



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



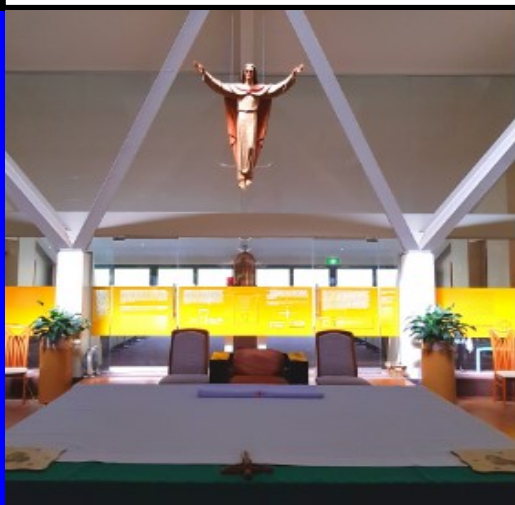
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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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SUNDAY MASS *online*

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR B
SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST 2021
with FR PATRICK MULLINS SJ

Streamed online from 9.00am via

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Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

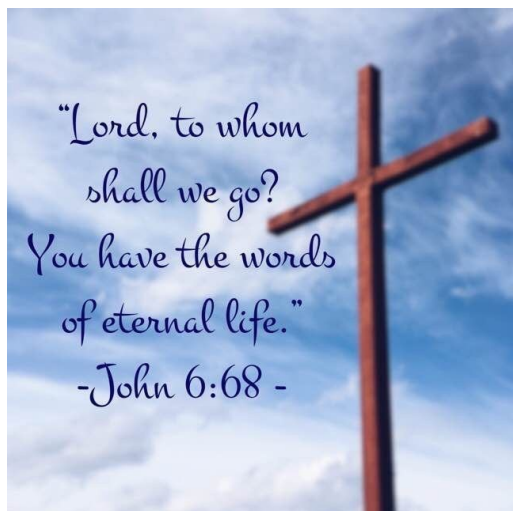
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are a lot of questions at the moment about people's mental health and well-being during the pandemic lockdown - and rightly so! It concerns me too as I look at my own experiences and coping mechanisms. I have gone through my own periods of depression (or desolation as we like to say in the Jesuits), but also some times of real joy (of consolation).

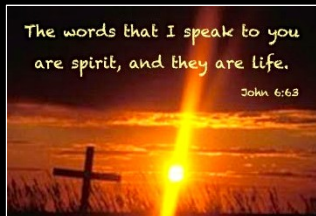
I was asked this week a serious question about what we can do to help people cope with and recover from this lockdown, which is having a much deeper impact than even last year's experience. I realised that I do not yet have an answer, or at least not an answer that is universal (which is what my questioner was really asking me).

What I do have is something similar to what Peter is finding in himself in today's gospel: "Lord, to whom else can we go? You have the words of everlasting life." I am not sure of the pathway out of lockdown and finding wellness in this new era of the world, and church, but I do know that the path lies in finding Jesus anew. That path will be rejected by some (many followers also left Jesus in today's gospel), but it is my path. And I hope it is your path too.

Find some (new) way of deepening your relationship with Jesus.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, to whom shall we go?



FIRST READING: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people, "If you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 33: 2-3, 16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. R.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. R.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. R.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous one,
but the Lord rescues him from them all.
He keeps all his bones; not one of them will be broken. R.

Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. R.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4: 32–5: 1-2, 21-32.

Brothers and sisters: Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husbands is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the Church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the Church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the Church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the Church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6: 60-69

Jesus said to the people: "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

When many of his disciples heard this, they said: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

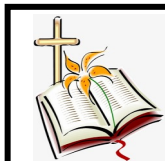
But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted them by my Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back, and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021—

22nd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

2nd Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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, Robert Piper, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas, Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliato, 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: Sr Judith Glaister, Milisav Antonic, Prima Llave, Elisabeth Eberl, Mary Vella, Lourdes Larrarte, Gerard Brown, Patrick and Winifred Mannix, Ross Payne, Bruce Hennessy, Pat McAuliffe, Lily McConville, Lewis Farrugia, Nicholas Gat, Phillip Gat, Cretice Sharpeley, Stephen Griffen, Daphne Normoyle, Moises Perez, Baby John Tuisalogo, Gloria Carton, Patricia Rogers, Val McCrae, Brian McDonnell, Ronald Challenor, Alice McGovern, Walter Bulk, Alison Woods, Connie Hampton, Maria Laupola, Joyce Newman, David Hey, Bruce Chapman, Yvonne Donovan, Ivy Hanna, Joas Gago, Ilda Beatrice Cafir, Joana Zadarias de Oliveira, Purucho Serra, Oliver Jelilio

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fred Portelli, Br John May SJ, Robert Piper





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@holfamily.org.au to arrange a suitable time.

We're here for you.

We understand that these are some very challenging times, dealing with the effects of COVID-19 and the uncertainty it brings.

The recent announcement of restrictions extending in Greater Sydney is taking a huge toll on individuals and families in our community.

Please know that **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**

Our church buildings may be closed, but we as CHURCH remain open to respond to and journey with those in need.

If you OR if you know someone who needs some assistance during these times, please contact us. Whether it is just for a chat, spiritual guidance OR even with basic needs, e.g. food—please reach out to us via phone, email OR online via our website and/or Facebook page.

It's ok not to be ok. We are here for you. We will get through this.



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

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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.

2021/08
CHURCH ON THE WAY



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST THE CHURCH

LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THAT SHE MAY RECEIVE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT THE GRACE AND STRENGTH TO REFORM HERSELF IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL.

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.



JESUS AND THE HEALING POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

WITH DR LAURIE WOODS

TUES 24 August – 7PM

FACEBOOK
LIVESTREAM



DIocese of
PARRAMATTA

HOME Ground



parracatholic.org/homeground

26 July – 20 August



OCEANIA PASTORAL MINISTRY WEBINAR

Tuesday, 24th August 2021, 10am – 11.30am (AEST)

Being Alive in the Spirit

Engaging with local pastoral experiences
in dialogue with Leisa Anslinger

Open to everyone who seeks continual renewal in the Spirit!



Christian Initiation
Australia Network

Please find information and registration details about the Webinar here <https://aliveinthepirit.com.au/>



Prayer in Honor of the Queenship of Mary

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need. Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign!

Amen.

Solidarity with Afghanistan - how you can help JRS



As the situation in Afghanistan deteriorates drastically, JRS Australia stands in solidarity with members of Australia's Afghan diaspora, including thousands of refugees, people seeking asylum, and their families, who are experiencing significant pain and uncertainty.

JRS Australia welcomes the Australian Government's ongoing efforts to evacuate locally engaged employees (LEE) and assist humanitarian visa holders currently in Afghanistan. We also acknowledge reports that the Government is considering prioritising refugees from Afghanistan in the 2021-2022 annual humanitarian intake, and we support calls for a scaled-up allocation of places.

We also acknowledge positive developments with regards to a moratorium on returns of visa holders to Afghanistan, and indicative support for Afghan refugees on temporary visa holders in Australia, but await concrete details.

We strongly believe that the Australian Government should take additional measures to ensure the safety and reduce the anguish of people from Afghanistan in need of urgent protection. Could you please join us by writing to your MP to call on the Australian Government to take the following immediate actions in this regard:

Introduce a substantive intake of refugees and forcibly displaced people from Afghanistan, in addition to Australia's annual humanitarian program, noting Canada's recent commitment to take 20,000 refugees.

Grant permanent protection to refugees from Afghanistan who are currently in Australia on temporary visas.

Provide people seeking asylum from Afghanistan who are currently in Australia with fair and consistent pathways to seek permanent protection, including by permitting people whose claims have been rejected to submit new applications for protection. Enable priority access to family reunion to refugees from Afghanistan in Australia.

We ask for your support in passing this information on to all of your staff, students, and parents. We also recommend that you read a SMH article written by Zaki Haidari, a JRS employee. His reflections are also on the JRS website; please visit for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of people seeking asylum and refugees; feel free to contact me for more information.

Kind regards,

Anne Nesbitt

Project Officer, Bookends Project // Schools Engagement Coordinator
Jesuit Refugee Service - Australia

NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO GO HUNGRY!

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

YOU CAN STILL CONTACT ST VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES FOR HELP:

PH: 1800 606 724



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works