



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

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Adultery (along with blasphemy and idolatry) was considered a grave sin in the Mosaic law punishable by death. Why? Because marriage is the symbol of God's faithful relationship with his people and also a human reality embodying it. So, when marriage is damaged by adultery, that relationship between God and his people is blemished.

Jesus was known among the people for his kindness but also as a teacher. So the scribes and Pharisees bring before him a woman caught in adultery, to test him. For if Jesus says "Yes, go ahead and stone her" they would be able to say to the people: "Look at your teacher, who is so kind. Look what he has done to this poor woman!" But if Jesus said "No, forgive the poor woman!" then they could accuse him of not keeping the law. They were trying to trap Jesus.

Although he was among so many people, Jesus wanted to be alone with the woman; he wanted to speak with her heart to heart: that is the most important thing for Jesus. So he asks the sinless to cast the first stone at her. With a certain irony the gospel tells us that they all sloped off, one by one, beginning with the eldest. They themselves were in need of God's forgiveness.

The woman never claims to be sinless or the victim of false accusations but stands before Jesus in her sin. And as we often see with Jesus, this is the perfect attitude for God's offer of forgiveness, God's mercy. "Mercy", explains Pope Francis, "is a difficult thing to understand; it does not wipe out our sins: it is God's forgiveness that wipes it out." Mercy goes further, as Pope Francis explains: "It is like looking up at the sky, with so many stars, but when the sun rises in the morning, it is so bright that the stars can no longer be seen. And that is what God's mercy is like: a shining light of love, of tenderness." For God does not forgive by a decree, but with a loving touch.

**"God's mercy is like:
a shining light
of love,
of tenderness"**

(Pope Francis)

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Neither do I condemn you...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

"The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. R.

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. R.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. R.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. R.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3: 8-14

Brothers and sisters: I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them.

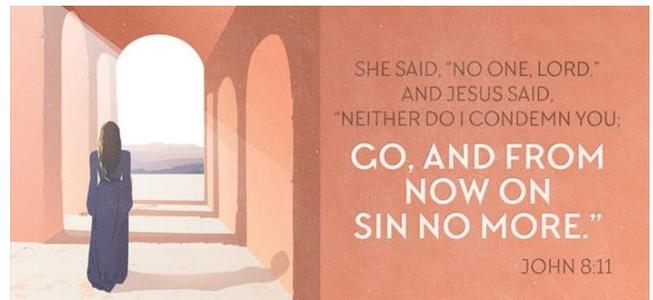
The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before the people, they said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

They said this to test Jesus, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When the scribes and Pharisees kept on questioning him, Jesus straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground.

When the scribes and Pharisees heard what Jesus had said, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2022 –	
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	
	
1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7	
2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11	
Gospel: Luke 22: 14–23: 56	

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Oliver Carroll, Vatei Misiloi, and Sabrina Melocotones who were baptized last Sunday 27th March, 2022.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Graf, Teresita La Torre Espiritu, Angelita Castro Manalo, Betty Darcy, Fagalima Tuatagaloo, Christopher McGrath, Amelia Fatu, Fr Les Campion, Lauren Langrell, Terry Shepherd, Daphne Bond, Gertrude Banozy, Shane Bakhsh, Br Patrick Murphy, Br Maurice Brady, Br John Hopkins, Fatauli Paulo Laufo, John Nadin, Steven Saunders, Jim Anderson, Allan Wood, Kathleen Butler, Gordon O'Brien, Remato da Silva, Mateus Gago, Joseph Tonna, Royston van der Beek.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eleanor Petterson.



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 26th/ 27th March 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):	\$ 921.85
2nd collection (for parish expenses):	\$ 1,966.75

Bishop’s Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care’s Community Drop-In Centres

Bishop’s Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care’s Community Drop-In Centres Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop’s Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
 Love your neighbours as God loves you
 Help Catholic Care support those who are isolated or have nowhere to turn
 Please give generously to the Bishop’s Good Samaritan Appeal [DONATE NOW](#)



POSITION VACANT

Holy Family Parish is seeking a new **BOOK-KEEPER** (Part Time, 1-2 days a week).

Familiarity with MYOB preferred.

Contact the Parish Office for more information on 02 9628 7272 or enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

Congratulations

... to all the children who received their First Holy Communion during our 5.30pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.30am Masses over the last two weekends.

May God bless you and your families, and strengthen all of you in the practice of your faith.

Jesus... I will receive you as you are.
 Make you the innermost law of my life,
 take you as at once the burden and the strength of my life.
 When I receive you, I accept my everyday just as it is.
 I do not need to have lofty feelings in my heart to recount to you.
 I can lay my everyday before you just as it is,
 for I receive it from you yourself.
 The everyday and its inward light,
 the everyday and its meaning,
 the everyday and the power to endure it,
 the sheer familiarity of it,
 which becomes the dimmedness of your eternal life.

KARL RAHNER: *Hearts on Fire*, p.110

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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THE GIFT OF GIVING

Over the next 6 weeks, you can help support refugees and people seeking asylum by donating these essential items.

Week 5

Shampoo & Conditioner



Email foodbank@jrs.org.au or call 0434 422 573 to organise a time to drop off your donation.



THIS LENT

VERY LIMITED TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR OUR UPCOMING BUS TRIP TO SCENIC WORLD, KATOOMBA—13/04/2022!

TICKETS:

Adults (16years+) - \$10.00
 Children (3—15years) - \$5.00
 Children (0-2years) - FREE

TARONGA ZOO TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD OUT!!!

Contact the Parish Office for more info.



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.**



YOUNG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to help with our live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Rehearsal on Sundays at 11.30am in the Holy Family Primary School Hall 11 Emert Pde Emerton 2770



Meditations on the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent:

6.00pm (English)

7.00pm (Tongan)

in the church.

GREENERY/ PALMS FOR

Palm Sunday

We celebrate Palm Sunday on the weekend of the 10th/11th of April. Thus, we are asking for PALMS, OLIVE BRANCHES, or any SUITABLE GREENERY which we can use in our celebrations.

If you can oblige, we would like to receive the greenery on the 7th OR 8th of April to prepare for our weekend Masses. Furthermore, if you can help us with some of the preparation, please contact the parish office: 9628 7272.

Thank you in anticipation. (' ,)

HOLY THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On this solemn Holy Thursday (14th April) night, we invite you to spend some time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Please consider watching one hour (or more) on Holy Thursday evening after Mass, in the School Hall, till 7.00am, Good Friday morning.

To commit to a time, please put your name down on the roster at the back of the church, or contact the parish office: enquiry@holyfamily.org.au



Fifth Sunday of Lent–2 & 3 April



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.**

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.



Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday
14th April 2022**

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.00pm

(The Altar of Repose will be in the School Hall, with Adoration until 7.00am, Good Friday morning)

**Good Friday
15th April 2022**

Stations of the Cross
10.00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm

**Holy Saturday
16th April 2022**

Easter Vigil
7.00pm

