



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 : 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

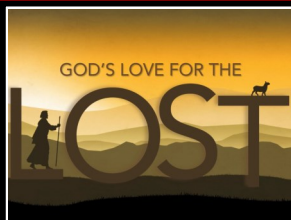
So often we are searching for God. In a sense such a search is futile because we are not really sure what we are looking for. And if we are sure, then it probably is not God that we find. Besides, we do not really 'find' God. Rather, God is revealed to us. What is so shocking about this is that the God who is ultimately revealed is a God we would never have thought of seeking. The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could have ever imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned, yet loving father, God patiently waits until we have come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

It is not enough that God chooses to enter into covenant with us. Our God is foolishly consumed with an insatiable desire to re-establish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well-being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer, of course, is that it has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God but God's very essence, and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Nobody in their right mind makes up such an understanding of God. Yet this is the God whom Jesus (and the Old Testament) reveal as the true nature of God: the God of unconditional, steadfast, love; the God who abandons common sense to seek us out when we have done all we can to abandon God; the God who rejoices when we come back into God's presence.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Father, I have sinned...

FIRST READING: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17-19.

R: I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. R.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me. R.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. R.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2022 - **25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C**

1st Reading: Amos 8: 4-7
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13



SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Beloved: I, am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence.

But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.

But for that very season I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 15: 1-10 (shorter version)

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them a parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Lopisoni Makario, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Baby Gabriella Mafi, Nanding Flores, Pam Picart-Manalac, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, Mayta Attachian, Carmen Carlon, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Jose Lay, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maybelle Torres, Antonio Sacdalan, Eileen Gaynor, Fr John Langtry, Soofa Sita, Arimou Araujo, Mele Fangupo, Carmencita Inocencio, George Nematalla, Estefan D'Cauna, Charlie Wilkinson, Mel Fouhy, Manuel Herrero, Epifania Saquitan, Salvatore (Buddy) Datoc, Connie Wells, Fr. Bernie King, Martians Tunggal, Tina Lane, Margaret Best, Richmond Byrne Jnr, John Carlow, Luke Cassar, Ronald Aldridge, Milly Anderson, William Charles Flynn, Baby Holly Kelly, Nellie Shepherd, Ivan Glasheen, Win Walton, Rev Tom Leonard, Joan d' Cruze, Irene Nardie, Kevin Williams, Martha Abood, Crispin Andrade, Cyril Eakin, Thelma Muller, Ana Seina Toa Filipe.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Queen Elizabeth II, Mary Facer, Jean Desveaux, Fr Tupou Ma'afu, Fr Mikaele Paunga SM, Polosepina Palu, Sina Kiteau-Viliamu



Prayer to **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Most holy and afflicted Virgin, Mother of Sorrows! You stood motionless at the foot of the Cross beneath your dying Son.

Through the sword of grief which pierced you then, through the unceasing suffering of your life of sorrow, and the bliss which now fully repays you for your past trials and afflictions, look upon me with a mother's tenderness and have pity on me. As I pray before you, I place my request with confidence in your wounded Heart.

Dearest Mother, have pity on me, reconcile me to your Divine Son, Jesus, keep me in His grace, and assist me in my last agony, so that I may meet you in heaven together with your loving Son.

Amen!

Feast Day—September 15th



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 3rd/4th September 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 797.25

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 2,496.20

Bishop's Father's Day appeal: \$ 1,162.05

**Spring Catholic Outlook
out now!**

**Copies available at the back
of the church.**



IN LOVING MEMORY

*It is with great sadness, that we share the news of the passing
of our following loved ones in our community:*



Jean Andre Desveaux

Funeral Details:

10.00am on Wednesday 21st September
at Holy Family Catholic Church



Mary Facer

Funeral Details:

1.30pm on Thursday 22nd September
at Holy Family Catholic Church



Fr Tupou Ma'afu

Fr Tupou Ma'afu passed away on Tuesday
6th September, in Tonga.

We remember in prayer, his family, friends and
the Tongan community.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the
faithful departed, rest in peace!*



**Next Sunday, 17th September, we will be
celebrating the Season of Creation at the
10.30am Mass.**

SEASON of CREATION—Mantras from *Laudto Si*

Sing it! Say it! Sketch it! Pray it!

All quotes are from Laudato Si... cf. numbers in brackets indicate relevant paragraph.

Sun 11 Sept:

"... where is our sense of responsibility for humanity?..." (25)

Mon 12 Sept: *"... let solidarity and care well-up within us..." (58)*

Tue 13 Sept: *"... every creature sings a hymn of existence..." (85)*

Wed 14 Sept:

"... imagine a healthier, more human, social, integral vision..." (112)

Thur 15 Sept: *"... pause and recover depth in life..." (113)*

Fri 16 Sept:

"... recover the values, glimpse the great goals..." (114)

Sat 17 Sept: *"... find our true selves in this world..." (115)*

(Compiled by Sr Jill Shirvington op, of the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands; member of the Inter-Congregational Voice on Climate Change—Pacific Climate Watch.

Updated by Sue Martin Australian Jesuit Province Care for our Common Home officer & Caritas Australia Earthcare coordinator).

The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org and register their expression of interest. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org

If you are a young person between the ages of 18-35, and is interested in going to the next World Youth Day in Portugal 2023, please email enquiry@holyfamily.org.au



Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse

PRAYER

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness. Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.

Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour.

AMEN.



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.



HOLY FAMILY, MT DRUITT

YOUTH NIGHT

For ages 16-25

	SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022	
	6.00PM - 8.30PM	
	HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL	

Mass for Seniors

and ANOINTING of the SICK



Thursday 15th September, at 11.30am, in HOLY FAMILY CHURCH.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



CLERGY SUPPORT
FOUNDATION

Let us care for those who have cared
for us through their lifetime of service



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day
Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy

parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



Thank you for caring for our Retired Clergy

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised **\$1,162.05** to care for our retired priests and clergy in ill-health.

Your heart-felt gifts enable the Clergy Support Foundation to nurture our retired priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing.

Because of your kindness, we can support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; and provide home comforts and essentials for living well.

If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT DRUITT

Spring Holiday Program

#1 - CANBERRA - FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

BUS SCHEDULE:

Departing HFC at 7.00am sharp!
 1st stop: Australian War Memorial (1hr)
 2nd stop: Parliament House (2hrs)
 3rd stop: National Art Gallery (1hr)
 Approx arrival back at HFC: 6.30pm

TICKETS:

\$10 PER PERSON

(Children aged 0-2 FREE)

#2 - SYDNEY ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS - WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2022

BUS SCHEDULE:

Departing HFC at 9.00am
 Leaving the Gardens at approx 2.30pm
 Arrival back at HFC: approx 3.40pm

TICKETS:

\$10 for ADULTS (18yrs+)

\$5 for CHILDREN (3-17yrs)

(Children aged 0-2 FREE)

NOTE: Pick-up and Drop-off from local 2770 shops is also available. Call us for more info!

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW
FROM THE PARISH OFFICE!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- This program is for families and individuals residing in the Blacktown LGA, specifically those living in the Mt Druitt 2770 suburban areas.
- Payments are to be made in **CASH ONLY!**
- Tickets are limited! There are no booking reservations, cancellations or refunds. Tickets are transferable.
- Tickets include transportation, and general admission fee, if any, at destinations. NOTE: Fees for special exhibitions at the National Art Gallery are not included. Food/drinks are not included—you need to bring your own OR purchase at location.
- Participants contact details, residing suburbs, and ages of children are required when purchasing tickets.
- Punctuality is crucial! If you miss the bus, your ticket is forfeited/ you have to arrange your own travel home.
- Your safety is all of our priority! We strongly encourage participants to wear face masks on the bus.
- **IF ON THE DAY OF TRAVEL, YOU ARE EXPERIENCING COLD/FLU LIKE or COVID SYMPTOMS, WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITY. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.