



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil : 5.30 pm Sunday: 9.00 am and 10.30 am

JOHN TERRY CHAPEL (DAY CHAPEL)

Monday	8.30am & 6.00pm Mass
Tuesday	8.30am & 6.00pm Mass
Wednesday	8.30am & 6.00pm Mass
Thursday	8.30am & 6.00pm Mass
Friday	9.00am & 6.00pm 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

The raising of Lazarus forms the climax of Jesus' public ministry in John's Gospel. It is the event that is really the last straw for the Jewish authorities and leads immediately into the plot to arrest him and bring him to his death. So it is important to grasp from the start that when Jesus leaves the 'safe country' (across the Jordan), where he is when the news comes of Lazarus' illness and Jesus enters Judea to give life to his friend, he puts his own life at mortal risk. In the end, in effect, he gives life to Lazarus at the cost of his own. John clearly wants us subsequently to go through the Passion with Jesus saying to ourselves, "This is all because of his love for Lazarus" – and beyond that, as will become clear, "This is all because of his love for me! This is to give me life."

In the grieving sisters, the Gospel also addresses grief in the Christian community, the 'community of eternal life'. Jesus does not abolish physical death. Just as, to the sisters' dismay, he let Lazarus die, so he lets us and our loved ones die. His 'remedy', as he hinted to Martha, is that he is 'Resurrection and Life' in a more profound way. This is not just 'theological comfort'. The emotion Jesus displays (four times mentioned and included an element of anger as well as grief), shows a divine sharing in the complex emotions that make up human response to death. Though he has come to give eternal life, Jesus weeps over our death and the deaths of those we love and mourn.



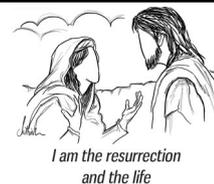
Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Thus says the Lord God: "I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 129.

R: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! R.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. R.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning. R.

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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GOSPEL: John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (shorter version)

The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he had said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to him, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2nd APRIL 2023 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD IN YEAR A

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27: 66



WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the community Myrah Palu, Malina Tuimavave, Aleesia Halangahu, and Ivar Moran who were baptized last Sunday 19th March 2023.

LIST OF THE SICK: Shirley Watt, Emma Datoc, Ramil Suarez, Val Polkamp, Leota Sefo, Imaculata Leota, Malia Leota, Margaret Kearney, 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, Jose Lay, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eleanor Petterson, Amelia Manig, Maria Farrugia, Paul Stanley, Colleen Mengel, Royston Van Der Beek, 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 Lauofo, John Nadin, Steven Saunders, Jim Anderson, Allan Wood, Kathleen Butler, Gordon O'Brien, Remato da Silva, Mateus Gago, Joseph Tonna, Sr. M. Anita Spennenberg.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lew Leerson.



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 18th/19th March 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):	\$ 935.40
2nd collection (for parish expenses):	\$2,039.95

PARISH WORKING BEE

Saturday 1st April
10.00am – 3.00pm



Bring your cleaning gear, and come and help us clean our church - just in time for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

HOW TO BE A 'GOOD EGG' THIS EASTER!

Feel good about the chocolate you purchase and consume this Easter:



Look for these symbols on your chocolate branding.



Download Be Slavery Free's Chocolate scorecard! www.chocolatescorecard.com. Look at the scorecard when shopping and buying Easter eggs and chocolate that are produced without child labour.



Share Your chocolate (only online). Be an influencer in your community.

1. Take a selfie/ or photo of you with your Easter chocolate.
2. Upload it on your favourite social media platform with the following text: "I'm a good Egg! I've joined ACRATH's 'Good Egg' Easter Campaign and have committed to buying only Easter chocolate from brands that commit to making slavery-free chocolate!" (don't forget to tag us @acrath).

JOIN US!



Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023: Mandatory Safeguarding Training

Face-to-Face Training at Holy Family

Saturday 20th May 2023

10am–3pm in the School Hall

(11 Emert Pde Emerton NSW 2770)

RSVP Wednesday 17th May to the Parish Office

(02) 9628 7272; enquiry@holysfamily.org.au

If you would like to complete the Safeguarding Training independently online, you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. Sign up onto the platform by using the QR code OR follow this link:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>



If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT DRUITT AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023

#1 - Reddal Reserve, Illawarra - Wed 12/04/23

Reddal Reserve is situated in Lake Illawarra, and is said to be a perfect picnic spot for families. It has plenty of picnic & BBQ facilities, fish cleaning station, fitness equipment, shelter, and has a fun and safe playground for families.

You can also walk or cycle the 3km Lake Illawarra Art trail to explore local history, Aboriginal heritage, flora and fauna. The artworks along this trail were created by local artists in collaboration with the community. www.visitshellharbour.com.au

#2 - Collaroy Beach - Fri 21/04/23

Collaroy Beach is an oceanside community known for its namesake stretch of sandy beach, as well as for being a popular destination for windsurfers and beginner surfers. Businesses, stores and surf shops are primarily set along Pittwater Road, along with laid-back bars and restaurants. The area has bird-watching, and seasonal whale and dolphin watching opportunities. The beach itself has picnic and BBQ areas. - Google

\$5.00 PER PERSON (Children aged 0-2 FREE)

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY CASH ONLY!!

Tickets can only be purchased from the Holy Family Centre, via
11 Emert Pde Emerton NSW 2770.

BUS SCHEDULE

*Pick-Up from surrounding suburbs: **8.00am**

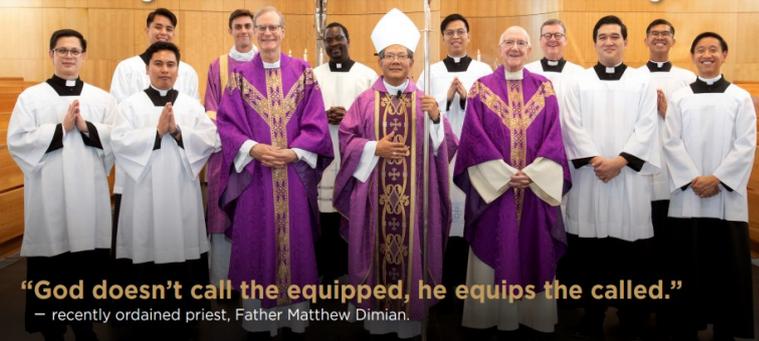
Final Pick-Up & Departure from HFC: **8.30am**

Leave Destination: **3.00pm**

(* Pick-up & drop-off is available from the local 2770 suburban schools and shops: Mt Druitt station, Hebersham, Bidwill, Blackett, Emerton, Tregear, Lethbridge Park, Shalvey, Dharruk).

PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.



"God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called."
— recently ordained priest, Father Matthew Dimian.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal 25th/26th MARCH



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.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
25th/26th March**



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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PERSONAL REFLECTION for the WEEK AHEAD

- ◆ Consider adding a time of personal examination to the end of your day. What happened today? What emotions did I experience? What do my emotions tell me about myself? How did I respond to my emotions? If I were to go through similar situations again, how would I want to respond differently?

PALMS/ GREENERY for Palm Sunday

We celebrate Palm Sunday on the weekend of the 1st/2nd 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 to receive the greenery on the 30th of March OR bring it to the working bee on Saturday 1st April, to prepare for our weekend Masses.

Furthermore, if you can help us with some of the preparation, please contact the Parish Office:

02 9628 7272.

Thank you in anticipation.

AUTUMN PASSION

Bright autumn Christ, The silver birch, The bell-bird's call, The vibrant light, The glory through The pain.	Dark autumn Christ The broken branch, The weeping tree, The whole sad Earth gasps Piteously.	Rich autumn Christ The hill is climbed, The hate disarmed, The fear is gone, The battle Won.
Sharp autumn Christ The fallen leaves, The slanting sun, The hint of frost, Toll for the life That's gone.	High autumn Christ The teacher gagged, The friend betrayed, The healer hung, The saviour Torn.	Sweet autumn Christ, The rose-red blood, The rowan tree, God's heaven aflame in love For me.

- Peter Matheson

Reintroducing Holy Water and Wine at Mass from Easter Vigil

At the Easter Vigil we will bless the Holy Water as usual - this will then continue to be available for your own blessing as in pre-COVID times throughout the year.

At the Easter Vigil we will also reintroduce the availability of the Blood of Christ (wine) at Communion as well. You have the same options as in the past: take a small sip from the chalice, tincture (dip the host only into the chalice - NO FINGERS), or simply return to your seat without having the wine. Naturally, if you have any flu-like symptoms then please DO NOT partake of the chalice.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY
1st/ 2nd April

5.30pm (Saturday)
7.30am (Willmot)
9.00am
10.30am



HOLY THURSDAY
6th April

7.00pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper



DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

GOOD FRIDAY
7th April

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



HOLY SATURDAY
8th April

7.00pm
Easter Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY
9th April

7.30am (Willmot)
9.00am
10.30am

