



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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ours is a historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, as a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

What does this tell us? It tells us that history is important. It tells us that the ordinary events that make up a life are sacred. Too often we look for the extraordinary, the spectacular, and we fail to appreciate the God-filled familiar moments of the day. Actually it is within these moments that our salvation unfolds. It is within those moments that we love those in our lives with the love of God, that we treat others with the compassion of God. We preach the gospel through the way we live these moments. The Buddhists speak of mindfulness (a common word for us today!), the deep living into the moments of life. The gospels show that Jesus' life was one of mindfulness. If we are to be his disciples, we too must learn to be mindful of the sacredness of our own history.



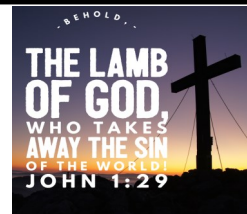
Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6.

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength. He says, "It is too small a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 39: 2-4, 7-10

R: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. R.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. R.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." R.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

From Paul, called to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and from our brother Sosthenes. To the Church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 1: 29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and remain on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY 2023 - 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR A

1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 -9:3

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23



**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH IS GOING TO
WORLD YOUTH DAY
IN LISBON, PORTUGAL 2023**

**SIGN UP NOW,
IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED!**



**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES IN JANUARY:
TUESDAY 17TH, FRIDAY 20TH
WEDNESDAY 25TH, AND THURSDAY 26TH.**

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**AT 11.30AM
TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY
AT ROCHFORD PLACE,
ROPES CROSSING.
ALL ARE WELCOME.**



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, 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 Vargass.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosanne Turner, Marie Ringuet, Maurice Whittaker, Desmond Bartle, Giovanni Gerbara, Joseph Rigby, Henry Pickstone, Jordan Harris, Pamela Smith, Rodney Moylan, Margaret Gavin, Anthony Long, William Sanderson, Webb Salama, Barry Walsh, Krunoslav Tadijanovic, George Benbow, Darcy Coffey, John Gillon-Dargin, Anne Meigh, Nancy Joseph, Peter Forage, Madge Barrett, Isaiah Smith, Norman Ward, Kurt Lee, Stevie Beale, Michael Slater, Stanley Williams, Paul Coulson, Bruce McIntosh, Lucy Bethune, David Vidler, Timothy Dineen, David Lacey, Anthony Teuma, Ernest Wood, Christine Flanagan, Dorothy Parrish, Clive Schloeffel, Garry Scott, Peter Mason, Kevin Ennew, Angela Lavaki, Maria Satapu, Vera Smith, Ruby Ritchie, Etevisse Ahdar, Cedric Nicol, Jason Knight, Gary Ryanhart, Kathleen Christopher, Patricia Young, Andrew Robertson, Shawn Matthews, Peter Stuban, Wayne Robertson, Michael Grant, Darren Philips, Tiffany Phillips-Cook, Edward Gallagher, Vilko Salecic, Thomas McCarron, Patrick Cullen, Salamone Pelasio, Alfred Micallef, Lola Poulton, Josefina Galip.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Cardinal George Pell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Nive Pupualii, Anna Uljevic, Connie Vella.



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).



A statement from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

It was with great sadness that I learned of the unexpected death of Cardinal George Pell in Rome on Tuesday evening (Rome time). Cardinal Pell provided strong and clear leadership within the Catholic Church in Australia, as Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop of Sydney and as a member of the Bishops Conference for more than 25 years.

His many strengths were widely recognised, both in Australia and around the world, as his Vatican appointments as Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy and as a member of the Council of Cardinals, an advisory group to Pope Francis, testify.

Cardinal Pell's impact on the life of the Church in Australia and around the world will continue to be felt for many years. As we remember him and reflect on his legacy, I invite all Catholics and other people of goodwill to join in praying for Cardinal Pell, a man of deep and abiding faith, and for the repose of his soul.

- 11 January 2023, ACBC Communications.

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.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2023

I would like to propose that educators add new content to their teaching: fraternity.

Education is an act of love that illuminates the path for us to recover a sense of fraternity, so we will not ignore those who are most vulnerable.

Educators are witnesses who not only impart their mental knowledge, but also their convictions, their commitment to life.

They know how to handle the three languages well: that of the head, that of the heart, and that of the hands, all in harmony. And hence the joy in communicating.

And they will be heeded much more attentively and will become community builders.

Why? Because they're sowing this testimony.

Let us pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than confrontation and helping especially the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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.



Yes We Are Open

Ignite Foodstore

Mon-Fri 8am - 3.15pm

Ignite Op Shop

Wed & Fri 9am - 2pm



Michael Adamantidis Counselling & Psychology Services

Holy Family Medical Centre
(opposite the church)

Michael's Counselling & Psychology services is now open. His clinic is located in the Medical Centre, just opposite the church.

Michael's clinic is open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and occasionally on Fridays, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. (Last appointment available is 3.00pm). Wait time to see Michael is approximately 4 weeks.

Clients will need a referral from either a GP, paediatrician or psychiatrist.

Medicare, Primary Mental Health Care (PMHC, ATAPS) funding, workers comp, and Veteran Affairs accepted.

If you have any further questions, please visit Michael in the above mentioned times, or contact his assistant on 02 8313 7127, or send a text message to 0477 010 050.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

PLEASE NOTE: The St Vincent De Paul Hub will be closed on Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th of January 2023.

If you require any assistance during this time, please contact the St Vincent De Paul call centre on 1800 606 724, and select option 4. A call back and home visit will be organised, as needed.



We still have tickets available for our Summer Holiday Program bus trips. Book your tickets now! You do not want to miss out!

20 spots left for Bulli Beach on Tuesday 17th January.

SOLD OUT for The Entrance on Friday 20th January.

And... we've added an extra bus for our final bus trip to Dee Why Beach on Wednesday 25th January.

All tickets are \$5 per person (0-2 years olds = FREE!)

We take the stress away from planning and organising what to do with the family during the school holidays. We choose the destination, and arrange the transportation (and admission fees too, if required).

No need to worry about petrol prices OR finding parking!

All you need to do, is pack your food/drinks (or eat out at the café/kiosk), and bring your family/ friends, OR even enjoy yourself some "me time" at the location.

Just make sure to meet back at the pick-up spot in the time required—staff will remind you!

It's a great opportunity to have some down-time with family and friends, meet new people, or just relax.

Contact the parish office to find out more OR to purchase tickets.



THE SHED

Open Monday—Friday
9.00am—5.00pm
02 9628 7396

The Shed in Mt Druitt, is a drop in centre for people at risk of suicide, originally a space for Aboriginal men in distress, now open to anyone who comes.

It is based on the research on the social determinants of health, more specifically, the determinants of distress and suicide; the Shed links people to the services of which they are most in need.

A free lunch is offered every Wednesday at the Shed. Service providers such as Centrelink, Public Housing, Podiatrist, Health Bus also visit to listen to the voice of the community, and assist in any way they can.

Image: Carmela Roach, The Daily Telegraph 23/06/2016.