



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

Ash Wednesday
22nd February
Mass times:
8.30am & 6.00pm

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom that prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the Law. It is true wisdom that opens for us a world we could never have imagined without it.

The longer we live, the more we realize that life opens for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path we will take. Circumstances might be thrust upon us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do.

The wise person comes to realize that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt to it when necessary. Jesus did not abolish the Law; he brought it to fulfillment when he reinterpreted it to meet the needs of the people of his day. For the Law to be wise it must be grounded in the adaptability of wisdom, not in the inflexibility of legislation.

If there is one insight that we can get from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* it is that we are all connected – he calls this "integral ecology". In light of this true wisdom, and perhaps also, because of the effects of coronavirus, we will no longer view others as competitors but as companions on the same journey. No longer will we be tempted to hide behind the doors of our homes or our hearts lest we be called upon to engage in the unfolding of life. True wisdom, which comes through the Spirit, will open new horizons for us if we but follow the example of Jesus, the teacher.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



To fulfill the law...

FIRST READING: Sirach 15: 15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and they will save you. If you trust in God, you too shall live, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

The Lord has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, good and evil and whichever one chooses, that shall be given.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34.

R: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart.
R.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! R.

Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word.
Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. R.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Brothers and sisters: Among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

As it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 17-37 (shorter)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that the one who is angry with their brother or sister, will be liable to judgment; and whoever insults their brother or sister, will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to the hell of fire.

"So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who look at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all.

"Let your word be 'Yes,' if 'Yes,' or 'No,' if 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2023 - 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR A



1st Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the church, Macie Brodie, Archie Ebejer, and Montannah Brotheridge who were baptized last Sunday 5th February 2023.

LIST OF THE SICK: Leota Sefo, Imaculata Leota, Malia Leota, Victoria Oppus Flores, Margaret Kearney, Paul Peters, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Baby Gabriella Mafi, Nanding Flores, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Jose Lay, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Cynthia Harlow, Leota Amituanai, Tom Phelan, Sue Pickervance, Sr Rita Crowley, Elaine Kwong, Sr Loretta Kleinemas, Irene Way, Salvador Gonsalves, Cecilia Fotu-Milo, Faupapoa Keti, Graham Roberts, Marian Elias (Lazarus family), Madge Pike, Coral McLean, Don Collins, Henriette Credi, Jack Kelly, Moira O'Hehir, Shirley Veyret, Tony Ring, Avril Flood, Moira Pike, Jean-Philippe Hennequin, Maposua Makalita Maposua, Miller Family, Gary Nye, John Thoroughgood, Baby Gary Tyrone Doolan, Betty Appleby, Phillip Perech, Maureen Carter, Peter Gilchrist, Agatha Benson, Baby Wyndurra Dixon Murray, Kerrie Marie Hoffman, Anne Prentice, Peter Edward Collins, Mary Stewart, Blanche Muriel De Alwif, Felicia Lette, Ernest Holmes, Elaine Charfield, Una Fuller.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fa'atagataina Latu, Gazella Sabjan, Moyra Gorman.



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 4th/5th February 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 821.00
 2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$1,903.15



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE NOW TO BOOK YOUR SPOT!
 LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!!
 (02) 9628 7272

HUNGRY?

The OzHarvest Food Truck is here!

Date: Friday 17 February
 Time: 12pm

Location: Holy Family Carpark
 via 254 Luxford Road, Emerton 2770

\$1 allows us to deliver 2 meals to someone in need.
 Thank you for supporting OzHarvest.



Mass for Seniors and Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday 7th March, 2023
 11.30am in the church.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Parish Office by Thursday 2nd March 2023.
 (02) 9628 7272 / enquiry@holysfamily.org.au



National Apology Day

Annual Day of Recognition & Remembering the Stolen Generations

Hosted by the Mount Druitt & Districts Reconciliation Group

- 13 February 2023, 6 PM - 8 PM
- Holy Family Catholic Centre
 entry off Emert Pde, Emerton

EVERYONE WELCOME
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINKS
 RSVP & enquiries: mtdruittreconciliation@gmail.com



Congratulations to our 3 newly ordained priests, in the Diocese of Parramatta!

“To have three ordinations at one time is truly a sign of hope and renewal of God’s everlasting love for his people.”

These were the opening words as Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, ordained Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian, and Jack Elkazzi to the priesthood on Thursday 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta.

May God nourish and strengthen these men in the journey that they have just begun.

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Image (L-R): Matthew Dimian, Adam Carlow, Bishop Vincent, Jack Elkazzi (Catholic Outlook)

LENTEN RESOURCES

Lent will begin soon on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February. We have Lenten prayer resources available for families, small groups, and individuals. If you would like a copy or more information, please contact the Parish office.

Lenten small groups will be running on: Thursday afternoons—at residence in Tregear, Friday mornings—at residence in Dharruk. Possible small group on Wednesday evenings OR Saturday mornings in the church—contact the parish office to express your interest, or for more information.



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.



Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023: An Update from the Office for Safeguarding (People & Culture)

Children's Guardian Act 2019 & the Child Safe Standards

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

ALL STAFF & VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC) NUMBER & CLEARANCE, AND MUST COMPLETE THE MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WITH THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA.

This includes: Liturgical ministers (Readers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Senior Servers, Collectors, Choir Masters), Leaders and facilitators of Youth groups, Community Groups, Children's Liturgy etc.

From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards.

From: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-scheme/implementing-child-safe-standards/our-approach-compliance-and-enforcement>

What can each one of us do to actively demonstrate how the 10 Child Safe Standards play a very important role in ensuring children in our Parish are cared for and safe in our community?

The Diocese of Parramatta's 6 points of Safeguarding Training demonstrates that each person in parish ministry is compliant in Standard 7. The training also informs all those in parish life of their role and responsibility in ensuring each of the other Standards can be demonstrated as well.

Each Parish Ministry is very important to our faith and local community. Let us all show this by our collective commitment to this training.

If you are still to finalise your Safeguarding Training, please take advantage of the upcoming face to face opportunities around the Diocese. Next week the 'New Year's Dash Training' begins at: Glenbrook, Rooty Hill, Springwood and Quakers Hill. Check with your Parish Office for dates and time.

You are welcome to register for any of these training sessions by contacting: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace.

Sign up onto the platform by using the QR code OR follow this link:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>



If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Let's get this done and show our Parish is committed to building safe communities!

Syria Earthquake Response – Jesuit Mission Australia

On 6 February Syria and Turkey were hit by two catastrophic earthquakes that have claimed the lives of thousands of people.

In response to the rising death toll and devastation left behind, Jesuit Mission Australia has launched a Syria Earthquake Response Appeal to provide immediate assistance to those people most affected living in Aleppo.

Please donate to Jesuit Mission Australia's Syria Earthquake Response appeal to help deliver emergency support and accompaniment to Syrian people who have lost their homes and their loved ones. Donate now at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/earthquake/> or call Jesuit Mission Australia on 02 8918 4109.



MASS for EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

You are cordially invited to attend a Mass on Friday 17th February, 2023, at 6.30pm, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

This Mass is an opportunity for us to come together as an international community to offer our prayers, love and support for the repose of all the souls of those who have passed away in the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey, and all those who have been affected by this tragedy.

- Fr Chadi Ibrahim SDB.



Last chance to secure your Diocese of Parramatta WYD23 Pilgrimage spot! There are only **10 seats** left on the Diocesan pilgrimage with Bishop Vincent to WYD23 in Lisbon!

Young people aged 16-35 are encouraged to secure their place as soon as possible to avoid missing out. View the pilgrimage itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing and registration information at www.parrawyd.org