



# 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

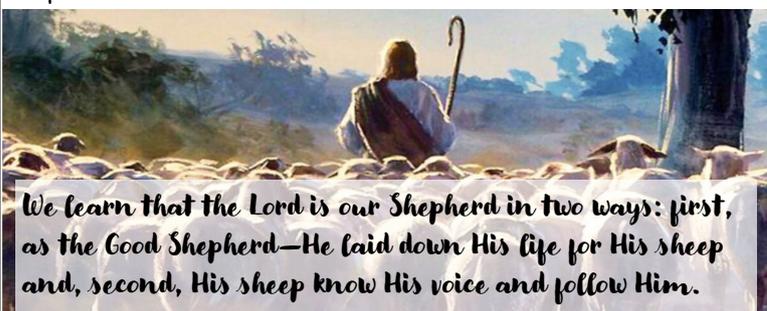
# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel follows on the message from last Sunday when Peter was commissioned to take up the pastoral office of leadership ("feed my lambs, feed my sheep") that was previously entrusted to the Good Shepherd. Today we take up that imagery of we the members of the community as 'sheep' belonging to the flock of the risen Lord.

In the everyday pastoral world from which this image is taken, sheep get lost, sheep get stolen. Sheep can be terribly erratic (try driving through a flock of sheep - they are moving away from you, then all of a sudden they are back in your path again!). Those most vulnerable are those whose shepherds are not strong. The Christian community need have no fear in this regard. Their Shepherd is strong with the strength of God - indeed it is God himself who is the ultimate Shepherd of the people. All we need do is stay in the flock of the Good Shepherd; we do this in two ways:

First of all, the members of the community learn to listen to the Shepherd's voice: we are aware that the Good Shepherd is constantly addressing us (in the scriptures and the sacramental life of the Church) and we need to attune our hearing to the sound of that voice and the message it imparts.

Secondly, there is knowledge: we are confident that the Good Shepherd has intimate knowledge of each one of us - he knows our strengths and weaknesses, our capacities and liabilities. This leads to trust and readiness to follow whenever and wherever the Shepherd calls.



*We learn that the Lord is our Shepherd in two ways: first, as the Good Shepherd—He laid down His life for His sheep and, second, His sheep know His voice and follow Him.*

Our call is stay connected to the flock of the Good Shepherd, stay listening to his voice, stay in intimate knowledge of his life in us. He will then lead us on the right path to (eternal) life.

Fr Gregory



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*My sheep hear my voice...*



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. On the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

When the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jewish officials saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul.

Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers.

Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. But the officials incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM :** Ps 99: 1-3, 5

**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. R.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his people;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. R.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. R.

### **SECOND READING:** Revelations 7: 9, 14-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. And one of the elders then said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** John 10: 27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 15th MAY 2022**

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**1st Reading:** Acts 14: 21-27

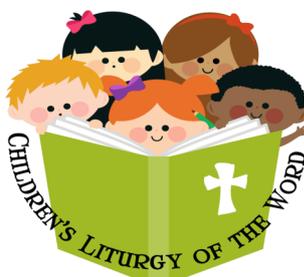
**2nd Reading:** Revelations 21: 1-5

**Gospel:** John 13: 31-35



Our *Children's Liturgy of the Word* is back every Sunday during the 10:30 am mass and we would like to invite all children aged 5 years old and above to come and join us.

**We will recommence  
next Sunday, 15 May 2022!**



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please consider helping to share the Gospel!

You will need to have OR obtain a Working With Children Check (WWCC) number and clearance.

For more information, please contact the parish office 02 9628 7272.

### **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Pam Picart-Manalac, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, Jeffrey Bonnici, Mayta Attachian, Carmen Carlon, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Jose Lay, Jerry Borg, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Margaret Joyce, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pedro De Castro, Christina Fatu, Poli Kefu, Kate Glendinning, Laurie Finn, Maria Gerada, Jilan Rizullah, Charles Vella, Val Hardy, Lusita Sitani, Cecil Benson, John Benson, Elsie Llige, Helen Chambers, Klistina Kiteau, Vicente (Vic) Araullo, Mario Llige, Gary Hallett, Lyn Burton, Simon Gunn, Dianna Margetson, Maria Gatt, Cynthia Schumacher, William (Billy) Whiting, Leslie Sercombe, Bill Wilson, Jeanette Monk, Shanese Allen, Anthony Saliba, Ester Charlton, Charlie Vella, Maria Carvalho, Fr J O'Shea, Dennis Kennedy, Alice Lowles, John O'Brien, Vincent Conovan.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tracey Tosatto



## 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 30th April/ 1st May 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 798.60  
2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,816.80

# SAVE THE DATE

## YOUTH NIGHT YOUTH NIGHT YOUTH NIGHT

### FRIDAY 24TH JUNE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 - 25



Ignatian Murmuration,  
3-day  
retreat-style Conference,  
12-14 May 2022

Celebrating 500 years since the conversion of St Ignatius. A treasure trove of soul-enriching spiritual exercises in this retreat-style conference.

Get inside Ignatius' interior life and experience the changes in his soul for ourselves.

Make this the transforming experience of your year!

Nine 'murmurations', or conversations, together over three days, sharing our stories, praying special exercises, having spiritual conversations, exploring the spirituality of murmuration, and contemplating the stars! And you will receive many new resources including nine ready-made Ignatian formation sessions.

The costs have been kept minimal:

Three Day: \$180 AUD One Day: \$75 AUD

On Demand Recordings & Resources: \$100 AUD

More information: <https://jisa.org.au/IM22/>

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/3bn6mrp7>



## PRAYER

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need. May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us. May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict. May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes away every tear.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

## Jesuit Mission Ukraine Emergency Appeal – Thank you!

Jesuit Mission would like to offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the Jesuit Parishes for giving so generously to the Jesuit Mission Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Your support is helping those most affected by this crisis. Through your generosity and the wider Jesuit Mission community, we have raised over \$400,000 for Jesuit Refugee Service Europe, who are providing vital emergency care to refugees in the Ukraine, and to refugees who have fled from the Ukraine to neighbouring countries.

If you would still like to donate, please visit

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/donate-parish/>

or contact 02 8918 4109.





**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.



**Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing**

Everyone interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace is invited to meet like-minded people.

**ONLINE GATHERING** WED 11 May 6:30PM – 8:00PM

For ZOOM link RSVP to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL MT DRUITT RECONCILIATION WALK AND GATHERING**

**A FREE EVENT!**

**WHEN:**  
 SATURDAY 21ST MAY  
 10AM TO 2PM  
 RECONCILIATION WALK  
 AT MIDDAY

**WHERE:**  
 DAWSON MALL,  
 MT DRUITT

WELCOME TO COUNTRY BY UNCLE GREG SIMMS, SMOKING CEREMONY BY UNCLE WES MARNE

STALLS FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE CULTURAL PERFORMANCES  
 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES CULTURAL GAMES

This event is proudly hosted by the Mt DrUITT and District Reconciliation Group and supported by Blacktown City Council and Reconciliation NSW. For more information contact us on:  
 Facebook or via email: [mtdruittreconciliation@gmail.com](mailto:mtdruittreconciliation@gmail.com)

***Diocese of Parramatta Notices***

**Positions Vacant:**

**Senior Administrative Support Co-ordinator**  
 The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking an experienced person for a full or part-time (4 days a week) role in our Governance, Risk, Compliance and Assurance team. You will have extensive experience in providing high-level administration support, and a customer-focused and 'can-do' attitude. If you would like to know more about the role and to obtain a copy of the Position Description, please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources, [nevine@reachhr.com.au](mailto:nevine@reachhr.com.au) or 0418 698 327.

**Fundraising Campaigns Manager - Put Your Faith Into Action For The Common Good**  
 Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns Manager, following Bronwyn Muir's retirement. This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

**Young Adult Faith Formation: 15 May**

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 15 May at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. George and Anne Stanton will lead discussion on scripture and the theme of Covenant. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

**BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE.**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022  
 27 MAY - 3 JUNE  
 #NRW2022

**Liturgical Ministry Formation Course**

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence later this year in September.

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 see Sr Carlene or contact the parish office.



**HOLY FAMILY Primary Emerton** | **Enrol now!**

Call 02 8869 7200 for a personalised tour.