



# 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*

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR B  
SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER 2021  
with FR GREGORY JACOBS SJ

Streamed online from 9.00am via

**facebook**

**YouTube**

[www.facebook.com/HFPMtDruitt](http://www.facebook.com/HFPMtDruitt)

Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt

### REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are always choices to be made in life. And as we find out, any significant choice always comes with a price to be paid. Marriage comes with a blessing and a cost, Consecrated Life comes with a blessing and a cost. Even friendship comes with a blessing and a cost. However, if we make the right choice then our readings assure us that God will give his blessing.

We all want to make the kind of choices that will open doors of possibility and guarantee success. We just don't know which doors to open and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that, and wisdom comes generally through experience - including the experience of making mistakes. (One more reason why I love Pope Francis is that he is not afraid of mistakes. Like St Ignatius before him, he is more interested in our efforts to work with God rather than apathy for fear of failure.)

The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. Do we want power or riches or beauty, or even health? These are all good, but will they really satisfy the deepest longings in our hearts? Sometimes there is a clear choice between right and wrong (Do I murder someone or let them live?). Often all the various options are somehow good (Do I give my time and money to help St Vincent de Paul, or do I give my time and money to help my next door neighbour?); or we have to choose when no option is to our liking (I don't want to isolate myself, but equally I don't want to catch nor infect others with COVID.)

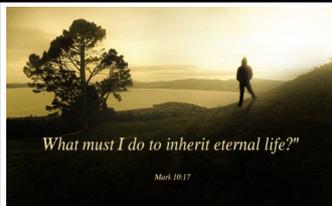
But by learning the difficult process of listening and responding to God's Will, we might find the blessing behind each of our decisions.

Listen carefully, my son, to the master's instructions and attend to them with the ear of your heart. This is advice from a father who loves you; welcome it, and faithfully put it into practice.

Prologue  
Rule of St Benedict



*Fr Gregory*



What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Mark 10:17

## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

# 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



### FIRST READING: Wisdom 7: 7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.

I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her.

I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 89: 12-17

**Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! R.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. R.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands. R.

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 4: 12-13

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17-27 (shorter)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'"

He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For humans it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER 2021 – 29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 53: 10-11

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 4: 14-16

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 35-45



## COVID UPDATE

Public Masses will continue when we have reached the 80% double-dose vaccination status in NSW.

At this stage of the roadmap, **WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVESTREAM OUR SUNDAY MASSES** until we are all allowed to gather for Mass, regardless of vaccination status.

**Church doors will reopen from Monday 11th October 2021, for private prayer and devotion only (Mon-Fri 9.00am—4.00pm)**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only.**

Consecrated Hosts are available for Communion during lockdown. Please see notice on pg3 of the bulletin for more information.

For all enquiries regarding Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms, please contact the parish office during office hours (see pg3).

### 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, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas, Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Louise 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:** John Healey, Mary Meagher, Juan Navarro, Tom Flood, Rocco Dominici Kevin Walz, Carmencita Inocencio, George Nematalla, Estefan D'Cauna, Charlie Wilkinson, Mel Fouhy, Manuel Herrero, Epifania Saquitan, Salvadore (Buddy) Dato, Connie Wells, Fr. Bernie King, Martinus 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, Ana Seina Toa Filipe, Thelma Muller.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lotopue Tagaloo.





# 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@holymfamily.org.au](mailto:enquiry@holymfamily.org.au) to arrange a suitable time.*

### HOLY FAMILY PFIZER VACCINE HUB

We have available spots for the Pfizer vaccination for this Thursday, 14th of October.

Spots available for 12years+.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, please contact the parish office on 02 9628 7272, or email: [enquiry@holymfamily.org.au](mailto:enquiry@holymfamily.org.au)



### 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

dosp.org



**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*

*October 2021*

*Missionary disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.*



### COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2022

Columban Calendars for 2022 will be available soon for \$10.

If you would like to reserve a copy, please contact the parish office 02 9628 7272.

Limited copies available!



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH VISION

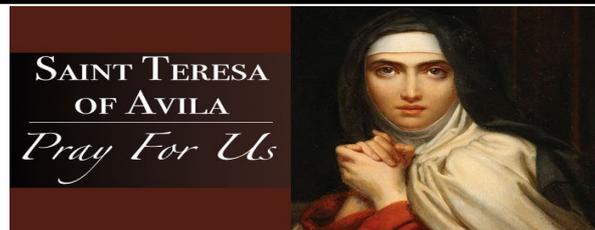
† Holy Family Mt Druitt is a welcoming community:  
 † on a journey towards a personal encounter with Jesus;  
 † called to unity and celebrating our diversity;  
 † living and sharing the joy of the Gospel.



**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.

visit  
[parracatholic.org/plenary-2021](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021)



*Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by You,  
 always follow Your plans,  
 and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will.  
 Grant that in all things, great and small,  
 today and all the days of my life,  
 I may do whatever You require of me.  
 Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace,  
 so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument  
 for Your honour.  
 May Your Will be done in time and in eternity by me,  
 in me, and through me.  
 Amen.  
 St Teresa of Avila, feast day 15th October.*

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS

### 'The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Re-watch our recent podcast with Bishop Richard Umbers about the Catholic perspective on the COVID-19 vaccine. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website [parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

### Catholic Outlook book giveaway

You have a chance to win one of three copies of "Opening Doors: A Seeker's Reflections on the Rooms of Christian Living" by Kevin Treston. 'Opening Doors' has been described 'an easy read that asks hard questions', designed to help us create a better life and a better world. Entries are now open until Monday 11 October. Enter today via [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) and fill out the form under 'Book Giveaway'.

### Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

### Office for Safeguarding offering online training

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

## Mary's Garden

Spring has sprung so why not plant a Mary Garden? There are many flowers that were originally named for the Blessed Mother, and even more whose beauty helps us to reflect on her virtues. Catholic gardeners will often plant these flowers in Mary's honour creating a Mary Garden.

At the heart of a Mary Garden is a statue of Mary and the layout of the garden is designed so that the flowers bloom all around her creating a beautiful space of prayer. Consider honouring the Queen of Heaven by growing your own Mary Garden!



Daffodils were known as **Mary's Star**.



Forget-me-nots were once known as the **Eyes of Mary**.



Lilies of the Valley were once known as **Mary's Tears**.



Morning Glories were once known as **Our Lady's Mantle**.

Source: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.