



# HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



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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

## Third Sunday of Easter

The apostolic witness of leadership and service accomplished by the various ministries within the Church is an example of the living presence of Christ. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the Church, the flock of God, is the sole responsibility of authorized leaders. Rather it is the responsibility of all the baptized. (This week we celebrated the memorial of St Catherine of Sienna – a lay woman who guided Popes and the Church through difficult times!) All are called to feed and to tend the flock of God. However, some are given the added responsibility of overseeing this ministry. This is true of bishops, pastors and all pastoral ministries.

In the world in which we live, a world of extensive dehumanizing poverty, of terrifying and continual violence, of the exploitation and criminal abuse of the defenceless, the Church is rightfully judged by the character and extent of the care it provides for the most vulnerable. Those called to this service, as Peter was called, should respond out of the same kind of humble love Peter did, for they should know it is only the saving power of God that enables them to persevere. Without it, they too might deny they even know Christ.



Fr Gregory



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

*Come, have breakfast...*



### **FIRST READING:** Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the Apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than human beings. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Then the council ordered the Apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonour for the sake of the name.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. R.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. R.

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned my mourning into dancing.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R.

### **SECOND READING:** Revelations 5: 11-14

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many Angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** John 21: 1- 19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you? They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about ninety metres off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**1st Reading:** Acts 13: 14, 43-52 **2nd Reading:** Revelations 7: 9, 14-17

**Gospel:** John 10: 27-30

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

**BAPTISMS:** We welcomed into our community Jacinta Aupa'au, who was baptized last Sunday 24th April, 2022.

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Pam Picart-Manalac, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tracey Tosatto, 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 Vargass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sr Margaret Eustace, Des Prendergast, Margaret Palmby, Patrick McCray, Margaret Harrison, Derek Francis, Claude Fauvette, Fr. Geoff Dickinson, Fr. Terry Hogan, Coralie Baker, Alice Lowles, 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, John O'Brien, Vincent Conovan.



## 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 23rd/24th April 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):	\$ 941.10
2nd collection (for parish expenses):	\$ 1,902.05
Caritas—Project Compassion	\$ 2,234.40



## SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES 3RD MAY

Philip from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22).

James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62.

The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century.



## 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>**



## DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA LAUDATO SI' ACTION CAMPAIGN

The Diocese of Parramatta responds to *the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* by launching a Diocesan Laudato Si' Action Campaign. In his video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv invites all people in the Diocese, especially all Catholic schools, parishes, families, and organisations to participate.

The Diocese of Parramatta is embarking on a seven-year journey towards achieving seven *Laudato Si' Goals*, which means to care more deeply for God's creation and our sisters and brothers in need. This commitment is made in response to the invitation from Pope Francis and the Australian Catholic Bishops to embark on such a journey.

On a Diocesan level, the commitment entails annual self-assessments, development and implementation of a Laudato Si' Action Plan, and reporting to the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development through the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

All communities within the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to consider their own response to the Pope's call and to develop their own Laudato Si' Action Plan, building on the inspiring action that many families, schools, parishes, and organisations are already taking.

All parishes, schools, families and organisations are encouraged to join the Catholic Earthcare Programs and gain access to helpful tools and support for this endeavour. Bishop Vincent has formed a Laudato Si' Action Team to drive action on a Diocesan level and to accompany parishes, schools, and organisations in their own efforts. The team members are:

- Fr Gregory Jacobs (Holy Family Parish Mount Druitt)
- Sue Martin (Catholic Earthcare Australia)
- Andrew Wilson (CEDP Mission Team)
- Claire Thomas (Jesuit Social Services, Diocesan Pastoral Council)
- Sebastian Salaske-Lentern (MET – Peace, Justice, Ecology)

As Bishop Vincent and other members of the Diocesan community explain in the launch video, we live in a time of ecological crisis; a crisis that humankind has caused, and that we can see and feel right here in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

As Christians, we are called to set bold examples of how humans can care more deeply for God's creation and our sisters and brothers in need. This is an integral part of our mission as Church – as the Pilgrim People of God. Pope Francis reminds us that the Church can be a beacon of hope in these challenging times.

Let us build a Diocesan Laudato Si' network of parishes, schools and organisations. May God bless us as we "go out into the deep" on this important journey.

If you have any questions or require any support as you discern your response to this invitation, please contact the Laudato Si' Action Team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)





## 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.



### *Breakfast on the Beach.*

*When they landed, they saw a fire burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.*  
 John 21:9 (New International Version)

There's something very earthy and real about Jesus in the gospels.

Whenever I look at old master paintings of the Christian story, I'm struck by one thing. It's nothing to do with the composition or drawing or colour, but the fact that Jesus is almost always portrayed in spotless white robes. Whether he is depicted teaching by the lakeside, performing a miracle, or chasing traders from the temple, he's always radiantly clean.

This worries me a bit because I don't believe it could have been true. Jesus walked dusty Galilean tracks and squelched through Jerusalem mud in the rainy season. He sat on rocks to teach and in working fishing boats. There were times when he slept out on the hillside. Remember his comment about foxes having lairs and birds nests, but that he had nowhere to lay his head? (Matthew 8:20)

Here on the beach, he must have made fire and gutted the fish. The hands that welcomed the tired disciples were not neatly manicured but work-worn, with dirt under the fingernails. He had the smell of fish on them, and the tang of wood smoke on his tunic.

Jesus was part of the real world, and he calls us to be the same. Involved. Sometimes I suspect I'm more inclined to stand aside and keep my hands and clothes clean, unblemished by the world. I believe Jesus would rather see the honourable stains of service, my clothes dirtied in an honest attempt to get involved.

Another thought that crosses my mind is equally challenging. It's the realisation that Jesus comes into my world not neatly starched and ironed but travel-stained, smelling of smoke and fish, or their modern equivalents, in guises I may not recognise. I must take care I never let him pass by unrecognised.

Extract from Cross Purposes, first published 1995.

*Eddie Askew*

### St Marys Parish Perpetual Adoration

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, is looking for Eucharistic Adorers to commit to a rostered weekly hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in their Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Those who would like to assist can contact either Steven Buhagiar on 0415 600 290, Stella Buhagiar on 0415 600 103, or the parish office directly on (02) 9623 1962.



### 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.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**Information meeting for Parents/Carers only, at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4th May, 2022, in the church.**

This meeting is for Parents/ Carers of children, who received their First Holy Communion earlier this year in March. If your child(ren) received their First Holy Communion in 2020 or 2021, has not been confirmed and would like to continue this process, please contact the parish office.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be continuing our Children's Liturgy soon, and so, are looking for volunteers to help facilitate these sessions on Sundays during the 10.30am Mass.

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

For more information, please contact the parish office.

### 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.

### St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is seeking new singers

If you are a good singer and you sing tenor or bass, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is looking for you. The Cathedral Choir is seeking male voices, but recruitment is open to all, with paid and voluntary places available. Paid scholas are remunerated at between \$2500 and \$4000 per annum, depending on attendance. Here more of the Cathedral choir at [facebook.com/choirSPC](https://facebook.com/choirSPC). Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest at <https://bit.ly/3sLep7S>.



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