



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

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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

Monday & Thursday: 8.30am
Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00pm
Friday & Saturday: 9.00am

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

MASS AT WILLMOT CHURCH Sunday 7.30am (8 Carteret Ave Willmot)

HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Wednesdays from 5.00pm
Saturdays from 9.30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 9.30am—10.00am OR
by appointment.

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since last Sunday, we have entered into Ordinary Time of the Church Liturgical year when all Catholics are encouraged to grow and mature in daily expression of their faith. This is the time when each one of us is called to journey with Jesus beginning in Galilee where Jesus lays the foundation for his work of salvation.

Today's Gospel is about Jesus' first actions in inaugurating the kingdom of God. He proclaimed the good news that we should repent and begin life afresh. This is exactly what we should expect: the story of a great prophet's teaching should begin with his core message. He then called his first followers.

All of us know who Jesus is - the Second Person and God himself. We also have heard his call, teachings and miracles. Maybe you could ask yourselves: Have I really heard his call: "Follow me"? And how did I respond?

Every one of us is called by God, both individually, and collectively as a parish community, to follow him as his disciples and continue his mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom. We need to appreciate our call to become Christ's disciples.

Jesus calling us to follow him is to not only listen and agree with his message, but to be willing to love each other and to work with others as he has called to build the kingdom. Let us start our life afresh today by hearing and responding the call to follow him in our own family and community with an open mind and heart, and bring his words into action.

Let us remember that it is our vocation in life as Christians to transmit Christ's Light through our living, radiating Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness, and humble service to all in our society.

Let us pray to God, to help us always accept the Gospel given to us in Christ Jesus and to be so moved by it that we ourselves draw others to know the love and mercy of God.

Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ

**Happy Sunday. Be Happy. Live Positive.
Have Faith. It is well with you.**

**HEALING MASS at ROPES CROSSING
11.30am on TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2024
12 Avoca St, Ropes Crossing 2760
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

LIST OF THE SICK—REVISED
Please note that the List of the Sick will be revised at the start of Lent. If you would like to keep or list a name, please contact the parish office.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Fernanda Lithgoe, Mary Walz, Kevin Smith, Mathew Sieders, Janice Angela Lawrence, Barbara Cameron, Kyla Aggar, Greg McDonald, Guillermo Lopez, John Williams, Jacob Kelly, Dermot Murray, Karen Bartolo, Emma Datoc, Val Polkamp, Imaculata Leota, Malia Leota, 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, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Laurence (Lawrie) Taylor, Alexander Tonga, Peggy Watt, Frank Bartolo and Pat Victory, Thomas McCarron, Sobhe Bichay, Peggy Watt, Anne Robertson, Ernesto (Ernie) Moreno, Fr. Brian Byron, Charlie Chater, Mary McMillan, Ilda Lemos, Gerald Patrick Doolan, Wayne Reid, Fr Joseph Walsh, Fr Ted Harrop OFM, Fred Tangye, John Harlow, William Leggett, Reg Simpson, Nancy Delany, Jack Donnelley, Pearl Kelly, Jesse Prout-Ryan, Samantha Prout-Ryan, Barry Stone, Nancy Goosen, James Sheridan, Darryl Kennedy, Anthony Taranto, Noel Burns, George Benbow, Deborah Smart, Kay Kelly, Rose Bradshaw, Francis Haroa, Josip Fric, Tevita Pine, Ian Duncan, Kerrie Walsh, John Rollinson, Sandra Kallipolitis, Carolina De Assuncao, Jacque Rose.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bernard Carlon, Lorena De Guio.



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Repent and believe
the good news



FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5,10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation. R.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! R.

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world, as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

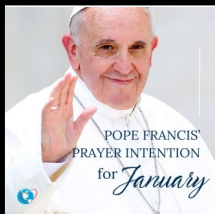
Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As Jesus went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2024

To pray for the gift of diversity in the Church.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024 –

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28



Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 10 February

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

- ◆ **Tuesday 23rd:** St Vincent De Paul Hub reopens
- ◆ **Wednesday 24th:** Holiday Program—Wamberal Beach (office closed)
- ◆ **Friday 26th:** Australia Day Public Holiday (office closed)
- ◆ **Monday 29th:** CatholicCare Centre reopens
- ◆ **Tuesday 30th:** School term 1 commences

FEBRUARY

- ◆ **Sunday 4th:** Word of God Sunday
- ◆ **Tuesday 13th:** 'The Apology' event, 6-8pm in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ **Wednesday 14th:** ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass times: 8.30am & 6.00pm.

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. 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 contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to enrol: www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to join the **ST VINCENT DE PAUL EMERTON CONFERENCE**

Assistance needed at the St Vincent De Paul Hub on a Tuesday/Wednesday, availability to do visitations regularly, and attend weekly meetings. It is hard work but, very valuable and spiritually rewarding!

For more information, please contact Georg: reberl@bigpond.net.au

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