



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 : 5.30 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

God does not, it seems to me, look with a narrow lens – God looks with a very wide-angle lens. God invites us to do the same thing! God looks more at the overall life we lead rather than the fine points of all our individual decisions. Although God certainly wants to help us with these little decisions, because they are what turn into the wide-lens perspective and flow of our life. The other thing that God wants us to do is be inclusive, we are to welcome all – this is much more demanding. Who deserves to be included in God’s reign? Is it only the faithful believer? Is it only those who hold the ‘correct’ theology? Will those who worship outside our church be allowed in?

There is something dangerous about being so convinced of our own salvation and the salvation status of others – it often makes us judgemental about the faults of others. Rules are absolutely necessary: they help to guide us in our discernment and practice of life. But there are times when even the rules need to be set aside for the care of the individual before us. Jesus broken many of the Sabbath rules when it was necessary – to heal the sick, to feed the disciples. Holding the rules and the flexibility of breaking them is a delicate tension. If we look at our own lives we will no doubt see the same tension. We may be people who keep the rules, but we are also breaking some of them, we are sinners.

The joy of the Gospel is that we are not called into the banquet with Christ because we deserve it, we are called in because God already loves us. We are simply called to be inclusive in the same way, invite others in, have a broad lens in which we judge the affairs of others (and ourselves), and not a fine lens that examines every single act in isolation.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Enter
through
the narrow
gate



FIRST READING: Isaiah 66: 18-21

Thus says the Lord: "For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them.

"From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud—which draw the bow—to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.

"They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem," says the Lord, "just as the children of Israel bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.

"And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites," says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 116

R: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples! R.

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. R.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters: You have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he accepts."

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom a father does not discipline?

Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 22-30

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

"When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.'

"Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But the Lord will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!'

"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the Prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28th AUGUST 2022 - 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C



1st Reading: Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14



Loving God,

*You have given all peoples one common origin,
and your will is to gather them as one family in yourself.*

*Fill the hearts of all with the fire of your love
and the desire to ensure justice for all our sisters and brothers.*

*By sharing the good things you give us
may we secure justice and equality for every human being,
an end to all division,
and a human society built on love and peace.*

- John Paul II, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 1987

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Fr Mikaele Paunga, Mary Facer, Lopisoni Makario, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Baby Gabriella Mafi, Archie Mori, 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.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Teting Oliverio



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 13th/14th August 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 807.90

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 2,132.95

A PRAYER OF DISTURBANCE

Lord, make me a channel of disturbance

Where there is apathy, let me provoke.

Where there is compliance, let me bring questioning.

Where there is silence, may I be a voice.

Where there is too much comfort and too little action, grant disruption.

Where there are doors closed and hearts locked, grant the willingness to listen.

When laws dictate and pain is overlooked

When tradition speaks louder than need,

When we refuse to take control of our own lives,

Our own church, our own poor,

DISTURB US LORD, TEACH US TO BE RADICAL.

Grant that I may rather seek to DO justice than to TALK about it,

To be WITH as well as FOR the poor,

To love the Unlovable as well as the lovely,

To touch the Passion of Jesus

in the Pain of those we meet,

And to accept responsibility to be Church.

**LORD MAKE ME A
CHANNEL OF
DISTURBANCE.**

Patrick J. White, cfc,
prep [17.5.97]

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[Unsplash](#)



22 August: International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief

Reflective religious believers often feel shame at the gap between the message of their founders and the behaviour of their followers. Their founders emphasise peace and harmony between peoples, but their followers often act violently in the name of their religion. We need think only of the Crusades in which the Christian knights had Christ's cross on their shields, the killings of Muslims by Hindus, of one group of Muslims and Christians by other groups, and the naming and blessing of a United States warship as Corpus Christi. Religious beliefs are often co-opted to legitimate violence.

It is not surprising that acts of violence associated with religious belief have multiplied in the wars and disturbances of recent years. Wars in the middle East have exacerbated conflict between different groups of Muslims and have led to Christians being driven from their homes and being killed in churches. Groups inspired by a violent version of Islam have also proliferated and tried to overthrow more moderate groups. These have also attacked Christians whom they identify with the United States. When faith and politics are joined the result is often to corrupt faith and to make politics more violent.

It would be too simple, however, to conclude that religious beliefs cause violence. They are one of many factors, the most fundamental of which is the difference between different groups. Difference often leads to suspicion, hostility and ultimately to violence. This difference can be expressed in divergent cultures, different races or tribes, different political or religious beliefs, and sometimes in gender difference.

When these differences are joined to divergent religions they can spark violence. In Nigeria, for example, Islamic groups have attacked Christian churches and particularly women in those churches. The root of difference and hostility, however, is not religious belief but the difference between a herder and a pastoralist way of life, in a world where the shrinking availability of suitable land brings them into conflict. Difference of religion can add fuel to this economic fire. Difference of race and culture in developed nations can also lead to violence and discrimination against Muslim people. Religious difference can intensify prejudice but is only one factor in it.

The heart of responding to religious based violence is twofold. It is for people with religious faith to commend the noble version of their own belief that corresponds to their founder's vision. It is also for them to attribute to the followers of other religions the most noble version of their belief that corresponds to the founder's vision. This counteracts the natural prejudice by which we think the best of ourselves and the worst of others. This is the root of much violence. As we become aware of our own prejudices and free ourselves from them, we shall also become interested in difference rather than fearful of it. This will make us more inclined to seek and enjoy the company of people whose religious beliefs differ from our own and consequently to relate to them as friends, not enemies.

Jesuit Social Services inherits the Catholic tradition built on faith in Jesus. That tradition encourages respect and love for others. The people who work with us and those whom we accompany come from many religious traditions and none. Many have experienced violence for their religious beliefs. In our accompaniment of one another we respect each other's beliefs and encourage a way of living in which we value one another and see our differences as a gift.

- 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 21st AUGUST 2022 //
 \\ 6.00PM - 8.30PM //
 \\ HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL //

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING
 WITHIN THE LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
 EITHER AS READERS, EXTRAORDINARY
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION,
 COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING
 AND/OR MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR?**

The Office for Worship will be running its next
 Liturgical Ministry Formation course early
 September.

If you are interested, or would like to know more
 information, please see Sr Carlene OR contact the
 Parish Office asap.

HOMEWORK CLUB 2022

Every Tuesday (during school term only)
 Aboriginal Catholic Services Centre
 3.30pm—6.00pm
 For Kindergarten to Year 7 children

Healthy afternoon tea provided
 For more details, call Linda OR Trish on
 02 8843 2565; linda.mcdonald@ccss.org.au
 Linda: 0449 840 089

"Mention My Name"

You are invited to join us for this special Prayer Service

A Remembrance Service for family, friends and
 communities, grieving the death of someone close, to
 suicide or misadventure.

Presided by Most Rev Bishop Terry Brady DD VG EV,
 Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER, 7PM AT
 ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY
 2 St Mary's Road, Sydney, NSW 2000

For further information, please contact the Grief Care
 Team on 02 9646 6908 or email:
 team@griefcare.com.au



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Let us care for those who have cared
 for us through their lifetime of service



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day
 Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy
parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal



The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to
 the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal
 from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people
 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn
 more at www.parrawyd.org and register their
 expression of interest. For all enquiries contact
 James Camden, Head Mission Engagement –
james.camden@parracatholic.org

2022-23 Social Justice Statement "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse"

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for
 2022-23 has been released. It is entitled "Respect:
 Confronting Violence and Abuse" and calls for faith
 communities to support and believe those going through
 domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators
 to account and work towards individual and social
 transformation. You can download the statement and
 additional resources at bit.ly/SJS22-23

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday next weekend!

Season of Creation Camping Trip: 30 September – 2 October

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to
 join with friends, family and other members of
 the Christian community to celebrate the Season
 of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience
 with optional activities to engage in fun, creative
 and prayerful ways with creation and our
 Creator.

When: Fri 30th Sept—Sun 2nd Oct 2022
**Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush
 Retreat Centre, Oakdale**
**Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping
 couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50**

For more information and to register visit:
www.seasonofcreationcamping.org