



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 Mass : 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



10.30am—Archdiocese of Sydney
www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHTnC8gGMDg

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME



11.00am—Diocese of Parramatta
www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese/

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



*Register your details upon entering the church
*Masks are mandatory.

*Sanitise hands
*Maintain safe distancing
*Wipe down your chairs before you leave.

*Please do not enter the church if you are unwell and/or experiencing flu-like symptoms.
MAXIMUM CAPACITY in the CHURCH = 221 ppl

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today continue on from the Christmas season where we celebrated God coming to us in Jesus. Now, as we enter Ordinary Time, we begin to look more closely into our own hearts and lives to see how open we are to receive Christ into our lives.

God is creating something new in the Church. God creates a new people out of the chaos he finds us in – like what he did with the primordial chaos in creation. God creates a new land out of devastation; God creates a new Spirit-filled community out of a fractured society. At Christmas the inbreaking of God came in a new way. Even Jesus experiences a call to newness: through Mary, God calls Jesus out into public ministry – the first of his miracles here at Cana. In this Ordinary Time we are asked to see how this newness can transform not just ourselves, but our world.

However, God does not leave us alone on this journey. The same Spirit that descended on Jesus at his baptism, is the same Spirit that is given to the Church in all its variety – for preaching wisdom or instruction, for faith, for healing, for miracles, for prophecy, for recognizing

spirits, for tongues, for interpreting tongues. No single person is expected to have all of these, in fact the Spirit spreads these gifts throughout the community (which is one reason why trying to live the Christian life on your own, you miss out on so many other gifts to help you).

There are times when this Spirit comes in special ways – In Advent it overshadowed Mary and it came again at Jesus' baptism, it came to the Church gathered at Pentecost and to each of us at Confirmation. But the Spirit is also active wherever God is present to create something new. So we should continue to seek and notice the presence of the Spirit all around us, every day of our lives.

Fr Gregory





SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 95: 1-3, 7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. R.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be revered above all gods. R.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts. R.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!"
He will justice the peoples with equity. R.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY 2022 — 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding about a hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

The Gospel of the Lord.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Kevin Smith, Carmen Carlon, Danielle Heatly, Janice Quinn, Rose Wilson, Sylvia Greene, Lopisoni Makario, George Mallouk, Zarouf Mallouk, Ave Sio, Cristina Frugone, Tracey Tosatto, Sandra Roseworn, Kenny McConnell, Jean Toovey, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Thomas Hurst, Monica Taylor, Pacita Galasgas, Dimaano, Leo Teman, Gene Nieborski, Colleen Hodges, Gerry Borg, Louise Hall, Helen Ryan, Lemauga Tuliatu, Vailemani Selui, Margaret Kearney, Eleanor Petterson, Margaret Joyce, Mary Facer, Antonia Beemster, Faith Nimmo, Janette Queensell, Vaha Vave, Barry Barrakett, Paul Cusack, Ian Watts, Corina Valentine, Jeffrey Bonnici, Jose Lay, Fay Iffland, Mayda Attachian, Tim Meagher, Ray Fenech, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fe Llave, Fara Vargas, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosanne Turner, Marie Ringuet, Maurice Whittaker, Desmond Bartle, Giovanni Cerbara, Joseph Rigby, Henry Pickstone, Jordan Harris, Pamela Smith, Rodney Moylan, Margaret Gavin, Anthony Long, William Sanderson, Webb Salama, Barry Walsh, Krunoslav Tadijanovic, George Benbow, Darcy Coffey, John Gillon-Dargin, Anne Meigh, Nancy Joseph, Peter Forage, Madge Barrett, Isaiah Smith, Norman Ward, Kurt Lee, Stevie Beale, Michael Slater, Stanley Williams, Paul Coulson, Bruce McIntosh, Lucy Bethune, David Vidler, Timothy Dineen, David Lacey, Anthony Teuma, Ernest Wood, Christine Flanagan, Dorothy Parrish, Clive Schloeffel, Garry Scott, Peter Mason, Kevin Ennew, Angela Lavaki, Maria Satapu, Vera Smith, Ruby Ritchie, Etevisé Ahdar, Cedric Nicol, Jason Knight, Gary Ryanhart, Kathleen Christopher, Patricia Young, Andrew Robertson, Shawn Matthews, Peter Stuban, Wayne Robertson, Michael Grant, Darren Philips, Tiffany Phillips-Cook, Edward Gallagher, Vilko Salecic, Thomas McCarron, Patrick Cullen, Salamone Pelasio, Alfred Micallef, Lola Poulton, Josefina Calip.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Viliamu Felise, Julie Lolesio, Kanthi Wickramasinghe, John O'Dea, Arlinda Araujo.



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).



*Thank you for your
generosity!*

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

for the weekend of the 8th/9th January 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):	\$ 446.25
2nd collection (for parish expenses):	\$ 1,564.20
Candles	\$ 144.65

THE CANA STORY

The story of the wedding feast in Cana in Galilee is unique to John but is only ever read today in the Year of Luke. It doesn't appear among the readings from John that dominate the last weeks of Lent and the whole of Easter.

Luke, as we saw during Advent with his account of the visitation, is a master of the art of telling a human story with divine purpose. John takes this even further. The stories he tells—the wedding feast, the woman at the well, the man born blind, the raising of Lazarus—are about signs that are meant to provoke insight into Jesus' identity. The narratives have disconcerting twists and seemingly disrespectful response to his mother at the wedding in Cana.

John is alerting us to the true import of Jesus' rescue of the embarrassed newlyweds. This sign is far more than an act of charity. It is a revelation of who Jesus is. The Cana story is a commentary on what John wrote in the prologue to his gospel: "through the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ." It prepares us for the epilogue, the full revelation of divine glory when Jesus is raised up to be again "nearest the Father's heart."



Source: Liturgy Brisbane, 2022.



When the song of angels is stilled

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with their flock,
 the work of Christmas begins:
 to find the lost,
 to heal the broken,
 to feed the hungry,
 to release the prisoner,
 to rebuild the nations,
 to bring peace among others,
 to make music in the heart.

Amen.

Source: Howard Thurman.

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THERE'S NOTHING ORDINARY ABOUT "ORDINARY TIME"!

The seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter all have names that identify them and evoke their distinctive character. It has to be confessed that "Ordinary Time" fails to do the same. Even the more accurate "Ordered Time" has no great appeal, but at least it offers a clue. In the course of the thirty-four weeks of the season, we read in an ordered way through the gospel account of Jesus' public ministry.

Guided this year by Luke, we accompany Jesus from his baptism through to his final discourse on the end of time. We witness his preaching, teaching, healing, praying and wayfaring. We see how he cares for the poor and lowly and how inclusive he is of women. We warm to his message of mercy but are taken aback of his demand for radical detachment from possessions and family. We are impressed by the centrality of prayer in his life, by his familiarity with the Spirit and by his determination to face the fate of prophets in Jerusalem.

Of our other companions in Ordinary Time, the prophets, wisdom writers and historians of the Old Testament come and go, but Paul the apostle, like Luke, is constantly by our side. We are amazed at the indefatigable energy with which he expounds the mystery of Christ, addresses divisive problems in his scattered communities and endures all kinds of hardship. In the end there's nothing ordinary about "Ordinary Time"!

Source: Liturgy Brisbane, 2022.

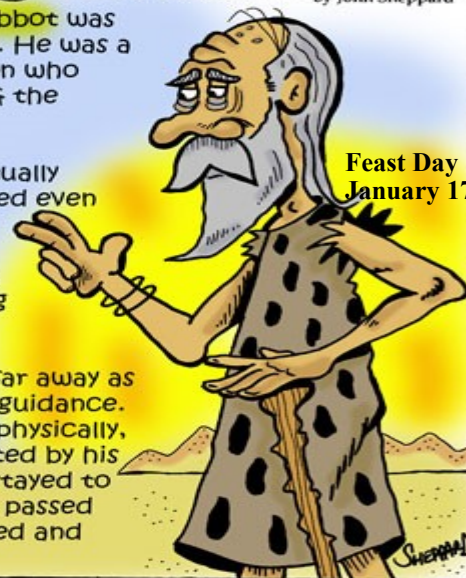
-SAINTS FUN FACTS-

by John Sheppard

St. Anthony the Abbot was an Egyptian hermit. He was a very spiritual person who believed in LIVING the Jesus life.

When people eventually found him, he moved even further away, eating only bread and water, praying, fasting and wearing skins as clothing.

Wise men from as far away as Greece sought his guidance. Some were healed physically, many were comforted by his words and others stayed to learn from him. He passed away at one hundred and five years old.



**Feast Day
January 17**



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.



Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2022

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin early next year in February. This is formation for anyone 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. If you are interested or would like more information please see Sr Carlene, OR contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

"LET US BE CLOSE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE GOING THROUGH ILLNESS AND ALSO THEIR FAMILIES."
POPE FRANCIS

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 11:00 AM **MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
 St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown
 RSVP anne.stanton@parracatholic.org
 02 8838 3456

World Day of the Sick

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
 Matthew 11:28

JANUARY 2022

Arabic Mass available in the Diocese

There is an Arabic Mass open to everyone in the Diocese of Parramatta celebrated every Sunday at 7.15pm in St Michael's Church, Blacktown, celebrated by Fr Chadi Ibrahim SDB, Assistant Priest at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated on 26 December, and then will resume after the Christmas and New Year break on Sunday 23 January 2022. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9622 1125.

Mass available for the Nigerian Catholic Community

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

Annual Legal Red Mass: 3 February 2022

The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday 3 February at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing mili@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone to (02) 8839 8400.

7th (Friday) DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY
6:00pm - 8:30pm

7th (Friday) 1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067, Tel 02 9410 9000
6:30pm - 8:30pm

21st-23rd (Fri-Sun) INNER HEALING RETREAT
"And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:32
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm

30th (Sunday) ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)
9:00am - 4:00pm
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

FEBRUARY 2022

18th-20th (Fri-Sun) INNER HEALING RETREAT
"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm

• **BOOKING REQUIRED • LIMITED NUMBERS**
 Pls contact 02 4372 1598, drcretreatreg@gmail.com

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ERECTION OF PLAQUES and MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our intention is to provide a way to remember our loved ones by placing plaques and/or spreading ashes on the memorial garden which is on the outside wall of the Church.

We hope to place permanent memorials to family members and relatives who have had some association with Holy Family.

We are not permitted to bury the remains of anyone on our property. However, we are free to dispose of ashes and erect plaques.

We propose that all the plaques be the same size and that the wording be designed by family members.

We wish to make the memorial as financially accessible as possible. The cost to the family would simply be the cost of the plaque. At the present time, a plaque costs about \$70 with the writing on it. We are free to acquire plaques from anywhere, provided they are the regular size of 30cm x 20cm. We recommend EXPRESS TROPIES (Unit 4/516 Great Western Hwy, St Marys, NSW 2760) Ph: (02) 9833 1585.

Holy Family will install, maintain and care for the garden and plaques. Feel free to make donations as you wish. Contact Holy Family Office: 02 9628 7272.

