



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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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5.30 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



MASS FOR YOU AT HOME



10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnC8gGMDg

11.00am—Diocese of Parramatta
www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese/

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



*Register your details upon entering the church
*Masks are mandatory.

*Sanitise hands
*Maintain safe distancing
*Wipe down your chairs before you leave.

*Please do not enter the church if you are unwell and/or experiencing flu-like symptoms.

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our moments of fervour we might wholeheartedly answer YES to the Word of God, but in reality that yes is seldom uncomplicated. The people of Nazareth were at first amazed at Jesus' words, but quickly turned to throw him off the cliff. Jeremiah was told he would receive great honour as a prophet, but had to fight with the people to be heard – the very people who you would expect to welcome his ministry are the ones who fight against him most strongly. It is often the same for us today.

Our motives and our reactions are generally quite complicated, even if our desires to be faithful are straightforward. Realizing this can cause us great frustration. Where can we turn for help? Who will be our support? The psalm today offers us a simple prayer, one that springs from true humility. In God we take refuge, in God is our trust.

As important as are keen insight, total commitment, and courage under fire, the greatest response to the challenge presented us by the word of God is love. The word of God cannot be silenced – neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Rather, they entered more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image of love placed before us as an example for us to follow.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a Prophet to the nations.

"Therefore, gird up your loins; stand up and tell the people everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them. And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land.

"They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 70 (71): 1-6, 15, 17.

I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me. R.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked. R.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; from my mother's womb you have been my strength. R.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,

of your deeds of salvation all day long.

O God, from my youth you have taught me,

and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. R.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2022 —
5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C



1st Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 31–13: 13 (shorter)

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 4: 21-30

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom, and read from the Prophet Isaiah. The eyes of all were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

Jesus said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no Prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the Prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove Jesus out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Henry Vongratsavai, Tiale Levi, and Gardenia Emelio-Veatauia, who were baptised last Sunday 23rd January 2022.

LIST OF THE SICK: Kevin Smith, Carmen Carlon, Danielle Heatly, Janice Quinn, Rose Wilson, 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 Tuliatsu, Vailemani Selui, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Faith Nimmo, Janette Queensell, Vaha Vave, Barry Barrakett, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: 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: Fr Penisimani Folaumoetu'i, Sr Janet Mead.



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).



*Thank you for your
generosity!*

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

for the weekend of the 22nd/ 23rd January 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 583.35
2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,473.05

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—2nd February



Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is 'the light to enlighten all nations', and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

ATTENTION PARENTS & CARERS:

Hopefully, you have received an email or a letter regarding First Communion for **CHILDREN WHO MISSED OUT IN 2021**.

We will see you at our Information Session on
Wednesday 2nd February, 7pm in the church.

PLEASE NOTE:

First Communion dates are: 19th, 20th, 26th & 27th March.

- Lorraine Gordon.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A READER OR A MINISTER OF COMMUNION? ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN OUR LITURGIES?

- * Don't be shy! Please come forward and seek some further information.
- * Training is available ... our Diocesan Office advises that 2022 LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES commence early February.
- * For FURTHER DETAILS, please contact Sr Carlene.



LIST OF THE SICK

- ◆ Every so often we need to revise the listing of the names in our weekly parish bulletin. Thus, **from the first weekend** in March, 2022, we will have a fresh, new list.
- ◆ To compile this new list, we need express permission for the publication of your own name, or the name of your sick relative or friend.
- ◆ Please contact Holy Family Parish Office (Ph: 9628 7272), or see one of the Priests, or Sr Carlene, after Mass.



ENJOY A LAUGH



Due to my isolation, I finished 3 books yesterday.
And believe me. That's a lot of colouring.

What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet?
I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.

On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours a day.
This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic".

Struggling to get your wife's attention?
Just sit down and look comfortable.

Don't let them take the temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket. It's a government plot to erase your memory.
I went for a bottle of milk and a loaf of bread, and came home with a case of beer and 12 bottles of wine!



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.**



Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

Loving God,
 We hold before you in our hearts
 The people of Tonga in this time of need.
 We know that the communities of the Pacific often
 experience fragility.
 Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami
 And degradation of land and water through ash,
 We ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you
 than ever.
 They are communities of great faith.
 May they turn to each other for support and community.
 May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.
 May they turn to each other for comfort and community.
 And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.
 We all share this mysterious world
 Which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.
 May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage
 And fill us with the gift of Hope.
 Amen.

Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock.

Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.

Tonga needs your prayer and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

ALL CREATION IS PROPHETIC!

We can no longer view the prophetic as a gift and activity reserved for human beings alone. All creation is prophetic because, from a faith perspective, all creation is infused with the prophetic and wise spirit of the divine. Thus, all creation communicates the wonder, the mystery, the complexity, the beauty of the divine as we hear in Psalm 19:1-4:

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
 and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
 Day to day pours forth speech,
 and night declares knowledge.
 There is no speech, nor are there words;
 their voice is not heard;
 Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
 and their words to the ends of the world.

As part of creation, human beings, regardless of status, race, class, orientation, ethnicity, age, ability, gender, religious belief or no belief, have the potential to be prophetic and to act prophetically. Christians, by virtue of their baptism, are anointed into the prophetic tradition and called to embrace and exercise their prophetic charism and vocation.

To act prophetically is to work for justice, to align ourselves with humans and nonhumans living on the margins, to de-center and eventually dismantle hegemonic power structures while unseating their hegemonic leaders.

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CANCELLED

FEBRUARY 11:00 AM
World Day of the Sick
 MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
 WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 St. Patrick's Catholic Church,
 RSVP anne.stanton@parracatholic.org
 02 8838 3456

WORD OF GOD Sunday

The Church in Australia will celebrate Word of God Sunday on February 6 this year.

Pope Francis, in instituting this event, set it down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time which is close to the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in other parts of the world. In Australia, however, a date falling at the end of January risked being lost in the Summer holidays and preparations for the return to school. Consequently, the Australian bishops have set down the first Sunday in February as Word of God Sunday.



Celebrating Holy Week

The Office For Worship is conducting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar on:

26 February, 9:30 am -3:00 pm,
 at the **Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM),**
1-5 Marion St, Blacktown.

The workshop will be an opportunity to refine one's skills in their ministry with a special focus Holy Week celebrations.

RSVP by 22 February 2022 to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3456. Refreshments and lunch provided.