



# 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

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Money is the root of all evil” – it is essentially one of the themes for today’s readings again: money and the social relationships that this fosters or breaks.

It is not wealth in itself that is at question (even today we could point to wealthy people who live close to the gospel values through very generous philanthropic foundations, are kind and loving in their relationships, etc.) – it is the selfish lifestyles of the wealthy that is being critiqued here. When the wealthy are complacent and show disregard to others then wealth has turned them away from God. When we are relatively secure and satisfied with the circumstances of our lives, it is easy for us to take these blessings for granted, to think we have a right to all our good fortune. This is particularly the case in societies that foster a sense of individual opportunity and advancement (typically coming from American culture) – “I earned this, so I have the right to enjoy it as I see fit.”

The alternative approach is the covenantal as a communal concept (as found in First Nation cultures across the globe, such as Australian Aborigines). This concept emerges when mutual responsibility is strong. In the biblical covenants, God enters into these solemn pacts with the entire nation. While individuals do have rights and obligations, they carry them as members of the group, not merely as individuals. Furthermore, these rights and obligations flow from the relationships with one another as well as with God. It is for this reason that social justice was such a fundamental concern of the prophets in ancient Israel.

These readings are held up to us today so we can compare our sense of covenant with the people portrayed within them. To what extent have we even been aware of the covenantal bonds with others? And conscious of it, how faithfully have we carried out our responsibilities? The people portrayed in today’s readings have not committed any sins (unlike last week’s readings), but rather have omitted to do the right thing – How do we measure up in this regard?

Fr Gregory

## The Rich Man & Lazarus



# SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



The rich man and Lazarus

### FIRST READING: Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: "Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!

"Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

"Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of those who lie in ease shall pass away."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 145: 6-10

#### R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free. R.

The Lord open the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous and watches over the strangers. R.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. R.

### SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

As for you, man of God; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no human being has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Luke 16: 19-31

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

"The poor man died and was carried away by the Angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

"But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

"The man who had been rich said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send Lazarus to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2022 - 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-9



### MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

☆ at ROPES CROSSING

☆ on Tuesday 27th September at 11.30am

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY 2nd October!!

Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour at 2am next Sunday.



### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**BAPTISMS:** We welcomed into our community, Georgina Sapon, Finley Richardson, and Maverick Keating-Heckenberg, who were baptized last Sunday 18th September.

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Lopisoni Makario, Margaret Kearney, Paul Peters, 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:** Malia Paunga Lolesio snr, Frank Cusack, Nybol Akol, Juan Navarro, Tom Flood, Rocco Dominici, Kevin Walz, Carmencita Inocencio, George Nematalla, Estefan O'Cauna, Charlie Wilkinson, Mel Fouhy, Manuel Herrero, Epifania Saquitan, Salvadore (Buddy) Datoc, Connie Wells, Fr Bernie King, Martinus 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.

## 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

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For contributions towards the 2nd Collection, for our parish expenses, please use the following details:

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## 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 25 Sept:**

*"... the environment is on loan to each generation..." (159)*

**Mon 26 Sept:**

*"... consider the cracks in the planet we inhabit..." (163)*

**Tue 27 Sept:**

*"... one world with a common plan..." (164)*

**Wed 28 Sept:**

*"... land, sea, air, space—all global 'commons'..." (178)*

**Thur 29 Sept:**

*"... unity is greater than conflict..." (198)*

**Fri 30 Sept:**

*"... draw deeply upon convictions about justice, love & peace..." (200)*

**Sat 1 Oct:**

*"... embrace a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle..." (222)*

(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).

## PARISH COLLECTIONS: for the weekend of the 17th/18th September 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):

**\$ 913.90**

2nd collection (for parish expenses):

**\$ 2,526.70**

## Migrant and Refugee Sunday—September 25 National Week of Prayer and Action

Migrant and Refugee Sunday this year invites us 'to build a better future together'. It adds the realistic qualification: 'wherever we might be right now'. It recognises that more refugees than ever before are now being driven from their homes and displaced by war, famine, drought and fear for the future. They rely on the support of other nations many of which are determined to shut them out, not to offer them hospitality. 'Where we are now' includes the challenge we face of handling and recovering from COVID, of economic challenges that demand great changes, and of threatening rifts in international relationships.

In Australia, however, where we are now is in a space of possibility. With the change of Government and a softening of language and actions concerning refugees, both they and people who care for them have dared to hope for a more compassionate policy. The sympathy expressed for the Nadesaligam family and subsequent grant of permanent residence, the release from long-term detention of many vulnerable people, and other small changes have encouraged hope of a policy based on compassion and not on deterrence.

World Migrant and Refugee Sunday encourages us to ask how we can build a better future together. Like other large goals such as addressing climate change this can seem overwhelming. The task is enormous and the resources are few. We need to find a patch of rock at which we can chip away and go from there. As in all worthwhile human enterprises small is beautiful. There are many ways in which we can give to refugees our time, our resources, our voice and our heart.

The most important gift is of our heart. We can take refugees into our heart by reading their stories, listening to them speak, allowing time to imagine what it is must be like to flee from Ukraine fearing for your life and desperate to find food and a night's shelter for your family, or what it must be like to be locked in a Melbourne hotel room, able to see people living normally outside but unable to join them. We can also pray for refugees, ensure that they are prayed for in our parish Masses, and we can make opportunities to meet them

and to fit faces and stories to the word refugee.

If our heart is moved the way we spend our time will naturally follow. We can take time to write to our local member of parliament, to attend meetings of support, to visit and support impoverished refugees in our local area, and join advocacy groups. Refugee Week this year focuses on advocacy and settlement. They also invite us to give our voice and our resources. In Australia no lasting move from a cruel to a compassionate policy can happen unless the majority of Australians support it. Advocacy is vital. The most important form of advocacy is personal – the conversations we have with friends and family, over morning tea at work or in the pub. As we speak up for refugees we naturally come to know more about their situation and their treatment, and join passionate people in their advocacy. As we look at the extreme conditions of people languishing in detention and in immediate flight from war and famine we may easily overlook people in the Australian community who have waited for a long time for a response to their appeal for protection. They lack income support and often suffer from mental or physical illness. They need people to befriend them and help support them in other ways. We can do this by taking time for both prayer and action.

This year, the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) will be focusing their National Week of Prayer and Action (held 25th–30th September) on things we can do now, that will help build the future we want: an Australia that welcomes people seeking asylum and treats them with humanity and compassion. Through using our voice, heart, time and resources – we have the opportunity to connect with and advocate alongside people seeking asylum and refugees to build this future. For further information and to get involved visit [www.capsa.org.au/nwpa\\_2022/](http://www.capsa.org.au/nwpa_2022/)

– 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.



HOLY FAMILY, MT DRUITT

# YOUTH NIGHT

For ages 16-25

\\ SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022 //  
 \\ 6.00PM - 8.30PM //  
 \\ HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL //



GET UP!  
 STAND UP!  
 SHOW UP!

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NAIDOC WEEK COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

## EVERYONE WELCOME

HOSTED BY ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES EMERTON

CELEBRATE THE MANY WHO HAVE DRIVEN AND LED  
 CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES OVER GENERATIONS

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022 | 10AM TO 2PM  
 254 LUXFORD RD EMERTON

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 CREATURE FEATURE, FACE PAINTING, LOTS OF FUN



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## MASTERCLASS

for Sponsor Married Couples

Friday 28 October 2022 | 7.30pm  
 Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown



Are you available to accompany an engaged couple for between 4-9 weeks  
 as they prepare for marriage? All resources supplied together with discussion  
 questions. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email  
[marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa 8838 3460.



## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

"The Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees"  
 group of the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to an  
 afternoon of fun, food and friendship. Join us in  
 celebrating the World Day of Migrants & Refugees.  
 All are welcome to this family and kid friendly event!

Sunday 25 September 2022 in Blacktown

2:00pm: Mass with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's  
 Church, 51-59 Allawah St

3:30pm - 5:00pm: Afternoon event at All Saints of Africa Centre, 63  
 Allawah St

(Parking is available at the Church)

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 Laudato Si' Action Team invites you to a

## DIOCESAN ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY RETREAT DAY

WITH TRISH HINDMARSH

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER, 9AM - 4PM

Please register at: [parracatholic.org/PJEreretreat](https://parracatholic.org/PJEreretreat)



WINBOURNE RETREAT CENTRE, MULGOA

Cost: \$25 (incl. morning tea and lunch)

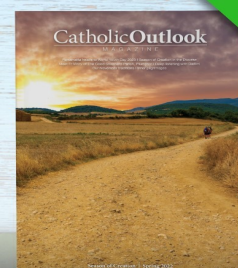
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