



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 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pope Francis tells us: "Peace, true peace, cannot be bought. It is a gift from God. A gift he gives the church. In order to get it, Christians must continue to entrust the church to God, asking him to take care of it and defend it from the attacks of the Evil One, who offers us a different peace, a worldly peace, not true peace."

We must certainly do our part in helping to shape and work with the church: participating in the work of the church to help one another, to be of service, and to reflect on our understanding of theology. Pope Francis goes on to say, "But more important is what the Lord does: he is the only one who can look the Evil One in the face and conquer him. 'The prince of this world is coming against me and he can do nothing.' If we do not want the prince of this world to get hold of the church, we must entrust it to the only one who can defeat the prince of this world.

"We do not make a habit of entrusting the church to the Lord. So I invite you to entrust the elders, the sick, children, young people to the Lord, repeating "Look after us Lord, who are your church': it is yours! When we have this attitude, he will give us, in the midst of suffering, that peace which only he can give. That peace which is the true gift of the presence of Jesus in the midst of the church, even in times of great suffering, such as persecution and also lesser sufferings such as illness or family problems. All this we should entrust to the Lord, praying: "Look after your church in her suffering, so that she may not lose faith, so that she may not lose hope."

Trust in the Lord!

"PEACE IS WHAT I LEAVE WITH YOU;
IT IS MY OWN PEACE THAT I GIVE YOU.
I DO NOT GIVE IT AS THE WORLD DOES.
DO NOT BE WORRIED AND UPSET; DO
NOT BE AFRAID.
JOHN 14:27

Fr Gregory

SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



*The Holy Spirit will
remind you...*

FIRST READING: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the Apostles and the elders.

Then the Apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole Church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter:

"The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth.

"For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood and from what is strangled, and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. R.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. R.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him. R.

SECOND READING: Revelations 21: 10-14, 22-23

In the spirit the Angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve Angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamb is the Lamb.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14: 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

"You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 29th MAY 2022 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53



*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
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Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Ava and Ace Shipley-Vousden, and Evie Stowers, who were baptized last Sunday 15th May, 2022.

LIST OF THE SICK: Pam Picart-Manalac, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, 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: Pam Lassini, Kevin Sullivan, Robyn Norman, Sister Mary Ryan, Colin Summerfield, Fr Adolfo Nicolas S.J., Kathleen Donnelly, Pat Allen, Val Hardy, Lusita Sitani, Cecil Benson, John Benson, Elsie Lliger, Helen Chambers, Kilistina Kiteau, Vicente (Vic) Araullo, Mario Lliger, Gary Hallett, Lyn Burton, Simon Gunn, Dianna Margetson, Maria Gatt, Cynthia Schumacher, William (Billy) Whiting, Leslie Sercombe, 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, Vincent Conovan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alex Samawi, Gloria McAtamney, Angelo Kenk, Emosi Fainga'anuku



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 14th/15th May 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 764.70

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,682.45

SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH NIGHT YOUTH NIGHT

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 - 25

Our Lady, Help of Christians Feast Day—May 24

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

The altar at St. Mary's, with its statue of Mary Help of Christians, was erected as a memorial to Fr. Therry's name.

The statue of Mary, Help of Christians, stands in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart in the Cathedral.

The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day.

Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin the life of a believer.

Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace".

Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

Source: The Catholic Weekly, by Staff Writers, May 23, 2012.



POPE FRANCIS

"Listening with the ear of the heart"

2022

World Communications Sunday—May 22

When we think of communications most of us look at it from the point of view of the person who speaks or writes. We think about the best ways to address our audience. In his message for World Communications Sunday this year, however, Pope Francis looks at communication from the perspective of the person who is addressed. His theme is listening. He reminds us that communication is a two-way process, involving a speaker and a listener. Communication is effective when each partner has an opportunity to speak and to listen.

When we focus on listening rather than speaking we notice things that might otherwise escape us. We recognise how strong in all of us is the desire to be listened to and understood. Pope Francis speaks of the universal and 'boundless desire to be heard'. This passionate desire explains in part why people find social media so appealing, and how destructive its effects can be. It gives ordinary people who would otherwise never find people to listen to them the opportunity to speak and be heard. Unfortunately, they will often find themselves, not listened to, but judged, mocked and condemned without a hearing. That is one of the risks that face young people who are disadvantaged in many ways, some of whom we accompany at Jesuit Social Services.

In public conversation it can deter people from communicating and encourage shouting. The result is that they will then confine their communication to people with whom they agree. They do not seek the truth but trade in their own version of it. Listening then lies at the heart of our work.

Pope Francis sees listening as a gift that we need to nurture, not something that we do naturally and can take for granted. Nor does taking it in turns to speak guarantee that we shall listen to the other person. In our homes as well as in public conversation in Parliament, newspapers and on television communication can degenerate into serial monologues in which no one listens and all go away dissatisfied. Good listening does not take place only through the ears but also through the heart. We treasure what we hear in our hearts, making space in silence to be touched and surprised by what we hear and so to enter the other person's world and life with compassion.

We often speak of God's Word. That is right, but it can lead us to imagine God's communication as one in which God speaks and we listen. Actually, as Pope Francis says, in our relationship with God, God spends most of the time listening, hoping we might leave a silent space when we are open to hear God's still voice.

- Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ



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.



Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light



At all Masses next weekend 28th/29th May!

PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

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



BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022
 27 MAY - 3 JUNE #NRW2022



RECONCILIATION
AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27th MAY—3rd JUNE, 2022

The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

Last year Reconciliation Australia encouraged all Australians to take action; not just in National Reconciliation Week but every week of the year. We saw unprecedented response to our suggested actions for everyday and for braver action.

This year we are asking everyone to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work, play and socialise. National Reconciliation Week—27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Find out more about National Reconciliation Week via <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au>

#NRW2022 #BeBraveMakeChange

Funeral Notice for the late Angelo Kenk

Tuesday 24th May, 2022

10.00am service at the North Side Chapel,
Pinegrove Cemetery, Minchinbury NSW 2770

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual shine upon him. May Angelo's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

FORWARD PLANNING: ADULT CONFIRMATION ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Thursday 1st September, 2022 at 7.30pm

This is a community celebration for those who have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. This celebration of Adult Confirmation is for those who have reached the age of 16 years, provided they have received Holy Communion.

Adult Confirmation 2022

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on **Saturday 20th August, 9.30am–2.00pm** at the **Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the Institute for Mission)** in the **Downstairs Hall, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown 2148** (off Flushcombe Rd). A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all Sponsors attend the catechesis.

Please Note:

- ★ Each candidate needs a Sponsor who is fully initiated in the Sacraments, is over sixteen years of age and is aware of the responsibility needed for this role.
- ★ A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the Candidates to assist in the overall task of preparing the candidates for the sacrament. They may bring this on the Catechesis Day.
- ★ For further information, please see Sister Carlene.

How to Pray

Experience some different ways of meditating or praying in the Christian and Ignatian Spirituality traditions, including silence and stillness and tapping into our imagination and inner wisdom.

Practical and useful, with the emphasis on experiencing meditation, with short explanations rather than lectures.

Online Over Three Tuesdays

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm AEST on Tuesdays 14, 21 and 28 June 2022

Email info@jisa.org.au for booking enquiries.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our *Children's Liturgy of the Word* is back every Sunday during the 10:30 am mass and we would like to invite all children aged 5 years old and above to come and join us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Please consider helping to share the Gospel! You will need to have OR obtain a Working With Children Check (WWCC) number and clearance.

For more information, please contact the parish office 02 9628 7272.

