



# 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 & 6.00pm Mass
Tuesday	8.30am & 6.00pm Mass
Wednesday	8.30am & 6.00pm Mass
Thursday	8.30am & 6.00pm Mass
Friday	9.00am & 6.00pm 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

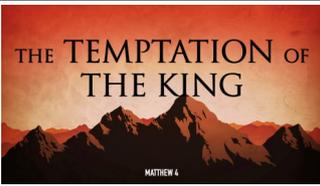
### First Sunday of Lent

The Church asks us to take up three things during Lent – fasting, prayer, almsgiving, which express conversion in our relationship to God, and to others. But the Church is no longer as prescriptive on how to do this in your own life, so we must decide for ourselves the best Lenten practice in our own situation. This is how I intend to observe Lent:

- Fasting:** I enjoy watching TV each night and have a series of favourite programs that I follow. But past experience tells me I cannot give this up totally (for example, giving up watching football is just a step too far!), so I will not watch TV on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during Lent.
- Prayer:** My own prayer life is fairly stable and established now after all the years of Jesuit formation. I do the Jesuit Examen, morning and evening prayer (almost) every day. During Lent I have decided to use those hours that I had watched TV to devote to some extra spiritual reading. I am starting off with re-reading Pope Francis' encyclicals.
- Almsgiving:** My vow of poverty means that I already live a frugal life, and my excess money already goes back to the Jesuit community. But even so I can find some spare change to be able to give to others. I have decided to give a weekly contribution to the Ignite Store so that they can be more generous to the customers who shop there.

In the end it is not really about what we do for penance, it is why we are doing it, and what effect it is having in our life. Are these things helping us to “build a deeper relationship with God and with others” or are they meaningless or have these penances lost their potency over the years? We need to find something that helps us to change our focus onto others and onto God – and not ourselves.

Fr Gregory



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



#### **FIRST READING:** Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God has made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM :** Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17.

**R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. R.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. R.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit  
from me. R.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. R.

#### **SECOND READING:** Romans 5: 12-19 (shorter version)

Brothers and sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, so death spread to all people, because all have sinned. If, because of the one's man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all people, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all people. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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#### **GOSPEL:** Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his Angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to them, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly Angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023 -**

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT IN YEAR A**

**1st Reading:** Genesis 12: 1-4

**2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 17: 1-9



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

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our community, Zendaya Palu, Stella and James Taylor, who were baptized last Sunday 19th February 2023.

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Val Polkamp, 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:** 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, Siaso 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Josefina Lastica.



### 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 18th/19th February 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 851.80  
 2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$2,013.50



**HEALING MASS & ANOINTING**  
**TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY**  
 11.30AM at the **ROCHFORD PLACE,**  
**ROPES CROSSING.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**MASS for SENIORS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**TUESDAY 7th MARCH,**  
**11.30am in the CHURCH.**

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Thursday 2nd March.

### JESUIT & IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA (JISA)

#### *Inner Peace in Darkness & Light Spirituality*

If you desire God the Father to lead you into the light that is his only Son, Jesus, this could be the retreat for you. There are no special requirements to attend, come as you are. Where you are now is where God is waiting for you. All are welcome.

**ONLINE—7.30-9pm (AEDT),** Mondays 27th Feb, and 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March—via Zoom.

**SYDNEY— 7—8.30pm (AEDT),** Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March—Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge St, Nth Sydney.

This retreat is free of charge. You may gift any amount towards the ongoing support of the Ministry when you register. Brought to you by JISA's First Spiritual Exercises Teams.



Contact the Parish Office if you would like to book in for this retreat opportunity.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LENT EXPERIENCE

Lent is traditionally a time when Catholics focus on growing in our faith, our relationship to Jesus Christ, and our participation in the church. Here is a list of enrichment opportunities for you this Lent.



### ATTEND A WEEKDAY MASS

Monday—Thursday: 8.30am and 6.00pm  
 Friday: 9.00am and 6.00pm  
 Saturday: 9.00am



### SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD IN ADORATION

Wednesdays: from 5.30pm (chapel)  
 Saturdays: from 8.30am (chapel)



### MEDITATE ON THE STATIONS OF CROSS

Fridays in the church: 5.00pm (in English)  
 7.00pm (in Tongan)  
 8.00pm (in Tongan)



RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE & MERCY in the SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION  
 Saturdays: 9.30am (or by appointment)



GIVE ALMS to CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL  
 Pick up a box or weekly envelope pack from the back of the church.



JOIN A LENTEN PRAYER GROUP  
 Thursdays at residence in Tregear: 3.00pm  
 Fridays at residence in Dharruk 10.00am



If you would like to join OR form a Lenten group, obtain a Lenten resource for individual reflection, OR for any other information please contact the Parish Office (02) 9628 7272.



### 'TRIUMPH' LENTEN PROGRAM Diocese of Wollongong

We have limited copies of the 'Triumph' Lenten program available, a resource produced by the Diocese of Wollongong.

You can use it for individual reflection, or gather the family/ a group to pray and reflect together. Contact the parish office to get your copy.

### MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course

Want to learn more about the Bible? Sign up for the FaithLIFE short course on Scripture with Dr Michele Connolly rsj, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Thursdays: 2 March and 9 March. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>



## 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: Mandatory Safeguarding Training

**Face-to-Face Training at Holy Family**  
**Saturday 20th May 2023**

**10am—3pm in the School Hall**

*(11 Emert Pde Emerton NSW 2770)*

**RSVP Wednesday 17th May to the Parish Office**  
**(02) 9628 7272; enquiry@holyfamiy.org.au**

If you would like to complete the Safeguarding Training independently online, 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.

“We so often fall into the temptation of remembering our failures and thinking all is hopeless. But the Holy Spirit tells us the exact opposite. He reminds us that we are beloved sons and daughters of God, “unique, elect, precious,” in the words of Pope Francis.”

- Mgr Graham Schmitzer, Triumph Lenten Program 2023, Diocese of Wollongong.



### First Sunday of Lent 25th & 26th February



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

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 [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

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### PERSONAL REFLECTION for the WEEK AHEAD

- ◆ Consider planning for your Lenten journey this year: What disciplines will you put in place? What time will you schedule to make sure it doesn't get forgotten?
- ◆ Do you have a friend, partner or spouse that you can walk with through Lent – keeping each other accountable to your Lenten commitments?
- ◆ Take time to sit in silence, at home or some place suitable, and draw your mind to the person of Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

#### Prayer:

Eternal Father, your Son has promised that you would grant all the graces we ask of you in his name. Trusting in this promise, and in the name of Jesus Christ, we ask of you the following graces:

- ◇ We ask for *wisdom* to know ourselves more deeply, follow you more closely and love you more truly.
- ◇ We ask for your divine *light*, which will enable us to see the vanity of all the things of this earth, and see also your infinite greatness and goodness.
- ◇ We ask for a share in your *love*, so that we can detach ourselves from all creatures, especially ourselves, and love only your holy will.
- ◇ Grant us the grace to have *confidence in the merits* of Jesus Christ and in the intercession of his most holy mother, Mary.
- ◇ We ask for the grace of *perseverance*, knowing that whenever we call on you for assistance, you will answer our calls and come to our aid.
- ◇ Finally, grant us the grace to pray always, O Eternal Father, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

## Restart your Education

Join Clemente Australia

#### You can apply if you are:

- 18 years of age and over
- an Australian citizen or have rights to study in Australia
- in stable housing
- able to read and discuss a newspaper article in English
- able to write a fluent paragraph in English
- ready to make a change in your life

#### About Clemente:

- a free, university-level humanities course
- for any adult who has experienced disadvantage
- gives you the skills, confidence and knowledge you need to move forward in your life
- one day a week of attending face-to-face classes plus study at home

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