



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

254 Luxford Road, Emerton, N.S.W. 2770 - Phone: 9628 7272 - Fax: 9628 6139 - Email: enquiry@holyfamily.org.au
2020/Issue 45 Jesuit Community Presbytery : 9628 5013 22nd November, 2020

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

Parish Priest	Fr Greg Jacobs SJ	gregory@holyfamily.org.au
Assistant Priest	Fr Patrick Mullins, SJ	hfcpat70@gmail.com
Pastoral Associate	Sr Carlene Allen RSM	carlene@holyfamily.org.au
Site Manager	Ray Donaldson	ray@holyfamily.org.au
Secretary	Malia Lolesio	enquiry@holyfamily.org.au
Music Director	Eddie Paunga Lolesio	kosilio_lole@hotmail.com
Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson	Marissa Logronio	logroniom23@gmail.com

MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5.30 pm Sunday: 9.00 am and *10.30 am
(*10.30am will be celebrated in the church and the school hall)

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 10.30 am



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

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnCBgGMOg>



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

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In earlier times the feast of Christ the King focused on the world-embracing sovereignty of Christ. Nowadays the stress lies upon the way in which Jesus progressed that sovereignty – through the ‘service’ involved in his suffering and death – and also upon the truth that his ‘rule’ is exercised primarily in a ‘shepherding’ mode, where what is paramount is caring for the most marginalised and vulnerable.

What Matthew wants to communicate to us is the great seriousness that the choices we make here and now towards others irreversibly determines our place in or outside the Kingdom. It is interesting to note that nothing is said here about correctness of faith, or the need to be free from or have obtained forgiveness of all kinds of sin. (Elsewhere Matthew does talk about how faith saves us and permits healing, and about the need for forgiveness of sin – both of which help us to restore our relationship with God, and to re-join the community.)

The sole determinant in this story is whether we have acted with active care and compassion for people in various situations of need – how do we love our neighbour? Jesus so identifies with even ‘the least’ of his brothers and sisters that effective compassion shown or not shown them is shown or not shown to Jesus himself. There is no need to wait for the Son of Man to come in judgement; every time one encounters a fellow human being in need one already stands before the Judge and King. I am being judged by my present actions or inactions!

As we come to the end of our liturgical year – and what a year it has been! – we are invited to look back and see how we have loved God with all our heart and mind and soul, and how we have loved our neighbour. When we enter into Advent, we may need to begin again and renew and strengthen our relationship with God and neighbour.



Fr Gregory



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

YEAR OF MATTHEW

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

You did it for me...



FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep.

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

"I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed my sheep with justice. "As for you, my flock," thus says the Lord God: "I shall judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps. 22:1-3, 5-6. R. V

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. R.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me. R.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all.

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who come in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me.

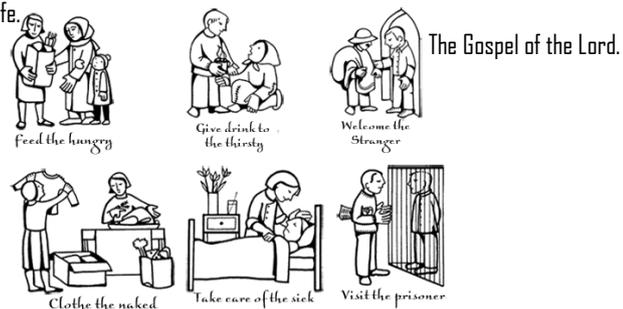
Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the Angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mind, you did it to me.'

"Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

"Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you? Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2020 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT in YEAR B

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Emily Ng and Evander Tagaloo, who were baptised last Sunday, 1st November 2020.

LIST OF THE SICK: Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Bridie Perry, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Georgette Sioufi, Vailemani Selui, Laurie Taylor, Sue Pickervance, 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: Leo Weekes, Sr Maureen James, Joseph Cardona, Lorna Mary Burgess Bogart Llave, Mary Gergovich, Sharon McCauley, Philomena Manning, John Alexander, Ilalio Selui, Adrian Abboud, Edward (Ted) Cassells, Patricia Christian, Louie Vella, Peter O'Rance, Collin Saunders, Joe Scerri, Renee Belton, Kevin McGilray, Rita Thomson, Lionel Jessop, Dorothy Tipping, Teliesha Thurston, Mary Young, Rodney Marsh, Clarence Wood. All listed in our Books of Remembrance.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Philia Theseira.



PARISH COLLECTIONS—SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2020

1st Collection - for the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta	\$ 485.30
2nd Collection—for parish expenses	\$ 1,321.30
November Mass Offering	\$ 20.00

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.: 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

TOUCH FOOTY IS UNDERWAY!

7.00pm at the Kingsway
Playing Fields, St Marys

Mondays: Mens & Womens Teams
Tuesdays: Mixed Teams

We still have spots available for
more players!!!

See Fr Pat or contact the parish office
for more information.

Remembrance Gathering

Sunday 29th November // 5.00pm in the church

Let us gather together to remember in a special way,
all our loved ones in heaven.

We encourage you to bring along items of remembrance:
photos, clothing, or any relevant symbol, so we can design our
own particular memorial.

Book & Banner of Remembrance

We invite you to write the names of your loved ones "who
have gone before us in death", in our Book of Remembrance
which will be placed on the altar at each Mass, and also,
on a small cross to be pinned on our banner (at the front
of the church).

Special Masses

If you would like a special Mass said in November for your
loved ones who have passed during this time of the COVID
pandemic, please see Fr Greg or Fr Pat, or contact the
parish office to make arrangements.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Christmas Mass Times

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, our capacity for Christmas
Mass attendance will be very limited. For this reason, bookings will
be required. More details on how to do this will be available soon.

Maximum capacity for
Mass: (excluding weddings and funerals)
In the church: 120
*In the school hall: 100

*School Hall Mass only
available on Sunday at
10.30am

Maximum 120
guests for a
wedding in the
church.

All guests will need to provide their name
and contact details for contact tracing
purposes only.

Bookings for Sunday
Masses, face masks,
sanitising hands, and
social distancing
are still
encouraged!

Contact the parish office
for more information.

On Friday 23rd October,
the NSW government eased
some of the restrictions for
places of worship and
religious services.

So, under these new rules,
at Holy Family, Mt Druitt:

Maximum 100
mourners for a
funeral, memorial
service or wake.

People attending the service will need to
provide their name and contact details for
contact tracing purposes only.

PLEASE NOTE
PARISH PROCEDURES

during COVID



Protect yourself and
others by wearing a face
mask.



Please maintain social
distancing at all times.
Families from the same
household are allowed to
sit together.



Register your name and
contact details OR mark
your name off (if you
booked for Mass), upon
entering the church/ hall/
centre.



At the conclusion of Mass
(or other events), please
wipe down your chair
with the cleaning
supplies provided.



Please sanitise your
hands upon entering.
Hand sanitisers available
at all locations onsite.



We request that during
this time, we do not
socialise outdoors after
Mass (or other events),
but move on as soon as
possible.

You can register for our Sunday Masses via the parish website:
www.holyfamily.org.au OR by contacting the parish office:
02 9628 7272; enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

WAYS TO TAKE QUALITY TIME WITH CHILDREN

- ★ Listen, listen, listen... with your heart as well as your head.
- ★ Tell them about your own childhood (including your mistakes)
- ★ Pray with them—with set prayers if you like, or with your own words.
- ★ Share with them something of what you most deeply believe in.
- ★ Read them stories.
- ★ Join in their games—let them set the rules; get down on the floor with them sometimes.
- ★ Get to know their friends and make them welcome.
- ★ Find simple ways of celebrating the important religious days.
- ★ Sit on the bed with them at night just to talk. What was the best that happened today?

CHRISTMAS EVE—THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER

5.00pm & 6.30pm: Children & Family Mass
8.30pm: Mass at Willmot
12.00Midnight: Midnight Mass (in the church & hall)

CHRISTMAS DAY—FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER

9.00am: Christmas Day Mass



What comes to mind when you think of a king? A crown, royal palaces, majesty, pomp and circumstance... Yet on the Feast of Christ the King, the talk is all about sheep! Jesus came to show us what God's kingship and God's reign is. He began his public ministry with the proclamation: "the kingdom of God has come near."

In this country we can usually leave the sheep to graze on their own. But in the hilly country of Palestine, there was always a shepherd to watch over the sheep, to stop them wandering off into the wilderness or to protect them from attack by wild animals. The sheep can so easily stray and become lost. Yet the shepherd seeks out the lost, brings back the stray, tends the wounded and strengthens the weak. Do I find myself wandering from the right path?

We too can be just as silly and act in the same way. This week, spend a few moments with the Lord who seeks you, who cherishes you, guards you, heals you, calms your fears and who even gives his life for you. This is what his kingship is.

© 2020 Pray.com.au



BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together.

Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships.

You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal:
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
Your Faith | Your Foundation

Combined Churches of Mt Druitt

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Don't let COVID-19 spoil your Christmas lunch!
You can't come to us, so let us come to you.

If you live in Mt Druitt, Rooty Hill OR the St Marys area,
register for Christmas Day lunch to be delivered to you.
[Register by 8 December 2020, for your delivery.](#)

Register with us on Facebook: "Combined Churches of Mt Druitt Christmas Lunch" OR on our email: mtd.christmas@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, CONTACT JOHN ON 0422 402 021

O come to my heart,
Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart
for Thee.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

*We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply.
We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time.
Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures,
we can begin to quietly pray, "Come, Lord, Jesus."*

*We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead,
"Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy.
I believe you love me, because I need your love.
I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with
peace and the love only you can give."*

*Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our
arms in the privacy of our room and say out loud, "Come, Lord, Jesus,
come into this house, into my family, into our struggles.*

Come and heal us, and give us joy again.

*Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit
of the joy you are offering me now."*

*And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for
Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of
Advent's gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God's will be
done in our hearts and in our every day lives.*

CLEMENTE AUSTRALIA: MOUNT DRUITT EMPOWERED TO LEARN. EMPOWERED BY LEARNING.



Clemente Australia is a program offered by Australian Catholic University (ACU) and is about people realising possibilities, creating new opportunities, and making life changes. Clemente offers people experiencing disadvantage and social isolation the opportunity to study a university course in liberal arts and provides opportunities to pursue further tertiary education, helping them realise new possibilities and life choices. It has a transformative and economic impact upon people's lives and the communities where they live. Through the course of their study, students find that their self-esteem increases, they improve social connections and lead more structured lives.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The program gently reintroduces students to the discipline of study, and to techniques for reading, writing and thinking. It also improves skills for employment such as: communication skills—writing, speaking and presenting; planning and self-organisation; computer literacy; adaptability; and collaboration.

Students study first-year humanities subjects such as history, sociology, literature, philosophy and art.

Two humanities subjects are offered each year, one subject per semester. Each subject is taught over a 12–24 week period with a 2hr lecture followed by a 2hr learning partner session that runs like a tutorial each week.

Students who complete 4 subjects are awarded a Certificate in Liberal Arts by ACU. Some of these subjects can be credited towards an undergraduate degree should students wish to pursue further university studies.

WHO CAN JOIN? Clemente students need to be:

- Over 18 years old
- eager to learn
- able to read and discuss a newspaper article
- able to commit to a 12 to 14 week program.

FEES

This is a free university course. There are no associated costs for textbooks or learning materials.

CLASSES

Classes are held on Mondays at the Holy Family Parish Centre (access via 11 Emert Pde Emerton NSW 2770).

To express interest or find out more, visit: acu.edu.au/ClementeAustralia OR email: Colleen at colleen.malone@acu.edu.au