



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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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
Ash Wednesday	8.30am and 6.30pm 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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

These are wonderful readings leading into Lent – “Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?” and “The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil...” But it also flows on from last week’s reading: “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.”

Pope Francis teaches us a lot about ‘mercy’ (think back to the Year of Mercy). To be merciful we need two attitudes: First, **self-knowledge**. The first step towards becoming merciful is to recognize that we have done so many wrong things: we are sinners! Recognizing that we have done something against the Lord and being ashamed before God is a grace: the grace of being sinners! It is simple – but at the same time so hard – to say: “I am a sinner and I am ashamed in your sight and I ask for forgiveness.”

The second attitude needed to be merciful is to **expand our hearts**. This means, when we recognize we are sinners we must not look at other people and what they have done. We have been blind guides; we have been hypocrites seeing the speck in another and not the log in our own eyes. The basic question to ask becomes: “Who am I to judge? Who am I to gossip about that? Who am I, who have done the same and worse?” A great heart, therefore, does not interfere in other people’s lives, does not condemn, but forgives and forgets, just as God does for us.

This is the way of mercy and forgiveness we must ask for as we approach the season of Lent. If all of us, countries, people, families, neighbourhoods had this attitude of not judging and expanding our hearts, what great peace there would be in the world, and in our hearts.

Create in me
a clean heart,

O God, and
renew a right spirit
within me.



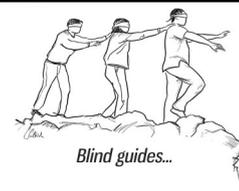
Fr Gregory



What Do You Produce?

SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Blind guides...

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Sirach 27: 4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so do one's faults when one speak. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; so the test of the just person is in tribulation.

Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so a person's speech discloses the cultivation of the mind. Do not praise someone before they speak, for this is the way people are tested.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. R.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God. R.

In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Brothers and sisters. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it to the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like their teacher.

"Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

"No good trees bear bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

"Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good, and out of evil treasure, the evil person produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2022 —
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13



MASS for SENIORS & ANOINTING of the SICK

// Tuesday 15th March 2022 //
// 12.00pm in the church //

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 11th March,
to the parish office.

If you require transportation, OR are available to assist
with transportation/hospitality, please see Sr Carlene or
contact the parish office.

ENROL NOW for SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

If your child/ren is not in our current group preparing for First Holy Communion, but you would still like them to receive this sacrament this year, please enrol them now for the Sacramental Process.

Children will make preparations for First Reconciliation in June, and then proceed straight into preparations for First Holy Communion in August.

NOTE: Children must be at least 8 years of age.

For more information OR to enrol your child/ren, please speak to the Sacramental team OR contact the parish office.

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: Bishop Bede Heather, Sitani Hufanga, Margot Costenoble, Gabby Zabel, Fr George O'Mara, Sosefo Loloa, Fr Tim Crowley, Tony Vinson, Jim Johnson, Hilda Bruton, Logo Pio Mealamu, Rodney Iffland, Tu'ineau Hufanga, Des Cutcliffe, Bill Corcoran, Santos de Leon, Siaosi Palu, James Mangan, Terry Grayson, Grace Teuma, Henriette Credi, Jack Kelly, Moira O'Hehir, Shirley Veyret, Tony Ring, Avril Flood, Moira Pike, Gary Nye, Miller Family, Jean-Philippe Hennequin, Phillip Perech, John Thoroughgood, Phillip Perech, Maposua Makalita Maposua, Baby Gary Tyrone Doolan, Betty Appleby, Maureen Carter, Peter Gilchrist, Baby Wyndurra Dixon Murray, Kerrie Marie Hoffman, Agatha Benson, Anne Prentice, Peter Edward Collin, Mary Stewart, Blanche Muriel De Alwif, Felicia Lette, Ernest Holmes, Elaine Charfield, Una Fuller.



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!

LIST OF THE SICK

- Every so often we need to revise the listing of the names in our weekly parish bulletin. Thus, from the first weekend in March, 2022, we will have a fresh, new list.
- To compile this new list, we need express permission for the publication of your own name, or the name of your sick relative or friend.
- Please contact Holy Family Parish Office (Ph: 9628 7272), or see one of the Priests, or Sr Carlene, after Mass.

Pope Francis calls a day for Prayer & Fasting



My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Franciscus

CLEMENTE AUSTRALIA // // EMPOWERMENT & LEARNING UNIT: SOCIOLOGY CLASSES START

Monday 28th February // 10.00am

**Holy Family Parish Centre: Schoenstatt Sisters Room
11 Emert Pde, Emerton**

***** FREE UNIVERSITY COURSE *****

A supportive, caring, and learning environment

To confirm attendance at the information session, or for further enquiries, contact Colleen on 0418 671 826.

DISCOVERING THE KEY TO STARTING LENT RIGHT

A lot of people struggle with Lent—they struggle to make it a fruitful time, finding it to be a depressingly mediocre affair, a pointless 40 days of giving up the same things they did last year.

It doesn't leave them changed—just annoyed and then relieved when Easter finally dawns. But that relief is very little to do with the resurrection of Jesus, if we're being really honest.

How do we make Lent different? How do we go deeper, go further, and make it a spiritually rich time? We could start with the three traditional practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We could focus more on the doing of things, and raise the stakes. But we're not going to do that.

Just stop for a second. Take a breath.

Maybe we jump out of the gate too soon. Maybe we launch into the practices that are supposed to take us deeper, but we haven't laid the groundwork to ensure they do take us deeper.

In which case, we need to do some heart-work first. We need to do some deep self-reflection.

What if we saw Lent not primarily as a time of personal sacrifice, but as a time in which God is trying to court us, to win our hearts? As a time where God is trying to get us to know him, in the most intimate way possible? As a time that is about God and not about us? How would that change our approach?

If we want to start Lent right maybe we should take a step back. Become aware of how God is using this time to win our hearts. And then reflect, and reflect deeply, on what is preventing us from going deeper or becoming more intimate with the Lord.

Read the full article via CathNews.com by Christian Bergmann, *Melbourne Catholic*.



Synod of Bishops Local Submissions extended!

The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday 13 March**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians?

How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission?

Find out more and share your contribution at bit.ly/synod2023

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.



Ash Wednesday

2ND MARCH

Mass times:
8.30am & 6.30pm



With the Lenten season fast approaching, Campion College has produced a Companion to help guide you on your Lenten journey. This Companion contains Gospel readings and sacred art, as well as prayers and reflections prepared by our theology professors and college chaplain to encourage you to strengthen your relationship with Christ at this important time of year.

Visit www.campion.edu.au/lenten-companion to download your free copy today.



JOIN A LENTEN PRAYER GROUP!

Grow deeper into your relationship with God and other parishioners this Lent.

TUESDAYS at 6.30pm: Getting more out of Mass -
- Lenten group starting on the 8th of March in the chapel.

WEDNESDAYS at 6.30pm: Christian Meditation -
- in the Mary Mackillop Meeting room.

THURSDAYS at 3.00pm at residence in Tregear—
- Lenten group starting on the 3rd March.

FRIDAYS at 10.30am at residence in Dharruk:
- Lenten group starting on the 4th of March.

FRIDAYS at 6.00pm: Stations of the Cross in English
7.00pm: Stations of the Cross in Tongan
- Meditations on the Stations of the Cross in the church.

Resources are available if you would like to journey individually, as a family, or your own small group this Lent. Please contact the parish office for more information.

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: : <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22> Call 1300 734 880 for more information.



Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said,
"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

IN WESTERN SYDNEY

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL
252 Luxford Road, Emerton NSW 2770
9AM - 3PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Get the mob together to celebrate with us during the April School Holidays with a range of FREE activities.
MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!

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