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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*

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR B
SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2021
with FR PATRICK MULLINS SJ

Streamed online from 9.00am via

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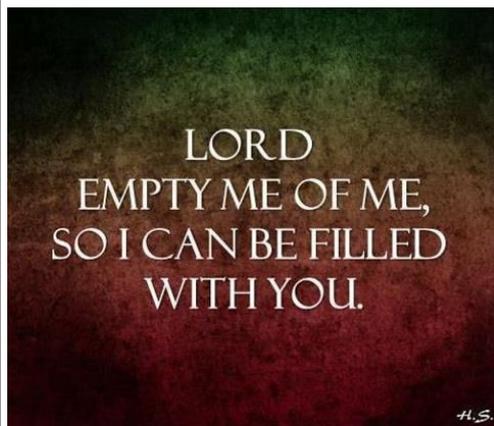
REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

These are certainly difficult times - many in the parish are going through hard times of isolation and loneliness, some are even facing death at the hands of this pandemic. Each of these moments can bring out the best or worst in us.

Ignatian prayer uses the tool of imagination. Anthony de Mello in his book *Sadhana* asks us to imagine we are coming to the end of our life. "What do we want people to say about us at our funeral?" The point is not to be morbid about death, but in fact to help us to live better. "I want people to say that I was kind and generous." OK, then start practicing that now, in the present. It is a question that help to motivate and guide us in our life, especially if it is done with the help of God.

Jesus is trying to help his disciples prepare for his death and all that they will need after he is gone. But all that they are concerned about is "who is the greatest among them". This is not a question that concerns Jesus or God! God is more interested with what is in our heart than our status in the world.



At my Eulogy I want people to talk much more about what was in my heart - that I did the things I did because of a deep, personal relationship with Jesus, and that is why I loved the way I loved (even though I didn't always get it right because of my own sin and fear - but I kept on trying)!

What message is God preparing you to receive at this time? Or, like the disciples, are you off listening and arguing about other things?

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who is the greatest?



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

The godless say, "Let us lie in wait for the righteous one, who makes life inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; who reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training.

"Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous one is God's son, God will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

"Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 53: 3-6, 8

The Lord upholds my life.

Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.
Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. R.

For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them. R.

But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, for it is good. R.

SECOND READING: James 3: 16- 4:3

Beloved: Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.

You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37

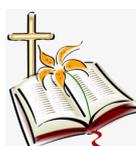
After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2021—
26th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B
1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29
2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6
Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

A healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change..." we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart."

Laudato Si (2015), 2018.



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.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Maybelle Torres, Antonio Sacdalan.





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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention— September

*An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle rejoicing in our young people*





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.



THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY

Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the [Clergy Support Foundation](#) can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well. The Clergy Foundation Committee is very grateful for your generous donations over the last few weeks, both via online portal or by mail, which have raised just on \$60,000 as of Thursday 9 September, about a third of our way to our target. Hopefully we will soon be able to hold the appeal in our parishes. Thanks again and if you haven't yet made a donation and would like to, please visit: parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.

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

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA
 Plenary Council
 Listening to the Spirit in Mission

A DIOCESAN Conversation WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION

Find out more about this important issue & the situation in Afghanistan first hand

3.00pm - 4.15pm
Sunday 26th September on Zoom

RSVP: www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee

*Hear personal stories from a refugee seeking protection
 Questions answered by an expert working in the field*

DEANERY, DIOCESAN AND PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING

Who is the neighbour that Jesus says we are called to love?
 How can I listen to them and the signs of the times in our parish?

Being held on Wednesday, 22nd September 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm via Zoom

Please call 8838 3441 or contact Tanya Quinn at tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org for more information

SERVING CHRIST'S MISSION

Listening to the signs of the times in the Local Neighbourhood

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/29RUZHU9](https://tinyurl.com/29RUZHU9)

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA
 Pastoral Formation



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

We are WITH YOU

Resources for young people in the Diocese of Parramatta during these difficult times

parracatholic.org/withyou

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