato Si'

Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your image and made us
stewards of all your creation, of our common home.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful
land so that all might be nourished.



Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home
belongs not only to us,
but to all future generations, and that it is our
responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of
being left behind.

Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation
into hope so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing
the consequences of this global pandemic,
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that
are needed in search of the common good,
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the
earth and the cry of the poor.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Prayer to recite at the end of the Rosary in the month of May

O Mary,
You shine continuously
on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,

and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves
to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself
our suffering,
and burdened himself

with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.
Amen.

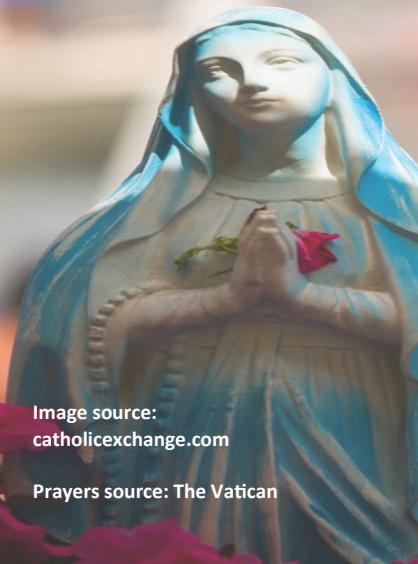


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