



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



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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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel today invites us to have a compassionate and loving heart as Jesus in whatever we think, speak and act. St Mark reminds us that Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. The power of evil was present by ways of the scribes' teachings and actions. They based on Jewish Law, taught with their interpretations, and used quotes from the great masters of the past to support their authority. On the contrary, Jesus spoke directly with the heart and personal authority based on God like that of Moses spoke to the people of Israel in the first reading. The expel of demons is the evidence of his authority based on God.

In our daily life, we very often encounter disturbed people. Some are torn by loneliness, old age and sickness. Some are depressed by the extravagant difficulty of living and the terrible pain to have to endure even the slightest reaching out for help. There are people whose minds are torn, whose emotions are falling apart. There are people who have felt distress and loneliness and the terrors of war and fear for their children and fears for their future. And they are just bundles of neurotic difficulties and tensions.

Pope Francis in his message on the 32th World Day of the Sick this year says: "We see the experience of abandonment and solitude as something frightening, painful and even inhuman. This is all the more the case at times of vulnerability, uncertainty and insecurity, caused often by the onset of a serious illness." He then asks us: "We Christians in particular are called to adopt the compassion-filled gaze of Jesus with compassionate and loving closeness." Let us reach out to help them by whatever means we can afford, and at least, to pray for them.

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 CHURCH

Sunday 7.30am
(8 Carteret Ave Willmot)

MASS of ANOINTING

Second Saturdays 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 DR
by appointment.

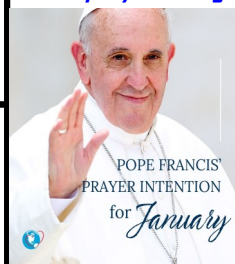
HEALING MASS at ROPES CROSSING
11.30am on TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2024
12 Avoca St, Ropes Crossing 2760
ALL ARE WELCOME!

LIST OF THE SICK—REVISED

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2024

To pray for the gift of diversity in the Church.



We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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: Loretta Ryan, Ana-Maria Rodriguez de Uljevic, Fr Penisimani Folaumoetu'l, Sr Janet Mead, Elizabeth Anderson, Etuate Vaisima, Jimmy Tuatagaloa, Rita Carlon, Sobhe Bichay, Peggy Watt, Anne Robertson, Fr. Brian Byron, Ernesto (Ernie) Moreno, Charlie Chater, Mary McMillan, Ilda Lemos, Gerald Patrick Doolan, Wayne Reid, Fr Joseph Walsh, Fr Ted Harrop OFM, Tangye, John Harlow, William Leggett, Reg Simpson, Nancy Delany, Jack Donnelley.

RECENTLY DECEASED:



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

*He taught them as one
who had authority*



FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses spoke to the people; he said: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own kin; you shall heed such a Prophet. This is what you requested for the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'Let me not hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, lest I die.'

"Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their own kin; I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them everything that I command him.

"Anyone who does not heed the words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will hold him accountable. But any Prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded him to speak—that Prophet shall die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

☩ come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make joyful noise to him with songs of praise! R.

☩ come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. R.

☩ that today you would listen to his voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

when your ancestors tested me,

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Brothers and sisters, I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided.

The unmarried woman and the virgin are concerned about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is concerned about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband.

I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people in darkness have seen a great light;
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing the man and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2024 — 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23 **Gospel:** Mark 1: 29-39

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

◆ **Monday 29th:** CatholicCare Centre reopens

◆ **Tuesday 30th:** School term 1 commences

FEBRUARY

◆ **Thursday 1st:** Oz Harvest food support from CatholicCare commences

◆ **Sunday 4th:** Word of God Sunday

◆ **Tuesday 13th:** 'The Apology' event, 6-8pm in the Parish Centre.

◆ **Wednesday 14th:** **ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass times: 8.30am & 6.00pm.**

During Lent: Weekday Mass times 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 will be on Fridays: 5.00pm in English, and 7.00pm in Tongan.

BACK to SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord, as our students begin a new school year, we pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well.

Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand and take them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

