



# 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 FOR THE

# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What the First Reading, from 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 and the Gospel, Luke 20:27-38, have in common is clearly an affirmation of life after death, specifically resurrection.

While the text from Maccabees sets up the theme up usefully in this way, many contemporary readers might find off-putting the idealised picture of martyrdom that it portrays – not shrinking from fairly specific detail. Were the young men quite so bold in the face of death as the text suggests? Is there not a touch of fanaticism here, a far too literal embrace of a better life beyond death – the sort of thing that in other contexts, all too familiar today, can lead to suicide bombings and other atrocities?

Because of this, the reading needs careful handling. Genuine martyrdom is always an affirmation, not a denial, of life. People of faith are prepared to surrender their lives, not because they despise or belittle present human existence but because some values are so essential to human existence that they are, in fact, worth dying for.

### POWER OF GOD

In this case what the brothers are affirming in their readiness to die is the value of the Torah (the law of Moses) to Israel. They do so confident that God's promise that in the Torah Israel will find life extends even beyond death. Their stance reflects a powerful belief in the fidelity and power of God.

However, not all parties in the Judaism at the time of Jesus welcomed belief in resurrection. It was a matter of division, in particular, between the Pharisees, who affirmed it, and the Sadducees, who denied it. The latter armed themselves with quibbles of the kind illustrated in the Gospel that sought to make the notion of a risen existence ridiculous. The quibble derives from the prescription of the law of Moses whereby a man is required to raise up offspring for a brother who has died, "so that his name may not be blotted out of Israel" (Deut 25:5-6; cf. Gen 38:8). In the (unlikely) event of all seven husbands predeceasing the woman, will she not find herself, in the risen existence, wife to all seven!

The quibble rests upon a crass assumption that life after death would simply be a repetition or extension of life in the present time, with the same conditions applying.

- Reflection by Fr Brendan Byrne SJ,  
Australian Catholics website, 26/10/2022,  
accessed 4th November 2022.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

# 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

At the resurrection whose wife will she be?



### **FIRST READING:** 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers and their mother were arrested and were being compelled by King Antiochus, under torture with whips and thongs, to partake of unlawful swine's flesh. One of the brothers, speaking for all, said, "What do you intend to ask and learn from us? For we are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

After the first brother had died, they brought forward the second for their sport. And when he was at his last breath, he said to the King, "You accursed wretch, you dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life, because we have died for his law."

After him, the third was the victim of their sport. When it was demanded, he quickly put out his tongue and courageously stretched forth his hands, and said nobly, "I got these from Heaven, and because of God's laws I disdain them, and from God I hope to get them back again."

As a result the king himself and those with him were astonished at the young man's spirit, for he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After the third brother too had died, they maltreated and tortured the fourth in the same way. When he was near death, he said to his torturers, "One cannot but choose to die at the hands of humans and to cherish the hope God gives of being raised by him. But for you, there will be no resurrection to life!"

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM :** Ps 16: 1, 5-6, 8, 15

**R: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. R.

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.  
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words. R.

Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings,  
As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness. R.

### **SECOND READING:** 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3:5

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith.

But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** Luke 20: 27, 34-38 (shorter version)

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus. Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like Angels and are sons and daughters of God, being children of the resurrection.

"And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2022 - 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C**

**1st Reading:** Malachi 3: 19-20

**2nd Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

**Gospel:** Luke 21: 5-19



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

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Victoria Oppus Flores, Margaret Kearney, Paul Peters, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Baby Gabriella Mafi, Nanding Flores, Pam Picart-Manalac, 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, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Deacon Owen Rogers, Paul Paulino Matugas, Ben Wardlaw, Doris Catay, Frances Allen, Mary Bernadette Allen, Warren Lynch, Patricia Christian, Jim Mullins, Ritchie Byrne, Olive Waterhouse, Mary Nulty, Patrick Carton, Peter Mason, Dave Scifleet, Cornelius Polkamp, Fr Carl Boes, Tony Woodgate, Kitty Keating, Ruth Allen, Marguente Epselis, Joseph Donovan, Samantha McIlrick, Peter Haroa, Adreano Ippavis, Isabel McCulloch, Timo Eriksson, Marie Perry, John Barner-Cahill.

All listed in our Books of Remembrance.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bill Smythe, Sr Pat Lynch

### **A PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion. Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world: where there is shouting, let us practise listening;

where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity; where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity; where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety; where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions; where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; where there is hostility, let us bring respect; where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

## 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 29th/ 30th October 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):	\$ 837.85
2nd collection (for parish expenses):	\$ 1,945.20
Catholic Mission Appeal:	\$ 1,065.85

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

## Memorial Garden

Our intention is to provide a way to remember our loved ones by placing plaques and/or spreading ashes on the memorial garden, which is on the outside of the Holy Family Church.

We hope to place permanent memorials to family members and relatives who have had some association with Holy Family.

We are not permitted to bury the remains of anyone on our property. However, we are free to dispose of ashes and erect plaques.

We propose that all the plaques be the same size, and that the wording be designed by the family members.

We wish to make the memorial as financially accessible as possible.

The cost to the family would simply be the cost of the plaque.

At the present time, a plaque costs about \$70.00, with the writing included.

We are free to acquire plaques from anywhere, provided they are the regular size of 30cm x 20cm.

We recommend **EXPRESS TROPHIES - Unit 4/516 Great Western Highway, St Marys NSW 2760. Ph: (02) 9833 1585.**

Holy Family will install, maintain and care for the garden and plaques.

Feel free to make donations as you wish.

Contact Holy Family Parish Office for more details:  
02 9628 7272.

# Summer Holiday Program

#1

## Stanwell Park Beach

Wednesday 11th January 2023

Stanwell Park Beach is located in a beautiful spot under the escarpment off the Grand Pacific Drive. There is a large reserve with plenty of space to run around, and BBQ facilities available, making it the perfect spot for picnicking.

#2

## Bulli Beach

Tuesday 17th January 2023

This picturesque beach is 900m long, backed by sand dunes and a large parkland area ideal for family picnics and gatherings. It also features a rock pool, cafe and Surf Club.

#3

## The Entrance

Friday 20th January 2023

The Entrance is located on NSW Central coast, approximately 90mins north of Sydney. Sitting right on the water, there is lots to do to get you feeling relaxed, recharged and ready to explore everything the town has to offer the whole family.

#4

## Dee Why Beach

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Dee Why plays host to many of the northern beaches main events. In addition to its awesome beach, it features a rock pool, toddlers' area and playground, cafes, so much more, and free WiFi!

## \*\*\*Tickets \$5 per person\*\*\*

Tickets go on sale from the parish office on **Monday 7th November 2022. CASH PAYMENTS ONLY!**

- There are no booking reservations, cancellations or refunds.
- Priority for purchase is given to individuals/families residing in the Mt Druitt 2770 suburban areas OR Blacktown LGA.
- These details will be collected upon purchasing tickets: Contact person and contact info, age of children under 18, residential suburb.
- All participants must travel on the bus to and from each destination.
- For more information, please contact Malia at the Parish Office: 02 9628 7272, enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS****MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER  
HOLIDAY PROGRAM TICKETS**

Our Summer Holiday Program tickets go on sale on **Monday 7th November**, from 9am (until sold out), from the Parish Office (Holy Family Centre - 11 Emert Pde Emerton). See page 3 of the bulletin OR visit our Facebook page/ website for more details.

**SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER  
REMEMBRANCE GATHERING  
5PM-6.30PM: IN THE CHURCH**

During November, we remember in a special way all our loved ones who have gone before us in death.

We invite you to bring along items of remembrance, e.g. photos, clothing etc, to help build a memorial.

**TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER  
MASS FOR SENIORS  
11.30AM: IN THE CHURCH**

Join us for our Advent Mass celebration with our Seniors, and Anointing of the Sick.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the parish office by **Thursday 1st December 2022**.

**SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
7-10PM: SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Pack your picnic rugs, and bring the whole family and friends for a night of Christmas Carolling, entertainment, and a visit from Santa.

If you would like to perform at the Carols, please see Eddie or contact the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

CHRISTMAS EVE -

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

5.00PM // 6.30PM // 8.30PM (WILLMOT)

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT/ DAY -

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER

12.00AM MIDNIGHT MASS // 9.00AM

**NOTE: There is no 10.30am Mass on Christmas Day!****ONGOING  
FORMATION  
MINISTERS AT THE  
ALTAR, ACOLYTES  
& ADULT SERVERS**

Rekindle Our Wonder

12th November 2022 | 9.30-3.00 PM  
 Bishop Bede Heather Centre  
 (Formerly known as IFM)  
 1-5 Marion St Blacktown  
 Presenter: Mr Chris Ohlsen

RSVP 7th November

Register: [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)  
 (02) 8838 3456  
 Morning tea and lunch provided.

*Holy Family Parish Christmas Carols*  
**Calling for Performers!**

If you would like to perform at our Christmas Carols -- sing or dance solo or in a group, please speak to Eddie (Music Director), OR call the parish office!!

Mt. Druitt Combined Churches

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
LUNCH****HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL  
Entry off Emert Pde. Emerton**

Please register on our Facebook page  
 or click on the QR Code

**REGISTRATION IS A MUST**

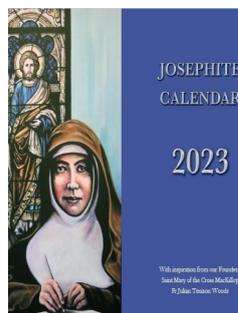
Registrations close first week in December

**DOORS OPEN 11.00 am NO HOME DELIVERIES**

If assistance required, please call John 0422 402 021  
 or email [mtd.christmas@gmail.com](mailto:mtd.christmas@gmail.com)



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**JOSEPHITE CALENDAR FOR 2023  
 NOW AVAILABLE  
 FROM THE PARISH OFFICE  
 \$10 EACH**

Columban Calendars will be available soon \$10 each.  
 Contact the parish office to reserve your copy