



HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

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Mass Times at Holy Family, Emerton

Monday, Friday, Saturday: 9am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6pm

Saturday: Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

Mass at Willmot

There is no 7.30am Mass at Willmot. Masses will continue from Sunday 26th January 2025.

Mass and Anointing

2nd Saturday of every month:
9.00am

Holy Hour - Emerton

Saturdays from 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9.30am - 10.00am OR
by appointment.

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Reflection from Sr Carlene for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we detour into the Fourth Gospel where we are treated to a further epiphany or revelation of the identity of Jesus (Jn 2: 1-12).

Two weeks ago on the Feast of the Epiphany, we heard the story of hope-filled strangers "from the East": they followed the star, recognised "God-with-us" in the person of Jesus, and paid him homage. Last week on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we heard about a heavenly voice naming Jesus as God's Chosen One, the Beloved on whom God's Spirit rests. Now, in a story unique to John's Gospel, we have Jesus revealing himself in action.

"HE LET HIS GLORY BE SEEN" (Jn 2:12)

Today's reading is about Jesus' first public activity. The setting is "a wedding in Cana in Galilee" and "the mother of Jesus was there" along with Jesus and his disciples. The bride is not mentioned, the groom is anonymous, the servants are asked to do something simple, and unexpectedly water is changed into wine. Jesus is the only one named in the whole account, and the principal characters are obviously Jesus and his mother. However, what appears to be a simple miracle story needs our closer reading and reflection.

Often John the evangelist uses words and details which have layers of meanings. For instance, in this particular narrative the newlyweds are celebrating their marriage (a favourite scriptural symbol of God's love for us). They hold a feast (a symbol of the covenant) but unfortunately the wine (a symbol of life and love) is in short supply (denoting a tenuous relationship between God and Israel, his people).

The focus moves to the mother of Jesus who states "they have no wine". What Mary sees as a problem does not seem to fit Jesus' master plan! Jesus addresses her as "Woman" (implying she is more than her own person and moment in history). Jesus then says, "Why turn to me? My hour has not yet come" (the time is not ripe).

Believing in the very presence of Jesus then and there, Mary instructs the servants to "Do whatever he tells you." They obey, and water is turned into abundant fine wine (God's extravagance and willingness to go to extremes for them, and for us.) Imagine the overwhelming joy, astonishment and gratitude!

Finally, John tells us "this was the first of the signs given by Jesus" (revelations about the identity and mission of Jesus). He declares that Jesus "let his glory be seen" and the disciples responded in faith.

***What gifts have we been given by Jesus?**

***Are we called to be: -**

- the mother who asks for help?

- the servants who "do whatever he tells you"?

***Our "hour has come"... In this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, are we people of prayer and action, allowing God to be God in our lives?**

Updates:

- Our normal weekday Mass schedule resumes from this Monday, 20th January:
 - Monday, Friday, Saturday: 9.00am
 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6.00pm
- Masses at Willmot resume next Sunday, 26th January at 7.30am.
- The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 22nd January, due to the Holiday Program.

Mandatory Safeguarding Training:

All staff members, volunteers, community leaders, and facilitators within the parish are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training, which must be renewed every 2 years.

A **Level 1 training session** has been scheduled for new staff and volunteers on **Saturday February 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the School Hall**. Registration is essential.

Furthermore, a **Level 2 training session** will take place on **Saturday May 3rd, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM**, specifically for those who completed Level 1 in 2023.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 95: 1-3, 7-10

R: 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 judge the peoples with equity." R.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, Lourdes Bustamante, Antony Pepin, Pippa O'Neal, Maureen Clements, Mathew Sieders, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Zarouf Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENT DEATHS: Sr Julienne Santos

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 the 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: Matthew 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of 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.

Prayer After Communion:

Humbly we ask you, almighty God, be graciously pleased to grant that those you renew with your Sacraments may also serve with lives pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January -
- For the Right to an Education**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Readings for Sunday 26th January, 2025:
AUSTRALIA DAY

(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C)

\\ 1st Reading: Isaiah 32: 15-18 //

\\ 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 //

\\ Gospel: Luke 12: 22-32 //

