



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 : 5.30pm 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

A REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

One of the hallmarks of the Jesuit charism is the effort to “find God in all things”. But this does not mean that God is controlling everything, that God is behind every action in our lives and in nature. I do not believe that God directly caused the tsunami of December 2004 in the Indian Ocean, or of March 2011 off the coast of Japan. I do not believe that God was behind the Hurricane Katrina that struck the coast of New Orleans in 2005. And I do not believe that the fires of Ash Wednesday 1986 in Victoria, or the COVID pandemic of 2020, or almost any other disaster are the result of God’s action.

Do not get me wrong though, God certainly has the power to do such things if that is his plan. But this should not be our default position of immediately putting the blame on God.

When people bring up such stories and try and blame God for these disasters, I often refer them to today’s reading from 1 Kings – Elijah recognized that the Lord was not to be found in the wind, nor the earthquake, nor the fire; but rather the Lord came as “a tiny whispering sound”.

The wider context of this story is that Elijah is running away from his duties as a prophet to Israel, fearing for his life under the persecution of the king. But God sends Elijah back to Israel to complete his work. As we know, God does not fear persecution since he can transform it; God does not fear natural disasters because there are generous souls to care for those in need.



God, is that
You
whispering?

God does not want us to run away from our troubles, but to face them with him by our side. But we do need to become attuned to this “tiny whispering sound” of God’s voice.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

You of
little faith
why did
you
doubt?



FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19: 9-, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 84: 9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us our salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. R.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky. R.

The Lord will give what is good,
and our Lord will yield and increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

SECOND READING: Romans 9: 1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR A—SUNDAY 20th AUGUST 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Wednesday 19th July until
Tuesday 15th August, our Parish
office will be open:
Monday– Friday
10.00am–2.30pm

**CLOSED on WEEKENDS
and PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.
(02) 9628 7272**

Tuesday 15th August
Mass Times
8.30am and 6.00pm

*The Assumption
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY*

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September. If you are interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

The Mission Enhancement Team's *Soul Food Podcast* features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pffarra.org.au/soulfood/>

Diocesan Adult Confirmation: 5 September

Adult Confirmation 2023 will be held on Tuesday 5 September at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9:30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

FaithLIFE – 3 Night Short Course on Synodal Spirituality: Beginning 22 August

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 22 Aug + 29 Aug + 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pffarra.org.au/faithlife/>

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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