



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“How should our faith be? This is the apostles’ question and ours as well. The answer is “a faith that is set within the framework of service” to God and to our neighbour. A humble, freely given and generous service which is always ‘complete’. Only in this way is it possible to truly open oneself to the hope of the final encounter with Jesus.

This calls for complete service, such as that of the “servant who worked all day” and when he gets home “he must serve the Lord” preparing dinner for him, “and then relax.” This seems somewhat demanding, but this is the example of Jesus who himself came as one who serves and not to be served.

When set on the “path of service,” faith “will work miracles.” On the one hand, however, “a Christian who receives the gift of faith in baptism, but then does not take it forth on the path of service, becomes a Christian without strength, unfruitful, a Christian for himself, to serve himself, to benefit himself. Although this Christian may go to heaven, what a sad life that would be!”

“We can distance ourselves from this conduct of service mostly out of laziness. Laziness distances us from service and leads to convenience, to selfishness. So many Christians are like this: they are good, they go to Mass, but go only so far with regard to service. When I say ‘service’ I mean everything: service to God in adoration, in prayer, in praise, service to our neighbour and service to the end.

Another way of avoiding service is “taking control of situations.” We want to be the gate-keepers and be in charge of our own lives – and sometimes the lives and faith of others. The apostles knew this temptation too when they tried to control who got to see and speak to Jesus, or when they discussed ‘who was the greatest’? So Jesus talks to us about serving with humility. May we be ever cautious of these two temptations of laziness and taking control and learn to let Jesus be our guide.

- by Pope Francis



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

We are unworthy
servants



FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

"O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you, 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise."

Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud person! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous person lives by their faith."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9.

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanks-giving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! R.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. R.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our God or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God.

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5-9

The Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER 2022 - 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19



CELEBRATING THE Holy Rosary

During this month of the Most Holy Rosary, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we encourage you and your families to pray the rosary daily for our families, our community, and our world.

#POWERFULWEAPON #HARDTIMESPRAYHARDER

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on

**Monday 3rd October
(Public Holiday)**

**Wednesday 5th October
(Holiday Program)**

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community, Georgina Sapon, Finley Richardson, and Maverick Keating-Heckenberg, who were baptized last Sunday 18th September.

LIST OF THE SICK: Victoria Oppus Flores, Lopisoni Makario, 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, Mayta Attachian, Carmen Carlon, 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: Aunty Janice Brown., John Healey, Mary Meagher, Juan Navarro, Tom Flood, Rocco Dominici Kevin Walz, Carmencita Inocencio, George Nematalla, Estefan D'Cauna, Charlie Wilkinson, Mel Fouhy, Manuel Herrero, Epifania Saquitan, Salvadore (Buddy) Dato, Connie Wells, Fr. Bernie King, Martianus Tunggal, Tina Lane, Margaret Best, Richmond Byrne Jnr, John Carlow, Luke Cassar, Ronald Aldridge, Milly Anderson, Willian Charles Flynn, Baby Holly Kelly, Nellie Shepherd, Ivan Glasheen, Win Walton, Rev Tom Leonard, Joan d' Cruze, Irene Nardie, Kevin Williams, Martha Abood, Crispin Andrade, Cyril Eakin, Ana Seina Toa Filipe, Thelma Muller.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Cook.



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).

SEASON of CREATION—Mantras from *Laudato Si*

Sing it! Say it! Sketch it! Pray it!

All quotes are from *Laudato Si*... cf. numbers in brackets indicate relevant paragraph.

Sun 25 Sept:

“... the environment is on loan to each generation...” (159)

Mon 26 Sept:

“... consider the cracks in the planet we inhabit...” (163)

Tue 27 Sept:

“... one world with a common plan...” (164)

Wed 28 Sept:

“... land, sea, air, space—all global ‘commons’...” (178)

Thur 29 Sept:

“... unity is greater than conflict...” (198)

Fri 30 Sept:

“... draw deeply upon convictions about justice, love & peace...” (200)

Sat 1 Oct:

“... embrace a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle...” (222)

(Compiled by Sr Jill Shirvington op, of the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands; member of the Inter-Congregational Voice on Climate Change—Pacific Climate Watch.

Updated by Sue Martin Australian Jesuit Province Care for our Common Home officer & Caritas Australia Earthcare coordinator).

PARISH COLLECTIONS: for the weekend of the 24th/25th September 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):

\$ 1,136.00

2nd collection (for parish expenses):

\$ 2,611.80



For a Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

This year Catholics have heard and spoken a lot about synodality. Pope Francis has made it the topic of a coming Synod for which Catholics in parishes around the world will prepare by meetings. It was much discussed in the Plenary Council in Australia, and various Catholics and groups have offered their interpretations of it and of what it means for the future of the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis has also made synodality central to his prayer intention for October. His description of the qualities that he looks for in the Church help us understand the place of Synodality in the Church. It is a way of living as the church that Christ hopes it will be.

Above all Pope Francis wants the Church to be faithful to the Gospel. That is the Good News of God's love for us that led God to join us in Jesus, share the joys and sufferings of our lives in his teaching and preaching, be faithful to us through rejection and a tortured execution, and to rise and gather us together to live like him and with him. Being faithful means trusting in God's presence with us through Jesus and following his way.

Pope Francis also wants the Church to preach the Gospel. We do that best through our lives more than through our words. We are called to live as a community and as persons as Jesus did, joyful in our trust of God, generous and loving of each other, and hospitable to all the people whom God loves and especially to the most vulnerable. We do it also in speaking of Christ and the place he has in our lives.

If we are to commend Christ to others and to make the message of

God's love for us plausible our shared life as Christ's followers must be attractive. The Gospel spread quickly in the early Church partly because people who saw the way they lived said, 'See how these Christians love one another'. When they saw it, they asked why, and were attracted to their message of God's love.

Pope Francis spells out the qualities Christ wants the Church to display. First of all it is to be a community with deep relationships, not just a gathering of strangers who happen to be Christian. That implies solidarity. People will be there for one another, ready to reach out to one another, and to see the suffering of others as their own. The sufferings of Christians in other nations who are persecuted will weigh on us, stay in our prayers and conversation, and receive our help.

The Church will also be fraternal. This means we shall see one another as brothers and sisters, not as strangers. Brothers and sisters, of course, spend much of their time fighting with one another, but ideally come back to friendship through forgiveness and acceptance – the daily business of friendship. They will have differences but not become enemies. Pope Francis also wants the Church to be welcoming. It is not a place of walls but one of gardens through which people can pass and will feel comfortable. In all this we shall echo in our Catholic life God's relationship with us. To God we are family no matter how we respond.

Pope Francis describes these qualities as living in an atmosphere of synodality. This word describes both the relationships that should exist among Catholics and the way in which the Church can be the Church that Christ wants. It says that at every level in the Church people should relate as companions and not as rivals, enemies, or as bosses to servants. The Church should be a Church of conversation in which people can share their own faith with its tentativeness and its strength, and their hopes and doubts about life in the Church. The conversations should be characterised by listening, looking always to what Christ wants, and not by the desire to have one's own opinions prevail. Disagreements will remain, but people will not be disagreeable to one another. If they are, they will apologise and be forgiven.

This atmosphere takes time to build and will spread from the local level. We should also expect changes within the Church and their effects to take time. They will come, as they always have, through local initiatives and faithfulness. It is at the local level, of course, that being a Church open to all must begin.

- by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ



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.



Holy Family Youth World Youth Day 2023 Information Night



For young people aged 16-25
Sunday 9th October 2022
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Holy Family Primary School Hall
11 Emert Pde Emerton NSW 2770

Mary's Garden

Spring has sprung so why not plant a Mary Garden? There are many flowers that were originally named for the Blessed Mother, and even more whose beauty helps us to reflect on her virtues. Catholic gardeners will often plant these flowers in Mary's honour creating a Mary Garden.

At the heart of a Mary Garden is a statue of Mary and the layout of the garden is designed so that the flowers bloom all around her creating a beautiful space of prayer. Consider honouring the Queen of Heaven by growing your own Mary Garden!



Daffodils were known as **Mary's Star**.



Forget-me-nots were once known as the **Eyes of Mary**.



Lilies of the Valley were once known as **Mary's Tears**.



Morning Glories were once known as **Our Lady's Mantle**.

Source: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.



DIocese of Parramatta
LAUDATO SI'
ACTION CAMPAIGN

The Diocese of Parramatta's
Laudato Si' Action Team invites you to a

DIOCESAN ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY RETREAT DAY

WITH TRISH HINDMARSH

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER, 9AM - 4PM

Please register at: parracatholic.org/PJRetreat



WINBOURNE RETREAT CENTRE, MULGOA

Cost: \$25 (incl. morning tea and lunch)

Limited availability. Registrations close 1 October.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Pray for our HSC Class of 2022

Next weekend, we will be praying specially for our Year 12 HSC class of 2022. We invite all HSC students and their families to these Masses on the 8th/9th October.

Pastoral Formation Marriage and Natural Fertility Short Course: 20 Oct

Preparing for marriage? Searching for a conversation space where mutuality, intimacy and wholeness in your relationship can be nurtured? Karin Abrams and Catherine Bourne invite you to Thursday 20 October for a workshop on marriage & natural fertility. Face-to-face from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by October 10 via met@parracatholic.org OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 30 October

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.

Office for Safeguarding Spring Training Opportunities

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring.

- Full-day training session on Monday 17 October from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown
- Weekly training sessions on Monday 24 and 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.
- Full-day training session on Saturday 29 October from 10am to 3pm at St Matthew's Parish, Windsor.

To register for one of these options, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org