



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)

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| 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

Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a time to open ourselves up to the ways that God brings about our salvation. But we then need to be able to recognize God when he appears. This is the whole agenda of St Ignatius, and now of Pope Francis – can you recognize God when he comes into your life?

The covenant God makes with Abram is concrete – it is made with a particular family, in a particular place, and at a particular time. This is how God continues to work with people, today God also continues to work within the Church by engaging directly with people. God opens many doors into this relationship – we might find God through the wonders of creation, such as the night sky or an open forest. We might find God through prayer or the daily affairs of our world. The point is that God is already present here amongst us, all we need to do is to become aware of God's presence in the extraordinary and the ordinary.

The three disciples experienced an extraordinary moment in the transfiguration – but missed its real significance. The glory of God remains just beneath the surface of our lives and of the world around us. But it is most especially associated with the times of suffering. We see the suffering all around us, but often miss the glory because we miss the real presence of Jesus in each of these moments; we miss the presence of Jesus in our own lives at these same moments.

The task that Pope Francis gives to us is to discover (or re-discover) the presence of Jesus in our own lives. To be disciples we need our own relationship with Jesus. To be a missionary we need to have a message of God's love – which comes to us through this same relationship with Jesus. Lent is a time to develop this relationship; and to hear this message of love through suffering.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



*This is my Son, whom
I have chosen...*

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

The Lord said to Abram: "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then the Lord said to Abram, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But Abram said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

The Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought the Lord all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? R.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. R.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,

you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! R.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong,

and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! R.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 (shorter)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm, my beloved, in the Lord in this way.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," but Peter did not know what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2022 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C

1st Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Charles Salt and Peter Uhatafe who was baptized last Sunday 6th March.

LIST OF THE SICK: Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tracey Tosatto, Eleanor Petterson, 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: Eric Dawson, Marie Hannelas, Fr Mick O'Callaghan Anthony Lythgoe, Andrew Farrugia, Ioane Niumata, Jose Baldonado, Nellie Lincoln, Fr John Reilly SJ, Janice Barr, Fred Allen, Norbert Carlon, Maria Farrugia, William Murray, Selvina Cieppara Jannette Gohari, Emanuel and Rose Bugeja, Tuamasaga Peaga Ale, Bernard Gibbons, Noni Franklin, Wendy Paterson, John Rassaci, Dallan Jack McMillen, Baby Ayden Weippeartt, Collin Russell, Marlene Backett, Chuck Davey, Daphne Stevens, Chad Brown, Monsignor Alexander "Lex" Johnson, Lourdes Aquino, Kenneth Tobin.

RECENTLY DECEASED:



MASS for SENIORS & ANOINTING of the SICK

// Tuesday 15th March //
// 12.00pm //
// in the church //

If you require transportation,
or would like to volunteer for
this event, please see
Sr Carlene or contact the
parish office.

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 5th/ 6th March 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 643.50
2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,822.95

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

SPECIAL LEAVING COLLECTIONS

Please note: Next weekend (19th/20th March), we will have a special leaving bucket collection for:

- Jesuit Mission Ukraine Emergency Appeal—to support the work on the ground of Jesuit Refugee Service Europe, responding to the Ukraine crisis, and the
- St Vincent De Paul Flood Relief Appeal—to support the community with financial payments as part of the recovery process from the recent floods.

The total funds received from the bucket collections, will be shared between the two appeals.

If you would like to donate directly to any of these appeals, please do so online:

- Ukraine Emergency Appeal—

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/ukraine/> OR call Jesuit Mission on 02 8918 4109.

- St Vincent De Paul Flood Appeal—

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-flood-appeal> or call 13 18 12.



Ukraine

I can't make the world be peaceful



I can't make the world be peaceful

I can't stall tanks from roaring down roads

I can't prevent children from having to hide in the bunkers

I can't convince the news to stop turning war into a video game

I can't silence the sound of bombs tearing neighbourhoods apart

I can't turn a guided missile into a bouquet of flowers

I can't make a warmonger have an ounce of empathy

I can't convince ambassadors to quit playing truth or dare

I can't deflect a sniper's bullet from turning a wife into a widow

I can't starve off a country being reduced to ash and rubble

I can't do any of that

the only thing I can do is love the next person I encounter without any conditions or strings

to love my neighbour so fearlessly that it starts to ripple that stretches from one horizon to the next

I can't force peace on the world but I can become a force of peace in the world

because...

sometimes all it takes is a single lit candle in the darkness to start a movement

"Lord, make me a candle of comfort in this world let me burn with peace"

- John Roedel

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

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL

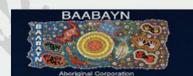
252 Luxford Road, Emerton NSW 2770
9AM - 3PM

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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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.

**Autumn Holiday Program****WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL—SCENIC WORLD**

Scenic World at Katoomba offers a range of experiences found nowhere else on earth. Check out the amazing experiences available on their website: www.scenicworld.com.au

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL—TARONGA ZOO

Join us for a packed schedule of wild experiences and kid-friendly activities at Australia's famous, Taronga Zoo, Sydney. Check out their website www.taronga.org.au and plan your day!

TICKETS: \$10 for Adults (aged 16+)
\$5 for Children (aged 3-15)
Children under 3 are FREE.

(Tickets includes bus and admission fee only!)

Tickets go on sale from the Parish Office on Wednesday 16th March 2022.

Payments to be made in CASH ONLY!!

- There are no booking reservations, cancellations or refunds.
- Limit of 10 tickets per family. Priority is given to families residing in the Mt Druitt 2770 suburban areas, or in the Blacktown LGA.
- Names and ages of participants are required upon purchase.
- All participants must travel on the bus.
- Punctuality is crucial. If you miss the bus, your ticket will be forfeited.
- Tickets may be transferrable. Contact must be made with the parish office at least 24 hours before departure.
- Participants plan their own itinerary at each destination.

For more information, please contact Malia at the parish office on 02 9628 7272, or enquiry@hollyfamily.org.au

**JOIN A LENTEN PRAYER GROUP!**

Grow deeper into your relationship with God and other parishioners this Lent.

TUESDAYS at 6.30pm: Getting more out of Mass -
 - in the chapel.

WEDNESDAYS at 6.30pm: Christian Meditation -
 - in the Mary Mackillop Meeting room.

THURSDAYS at 3.00pm at residence in Tregear—
 - Lenten reflection group.

FRIDAYS at 10.30am at residence in Dharruk:
 - Lenten reflection group.

FRIDAYS at 6.00pm: Stations of the Cross in English
7.00pm: Stations of the Cross in Tongan
 - Meditations on the Stations of the Cross in the church.

Resources are available if you would like to journey individually, as a family, or your own small group this Lent. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Questions for Reflection

- * In today's Gospel, the apostles see who Jesus truly is. Sometimes we can be afraid to let people see who we really are—even God. How can we be "real" with God today? What are some of the things that we hide from God that he wants to share with us?
- * Being vulnerable with others can be an invitation for others to be vulnerable with us. How can our openness allow others to share their joys and hopes, their griefs and anxieties, and bring us both closer to God?

(Source: 'Remember' Lenten resource, Diocese of Wollongong 2022.)

**Second Sunday of Lent**
12 & 13 March

Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way *For All Future Generations*.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.



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.

THE GIFT OF GIVING

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

Week 2
Cooking Oil

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

**THIS LENT**