



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Easter Vigil : 7.00 pm Easter 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
Holy Thursday	7.00pm Liturgy
Good Friday	3.00pm Service
Holy Saturday	7.00pm Easter Vigil



MASS AT WILLMOT CHURCH

Sunday 7.30am
Cnr Pelsart & Carteret Ave Willmot

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Thursday: 6.00pm Friday: 9.00am, 11.00am, 2.00pm
Saturday: 6.00pm Or by appointment.

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

We all know (or think we know) the story of the Passion of Christ; yet each gospel version is slightly different. Each gospel has different things that Jesus says on the cross, different other characters involved, different ways of understanding why this happened. That is why, during this week, we hear about some of the context of God's plan for the crucifixion. The Songs of the Servant in Isaiah are central to this understanding.

The focus of today's third Song of the Servant is the dynamics of hearing and speaking the word of God. We must learn, morning after morning to hear God's word in our ears. This might come through the book of scriptures or through the book of creation – God can speak equally clearly through either, for those who have ears to hear.

Secondly, we are called to proclaim that word through action and speech. St Francis Assisi once said: "Preach always, use words when necessary." Although the speaker is identified as a disciple here (one who is well trained), the description is precisely that of a prophet, one who hears God's word and proclaims it.

However, the Old Testament testifies to the experience of a heavy price exacted of the speaker. He will suffer both personal insult and physical attack – so such a mission is not for the faint of heart or those lacking in courage. Despite this the prophet does not recoil from his call. He willingly accepts what appears to be the consequences of his prophetic ministry. We are not always sure why such a violent response is taken. All we do know is that the Servant of God does not abandon it or take himself out of harm's way. If anything, this passage resembles a declaration of confidence in God's sustaining presence – something that comes out most clearly in John's Passion narrative. The suffering endured is willingly accepted because, as St Ignatius of Loyola says, it is for the Greater Glory of God.



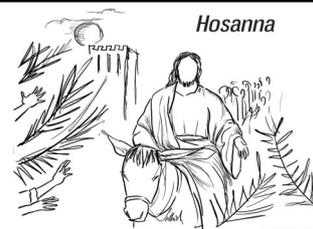
Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-7

The servant of the Lord said: "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

"The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

"I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

"The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver; let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" R.

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shrivelled; I can count all my bones. R.

They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! R.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! R.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 22: 14—23: 56



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2022 — EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9



Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures—
I wish no more than this, O Lord.



Into your hands I commend my soul:
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your
hands without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father. Amen.

(Blessed Charles de Foucauld)

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Sailor Christiansen and August Jefferson, who were baptized last Sunday 3rd April, 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: Fr Phil Crotty SJ, Marie Martin, Mary Fenech, Jeffrey Symons, Helen Quinlivan, James Ridge, Pedro Liendo, Tess Jones, Estelle Fakahau, Joseph Borg, Jane Marquez, Bob Speers, Bishop Ricardo (Dili, East Timor), Ellie Waltz, Veronica Tobin, Charlie Tobin, Mary Toohey, Lily Keasberry, Mona Nugent, Shirley Butler, Simon Gunn, Fr Bob Mutlow O.P., Paciencia Junio, Ray Wyatt, Julie Mansour, Dianna Margetson, Maria Gatt, Cynthia Schumacher, William (Billy) Whiting, Leslie Sercomb, Bill Wilson, Jeanette Monk, Shanese Allen, Anthony Saliba, Ester Charlton, Charlie Vella, Maria Carvalho, Fr J O'Shea, Dennis Kennedy, Alice Lowles, John O'Brien.

RECENTLY DECEASED:



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 2nd/3rd April 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 978.10
 2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 2,104.65

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION at ST MARYS PARISH

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish seeks to establish perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022.

We seek more adorers for our roster, willing to commit one hour per week, day or night. We particularly request men to fill the late night and early morning hours.

The adoration will be held in the Adoration Chapel, attached to the parish presbytery and easily accessible from the street.

If you are willing and able to be part of this campaign, please complete the form at the back of the church, and return it to the parish office, or either ring or email St Mary's Parish Office on (02) 9623 1962; secretaryolrchurch@inet.net.au God bless.



Thank You for Supporting Catholic Care's Community Drop-in Centres

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raised **\$1,019.35**, which will help Catholic Care to expand their services so that we can reach more of our vulnerable neighbours who may be isolated and in need of support.

Thank you for your compassion, for being a Good Samaritan and for loving your neighbours in need.

For anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

Please continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including Catholic Care's Community Drop-in Centres.

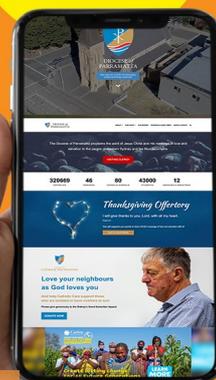


April 19

Our Synod response to Pope Francis is taking shape. The journey continues ...

View
 Respond
 Celebrate

Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/>



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 6

Laundry Powder & Dishwashing Liquid



Small bottles and boxes of these items are appreciated, e.g. 500ml bottles and 1kg boxes.



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



THIS LENT

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY 15th APRIL

EASTER MONDAY 18th APRIL

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

The office may be unattended at times during this Holy Week and the week after Easter. If you are trying to get through to the office, please leave a voicemail on 02 9628 7272 OR 0497 966 277, OR email enquiry@hollyfamily.org.au, and we will try and respond as soon as we can. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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.



Please bring your own candles to our Easter Vigil celebration. OR if you still have your Baptismal candle, bring it with you.



Will you spend ONE HOUR with Me?

Spend some time with Jesus after the Holy Thursday service. Altar of Repose will be in the School Hall until 7.00am, Good Friday morning.



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world.

Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019).

This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.



WE WALK WITH JESUS

Good Friday
 HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land.

Holy Week

But God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us
 Romans 5:8



HOLY THURSDAY—14th April:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6.00pm
 Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY—15th April:

Stations of the Cross: 10.00am
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9.00am—10.00am
 11.00am—12.00pm
 2.00pm—3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY—16th April:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9.30am & 6.00pm
 Easter Vigil: 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY—17th April:

Mass at Holy Family: 9.00am & 10.30am
 Mass at Willmot: 7.30am

Please return all **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** to the church as soon as possible.

Easter offering envelopes and boxes are available at the back of the church.



Palm Sunday –9 & 10 April

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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, or visit lent.caritas.org.au or phone 1800 024 413.

