



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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REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today the Australian Catholic Church celebrates "Word of God Sunday" -the first Sunday in February each year- as Pope Francis announced in 2015: It's "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people."

The Word of God is truly enriching. Each one of us has experienced how the Word of God spoke to us, touched our heart, guided our life, and been the source of our comfort, support, courage and healing.

As human beings, we have to face suffering, sickness, age. In the First Reading from Job, we are reminded that this can be the reality of existence for people experiencing physical sickness and mental ill-health, or those trapped in cycles of war, or abuse. Where is light? Where will help come from? Where is God? Despite of Job's so despairing situation, he placed all his hope and trust in the Lord. In the end, God restored him. In the Gospel, not only Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever but also many who were ill or possessed by demons came to Jesus with hope to be healed. They were actually cured. For St Paul in the second reading, in the midst of any current reality God offers blessing and healing when we trust and hope in Him.

We are called to come to God with our hope to be restored to life. We have actually received a new life in Christ, a life that Jesus has reached out to give, and has sacrificed his own life, a life of truly sons and daughters of God. Let us live in this new life in Christ and take seriously the pain and grief of the broken-hearted, and the responsibility of Christians to actively respond in service, to be witnesses to active hope and to the power of God to others in need. The Word of God, the Good News, visibly renews life and brings new possibilities, even when there seems to be no way forward.

Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ

MASS TIMES HOLY FAMILY CHURCH EMERTON

Monday & Thursday: 8.30am
Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00pm
Friday & Saturday: 9.00am
Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

MASS AT WILLMOT
Sunday 7.30am
(8 Carteret Ave Willmot 2770)

MASS of ANOINTING
Second Saturday of every month
at 9.00am

HOLY HOUR—EMERTON
Wednesdays from 5.00pm
Saturdays from 9.30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 9.30am—10.00am OR
by appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY

Tuesday 6th: Parish Finance Meeting, 5.30pm-7pm
Thursday 8th: Diocesan Insurance Info day (Blacktown)
Sunday 11th: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 12pm-2pm
Tuesday 13th: 'The Apology' event, 5.30pm-8pm
Clergy Day, 10.30am (Marayong)
Wednesday 14th: **ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass times:**
8.30am & 6.00pm.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 'For the terminally ill'

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Fernanda Lithgoe, Mary Walz, Kevin Smith, Mathew Sieders, Janice Angela Lawrence, Barbara Cameron, Kyla Aggar, Greg McDonald, Guillermo Lopez, John Williams, Jacob Kelly, Dermot Murray, Karen Bartolo, Emma Datoc, Val Polkamp, Imaculata Leota, Malia Leota, Paul Peters, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Baby Gabriella Mafi, Nanding Flores, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Lolesio Muamua, Sheila Langtry, Mathew Savage, Fr Paulino Tui Kolio, Judith Coyne, Lawrie Taylor, Cynthia Harlow, Johnny Hollingdale, Br Joseph Byrnes, Garran O'Mealley, Baby Hanna Scott, Veronica Hamilton, Mel Tala, Catherine Hay, Annie Kearney, Terry Grayson, Irene Way, Thomas Hickey, Avo Gago, Rev K. English, Justin Lobo, George Khawaga, Ernie Leonard, Anne and Alec Prentice, Geoff Gregory.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Egan, Fr Kevin Bates, Abelardo Paylago, Irene White, Paz Salenga.

*Please note that the List of the Sick will be revised at the start of Lent.
If you would like to keep or list a name, please contact the parish office.*



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

He went about preaching and healing...



COLLECT:

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job spoke to his friends: "Does not the human being have a hard service on earth, and are not their days like the days of a labourer? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a labourer who looks for their wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. "When I lie down I say, 'When shall I rise?' But the night is long, and I am full of tossing until dawn.

"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope. Remember that my life is a breath; my eyes will never again see good."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 146:1-6

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel. R.

The Lord heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names. R.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Brothers and sisters: If I proclaim the Gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the Gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the Gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have myself a slave to all, so that I might win no more of them.

To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the Gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2024 —

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45



ASH WEDNESDAY

14th February 2024

Mass times:

8.30am and 6.00pm



Weekday Mass times during Lent will remain as normal, except for Friday. On Fridays, Mass will be at 9.00am and 6.00pm.

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in the church: 5.15pm in English 7.00pm in Tongan.

SUPPORT US ONLINE

For contributions towards the 1st Collection, for the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta, please use the following details:

Acc Name: Diocesan Clergy

BSB: 067 950

Acc No: 0000 4265

Reference: 6024 (and your name.)

For contributions towards the 2nd Collection, for our parish expenses, please use the following details:

Acc Name:

Mount Druitt Catholic Church

BSB: 067 950

Acc No: 0000 0446

Reference: Envelope No DR Your full name.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY 17/12/2023

1st Collection \$ 689.05

2nd Collection \$ 1,496.25

SUNDAY 24/12/2023

1st Collection \$ 561.60

2nd Collection \$ 2,141.05

CHRISTMAS 2023

One Collection \$2,751.80

SUNDAY 31/12/2023

1st Collection \$ 511.40

2nd Collection \$1,559.35

SUNDAY 07/01/2024

1st Collection \$ 381.15

2nd Collection \$1,358.10

SUNDAY 14/01/2024

1st Collection \$ 833.75

2nd Collection \$1,927.25

SUNDAY 21/01/2024

1st Collection \$ 733.00

2nd Collection \$2,120.85

SUNDAY 28/01/2024

1st Collection \$ 745.05

2nd Collection \$1,826.00