



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 10.00am—1.00pm
Tue-Thur: 9.00am—3.00pm
Friday: 9.00am—12.00pm
CLOSED ON WEEKENDS

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I have had a couple of conversations this week with people interested in the role of a Deacon. The diaconate is a ministry of service, and proclamation of the Word. As I reminded both people, it is a ministry of helping the bishop to reach out to people in need. This is of course the ministry that Jesus himself did so well.

Today we see Jesus being called first by Jairus to come to his dying daughter, but also being taken up in an unexpected healing for the woman with haemorrhages. Both of these people come with a level of faith that Jesus can indeed heal and restore them to new life. This certainly brings out the divine in Jesus – this healing power.

What is so good about these stories though, is that they also bring out the human in Jesus too – his care for the woman and his concern to know her and to send her away in peace. And Jesus’ care for the little girl to return her to her parents and look after her own welfare by making sure she is nourished. Jesus knows what we need.

In our world today, we need to claim both the divine and human natures of Christ. We need Jesus to help transcend our suffering and raise us up, to work through our faith and give us his deep peace. Equally, we need a God who can meet us and feed us in our daily needs.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they may exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal.

For God created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. R.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning. R.

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned my mourning into dancing.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 4th July 2021— 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR B



1st Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

Brothers and sisters: Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want to excel also in this generous undertaking.

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich.

I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through the gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43 (shorter version)

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the synagogue leaders name Jairus came and, when he saw Jesus, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So Jesus went with him. And a large crowd followed him.

Some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

Jesus allowed no one to follow him. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

Then Jesus put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about for she was twelve years of age.

At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: George Mallouk, Zarouf Mallouk, Ave Sio, Cristina Frugone, Tracey Tosatto, Sandra Roseworn, Kenny McConnell, Jean Toovey, 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, 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.

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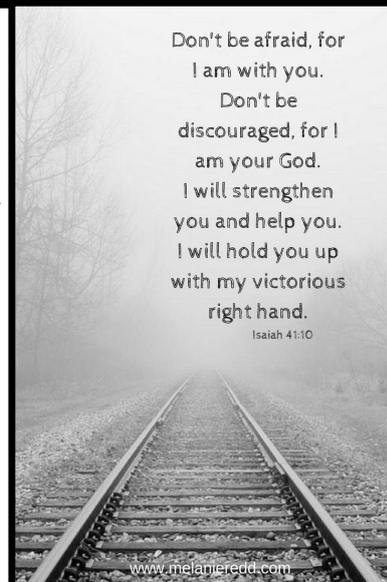
RECENTLY DECEASED: Hauta'ulu Latu, Aurora Suarez.

Don't be afraid, for
I am with you.

Don't be
discouraged, for I
am your God.

I will strengthen
you and help you.
I will hold you up
with my victorious
right hand.

Isaiah 41:10





COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! WE ALL HAVE A DUTY OF CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER. SO DON'T FORGET TO, OR PLEASE REMIND YOUR FAMILY / FRIENDS TO:

**SIGN IN UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH // SANITISE YOUR HANDS // WEAR YOUR FACE MASK
PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING // STAY HOME IF UNWELL OR EXPERIENCING COLD/FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS!
MAXIMUM CAPACITY IN THE CHURCH: 121 PEOPLE**

A reminder also that the dispensation for Sunday Mass obligations still applies in the Diocese of Parramatta.

PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 20th JUNE 2021

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta \$ 643.85
2nd Collection—for parish expenses \$1,632.80

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

Clergy Support Foundation Donations

It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese of Parramatta, which supports retired priests in the diocese. Please make donations via credit card at <https://parracatholic.org/csf> or transfer directly to **BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Name CSF No 1** with names as reference and send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your details for receipt to be sent. Thank you.

UPDATE: OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROCESSES

Since early 2021 our Families and Sacramental Teams have been fully engaged in working together to prepare our Adolescents and Young Children for their reception of the Sacraments.

During June we have had several, very significant celebrations and so we wish to CONGRATULATE:

- Our 8 Adolescents who received **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**... some on 5th June, and some on 6th June;
- Our 42 Young Children and 8 Adolescents who received the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION**... some on 13th June, and some on 23rd June.

MAY YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS INCREASE EACH DAY OF YOUR LIVES!

Holy Family Parish Sacramental Teams.



2021/06

THE BEAUTY OF MARRIAGE

Pope Francis Intention for June: The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, and patience.

When Pope Francis speaks of the beauty of marriage, he does not focus on it as an institution with its distinctive rules and practices. That starting point often leads to wearying debate about what kinds of relationship can be described as marriage.

He thinks first of people and, in this month's intention, of young people who want to marry as part of a Christian community that will support them and encourage them to grow in their marriage. He invites us to respond to the young couples and to the beauty and the blessing to be found in their relationships to one another, to families and to the community that shape their marriage. This is not to say that other forms of relationship are less beautiful and generous, still less that all marriages between Christians display this distinctive beauty and generosity. But Pope Francis is surely right to celebrate the beauty of Christian marriage when it is fully lived.

This picture of marriage does challenge many of the popular images of a happy marriage in our society. Marriages are often seen as made in heaven, where two individuals make a choice that will be guaranteed to bring happiness. The love between two human beings separates them from their world and is nobody's business but their own. Pope Francis, in contrast, emphasises that marriage is rooted in a Christian community which supports both people in their preparing for marriage and will continue to support them after marriage. Marriage involves a leaving, but it does not mean pulling up roots but putting down new sets of roots within the new family. It does not make the couple more but less alone.

Pope Francis also speaks of the qualities of the marriage that Christians would hope to find and build. They are not found in all marriages, of course, and each person brings their own weaknesses and limitations to their marriage. Among them the indispensable quality is love. It is the engine of marriage, and even if a marriage splutters, is jerky and sometimes turns itself off, it remains alive as long as people still love one another.

The other words in which Pope Francis describes marriage describe the ways in which love will express itself. Where there is love in a marriage and a family, people will be generous to one another. The boundaries between mine and yours will not be rigid, and people will cut each other some slack. When we notice our partner sad or hurt, we shall reach out to them and sacrifice ourselves to help them. We shall also be faithful to one another. This shows itself in complex ways. We shall not betray our partner by speaking negatively about them behind their back, or by encouraging others to think that we are available. In positive ways faithfulness means giving our partners time and a listening ear, and making decisions about our hobbies and work patterns in a shared way.

Because in all relationships we expect that there will be disagreements and times when we annoy one another, marriage also involves patience – refraining from the quick and hurtful comment, and being prepared to wait till the right time comes to talk things through. Finally, the cement of all good relationships, including marriage, is forgiveness. Marriage is not for saints and angels – they are in heaven. It is for human beings who often think, act and speak wrongly. Saying sorry is the medicine that will heal most of our infections.

- Fr 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.



Parish Expo Thank You



Last weekend, on Sunday 20 June we held our first Parish Expo, organized by the Parish Pastoral Council and supported by many of our parish ministry leaders.

The aim of the Expo was to introduce the various groups and agencies to our parishioners and to make them aware of the different ministries,

activities, and assistance that we can provide to our wider community. We also wanted the occasion to bring our parishioners (and wider community) together. We had entertainment from the Primary School and from many of our musically minded ministries; we had a free sausage sizzle and two jumping castles.



If you look at the current Parish Vision, one aspect of this is: "called to unity and celebrating our diversity". We experienced this happening in abundance on Sunday. Many people left knowing more about the variety of ministries that are on offer and the energy and life that is within our community. We had prayer groups, different groups who promote our learning of faith, musicians, cultural groups and even the wider Parramatta Diocese got involved.



It was not a perfect day, it still rained (once again the curse of Fr Gregory choosing dates when it always seems to rain!), there were ministries who missed out on coming. In the future we would also like to include more groups from around our local area that also help our community to connect and grow. But as a start, the Parish Council could not have been happier with this day. Thank you again to one and all who were involved.

- Fr Greg.



GET MORE OUT OF MASS

The Homily

The homily [Greek for 'explanation'] is intended to explain the meaning of the scriptural readings and draw out the application for people's lives. This is rooted in ancient Jewish custom (Neh 8:7-8). Jesus himself practiced this custom (see Lk 4:18-30) and regularly taught in Galilean synagogues (Mk 1:21). So important is the homily for passing on the faith that Vatican II taught that it should hold "pride of place" among the various forms of Christian instruction.

Pope Francis teaches that the homily is a chance to extend the dialogue between people and God in a language that engages the culture and people present (we too often forget that the Scriptures were written in a different cultural context). The Lord, through the preacher, delights in talking with his people in an intimate manner, in a heart-to-heart communication. The homily should always offer hope and point to the future reign of God; it should proclaim how much Jesus loves you, saves you and is always with you. To do this we need the freedom that comes from closeness to God, not by avoiding Him. We need to practice the art of listening to God – and the homily is there to help us listen to God.

While a homily ideally would be thoughtful, clear, and engaging, it ultimately is not a matter of eloquence or insight. By having only ordained ministers present the homily is meant to be a sign, or "guarantee", that the preaching is passing on "the Church's apostolic faith and not merely the private thoughts and experiences of an individual." Since it is not really the preacher who is speaking, but Christ speaking to his people.

[Adapted from "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" by Edward Sri; and Evangelii Gaudium by Pope Francis.]

