



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil : 7.00 pm Sunday: 9.00 am and 10.30 am

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 10.00 am

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

On Easter Sunday morning the disciples, Mary, Peter and the Beloved Disciple, I'm sure were in a state of anguish. According to Brené Brown, "anguish can be defined as 'an almost unbearable and traumatic swirl of shock, incredulity, grief and powerlessness'. The shock and incredulity can take our breath away; and the grief and powerlessness often come for our hearts and our minds. But anguish, the combination of these experiences not only takes away our ability to breath, to feel and to think – it comes for our bones. Anguish often causes us to physically crumble in on ourselves, literally bringing us to our knees."

I believe that this is one reason why Mary comes to the tomb on this morning – she is brought to her knees at the death of Jesus and has nowhere else to relieve her grief and anguish than at the site of the tomb. She needs to be near Jesus.

But she finds an empty tomb – her anguish has nowhere now to hold onto, she is left even more powerless than she felt originally. So she runs to Peter and the Beloved Disciple. They are perhaps feeling their own anguish. They then come too and witness to the empty tomb. It is firstly the Beloved Disciple who John acknowledges as now believing in the resurrection. Now



his anguish can turn into joy, into ecstasy, into something new. Only when they truly witness the resurrection for themselves will some of them believe (like Thomas), while others will believe because of the witness of these disciples.

Whatever the resurrection event actually was, it did change these disciples in a profound way – their anguish disappeared and they found new life and purpose. Their shock, incredulity, grief and powerlessness turned into hope, belief, joy and mission. These are also the graces open for us to receive this Easter.

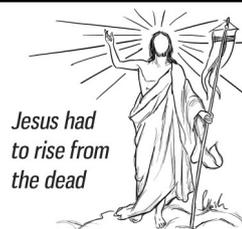
Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Jesus had
to rise from
the dead

FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Peter began to speak: "You know the message that spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

"We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

"He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the Prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

□ give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." R.

"The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. R.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. R.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9 (shorter version)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

1st Reading: Acts 5: 12-16

2nd Reading: Revelations 1: 9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20: 19-31



*The Easter mystery is the pattern of our lives,
The symbol that creates and sustains us.*

We inhabit the Easter story.

We become Easter.

Easter becomes us.

(Mary Wickham RSM)

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tracey Tosatto, Jeffrey Bonnici, Mayta Attachian, Carmen Carlon, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Jose Lay, Jerry Borg, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Margaret Joyce, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas.

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RECENTLY DECEASED:



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 9.00am–4.30pm

Friday: 9.00am–3.30pm

CLOSED ON WEEKENDS

Note: Staff meetings held on Tuesdays 9.15am–10.00am

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 (followed by 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 OR Your full name).

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

for the weekend of the 9th/10th April 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 811.80

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 2,497.95

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION at ST MARYS PARISH

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish seeks to establish perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022.

We seek more adorers for our roster, willing to commit one hour per week, day or night. We particularly request men to fill the late night and early morning hours.

The adoration will be held in the Adoration Chapel, attached to the parish presbytery and easily accessible from the street.

If you are willing and able to be part of this campaign, please complete the form at the back of the church, and return it to the parish office, or either ring or email St Mary's Parish Office on (02) 9623 1962; secretaryolrchurch@inet.net.au God bless.



Thank You for Supporting Catholic Care's Community Drop-in Centres

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raised **\$1,019.35**, which will help Catholic Care to expand their services so that we can reach more of our vulnerable neighbours who may be isolated and in need of support.

Thank you for your compassion, for being a Good Samaritan and for loving your neighbours in need.

For anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

Please continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including Catholic Care's Community Drop-in Centres.



April 19

Our Synod response to Pope Francis is taking shape. The journey continues ...

View
Respond
Celebrate

Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/>



GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!
IN WESTERN SYDNEY

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL

252 Luxford Road, Emerton NSW 2770

9AM - 3PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Get the mob together to celebrate with us during the April School Holidays with a range of FREE activities.

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!

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Divine Mercy Sunday



Feast Day Celebration
Sunday
24th April

SCHEDULE:

Prayers & Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.00pm

Holy Mass
3.00pm

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

THURSDAY 21st APRIL

The office may be unattended at times this week.

If you are trying to get through to the office, please leave a voicemail on 02 9628 7272

OR 0497 966 277, OR email enquiry@holymfamily.org.au, and we will try and respond as soon as we can.

Apologies for any inconvenience.



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.**



THE HOPE OF EASTER

In our culture Easter Sunday is part of a holiday that concludes with Easter Monday and its hosting of one of the big football matches of the season. In Victoria it is a pleasant day, usually in the mild weather of autumn, a feast of moderation.

In its beginnings Easter was a time of extremes, Life and hope flared out from where death and darkness had reigned. Easter represented the victory of life over death, of victory over a crushing defeat, connection over isolation, freedom over captivity, hope over despair. It is an exuberant feast in which the overflow of joy is measured by the depths of grief that have preceded it. In the Christian churches Easter Sunday follows Good Friday which focuses on Christ's torture and execution. It represents the hope that speaks to the experience of the loss of everything at the personal, national or universal level.

If we smooth over the extremes of Easter, underplay the depth of darkness with which the light of Easter contrasts, we finish with a beige feast. Small pain, small gain. That is true also of the story of Easter. Seen from God's perspective the story of Easter represents God's salvation of humanity as seen in Jesus' rejection, humiliation, tortured execution intended to wipe out all claim on humanity, leading to his rising to life. The Scriptures variously describe this as being taken out of death into life, from slavery into freedom, from sin to forgiveness, and from despair into joy. In each of these images early Christians measured the astounding and exuberant joy of Jesus' rising by the horrific story of his death. The extent of our salvation is matched to the equally dramatic extent of our need. If we pass lightly over the reality of human sinfulness and the extent of our need, we also minimise the extraordinary gift of salvation and domesticate the scope of God's promises. A small need and a sanitised crucifixion lead to a restrained happiness at the minor victory that was won at Easter.

The extremes of Easter speak to our times. This year has revealed the depth of our need as persons and as members of the human race. Our inadequate attempts to deal with climate change revealed in flood and bushfire, our vulnerability to disease revealed in the coronavirus, and our incapacity to manage the risks of scientific and technological discovery revealed in the threat of nuclear war, all speak to the need for a salvation greater than technology and business as usual can meet. They demand a united human response where communities and nations come together to act, caring for the people most in need.

To make this response we need hope. Easter Sunday invites us to recognise the depth of our need and the greatness of our hope. We believe that we live in the presence of the risen Christ who has experienced the depths of our betrayals and misery and has risen to offer us a vision of a world beyond human possibility and our imagining.

- Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ



THANK YOU!

A heartfelt gratitude is extended to everyone who volunteered countless hours in helping to prepare our Liturgical celebrations for Easter: liturgical ministers, musicians, sacristan, Stations of the Cross cast, collectors, cleaners, those who decorated the church and school hall, those who donated palms for Palm Sunday, our staff; big and small, we THANK YOU!
 Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit continues to bless our parish, convert hearts and guide us all to the Mercy of God. He is Risen! Alleluia!

Holy Family Parish Team.



Please return all **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** to the church as soon as possible.

Easter offering envelopes and boxes are available at the back of the church.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

