



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 Mass : 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 Lent

After the Transfiguration (last Sunday's Gospel), Jesus sets his face towards Jerusalem (Lk 9:51). Now the Gospel depicts him very much in the role of a prophet. And the essential task of a prophet in the biblical tradition is to summon people to conversion.

In our first reading Moses is to be the prophet and leader for an enslaved people. Moses must go back to his people and summon them to follow the call of this God – "I Am, who I Am." This will require conversion – a willingness to commit themselves to a highly risky project, putting their faith in Moses and in the God who claims to be the God who made promises to their ancestors.

In the Gospel, the two atrocities (one caused by human cruelty, the by an 'act of God') are occasions for Jesus to fend off the instinct to blame others: the victims were being punished for a sinfulness from which others – specifically themselves – are free. These examples, and especially Jesus' parable of the figtree, are used to make a prophetic point: these examples of sudden, unforeseen death serve as a warning that the time, the space left for conversion, may be short.

We may only have one more season (or less) to produce the fruit that is expected of us!

As always, the urgency, the prophetic passion of Jesus, comes from his intense sense of what God wants to do for people: as at the time of Moses and Israel, to rescue them from the destructive captivity that holds them bound and set them free for life and for love. There is time for it now. But the opportunity will not be there indefinitely.



Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



It may bear fruit in the future

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; Moses looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

God said further, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and this is my memorial for all generations."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. R.

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. R.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. R.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud; all passed through the sea; all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 1-9

Jesus was teaching the crowds; some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'"

"The gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022 –
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C**



1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Siosiuva Po'oi Nuku who was baptized last Sunday 13th March.

LIST OF THE SICK: Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tracey Tosatto, Eleanor Petterson, 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 Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Lythgoe, Joyce James, Jose Baldonado, Nellie Lincoln, Fr John Reilly SJ, Janice Barr, Fred Allen, Norbert Carlon, Maria Farrugia, Selvina Cieppara, Jannette Gohari, Emanuel and Rose Bugeja, William Murray, Tuamasaga Peaga Ale, Bernard Gibbons, Noni Franklin, Wendy Paterson, John Rassaci, Dallan Jack McMillen, Baby Ayden Weippeartt, Collin Russell, Marlene Backett, Chuck Davey, Daphne Stevens, Chad Brown, Monsignor Alexander "Lex" Johnson, Lourdes Aquino, Kenneth Tobin.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dennis Hardy.



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).



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

for the weekend of the 12th/ 13th March 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 643.50
2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,822.95

POSITION VACANT

Holy Family Parish is seeking a new **BOOK-KEEPER** (Part Time, 1-2 days a week).

Familiarity with MYOB preferred.

Contact the Parish Office for more information on 02 9628 7272 or enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

SPECIAL LEAVING COLLECTIONS

Please note: This weekend (19th/20th March), we will have a special leaving bucket collection for:

- Jesuit Mission Ukraine Emergency Appeal—to support the work on the ground of Jesuit Refugee Service Europe, responding to the Ukraine crisis, and the
- St Vincent De Paul Flood Relief Appeal—to support the community with financial payments as part of the recovery process from the recent floods.

The total funds received from the bucket collections, will be shared between the two appeals.

If you would like to donate directly to any of these appeals, please do so online:

- Ukraine Emergency Appeal—

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/ukraine/> OR call Jesuit Mission on 02 8918 4109.

- St Vincent De Paul Flood Appeal—

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-flood-appeal> or call 13 18 12.



Congratulations

... to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion at the 5.30pm Vigil and 10.30am Sunday Masses this weekend.

We continue to pray for all the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at our Masses next weekend.

May God bless you and your families, and strengthen all of you in the practice of your faith.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres 26/27 March

Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with other and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal next weekend using the envelopes, leaving bucket collection, or at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.



GREENERY/ PALMS FOR

Palm Sunday

We celebrate Palm Sunday on the weekend of the 10th/11th of April. Thus, we are asking for PALMS, OLIVE BRANCHES, or any SUITABLE GREENERY which we can use in our celebrations.

If you can oblige, we would like to receive the greenery on the 7th OR 8th of April to prepare for our weekend Masses. Furthermore, if you can help us with some of the preparation, please contact the parish office: 9628 7272.

Thank you in anticipation. (' ' ,)

**GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!**
IN WESTERN SYDNEY

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL
252 Luxford Road, Emerton NSW 2770
9AM - 3PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Get the mob together to celebrate with us during the April School Holidays with a range of FREE activities.
MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!

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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.



Autumn Holiday Program

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL—SCENIC WORLD



Scenic World at Katoomba offers a range of experiences found nowhere else on earth. Check out the amazing experiences available on their website: www.scenicworld.com.au

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL—TARONGA ZOO



Join us for a packed schedule of wild experiences and kid-friendly activities at Australia's famous, Taronga Zoo, Sydney. Check out their website www.taronga.org.au and plan your day!

TICKETS: \$10 for Adults (aged 16+)

\$5 for Children (aged 3-15)

Children under 3 are FREE.

(Tickets includes bus and admission fee only!)

**Tickets on sale now from the Parish Office.
 Payments to be made in CASH ONLY!!**

- There are no booking reservations, cancellations or refunds.
- Limit of 10 tickets per family. Priority is given to families residing in the Mt Druitt 2770 suburban areas, or in the Blacktown LGA.
- Names and ages of participants are required upon purchase.
- All participants must travel on the bus.
- Punctuality is crucial. If you miss the bus, your ticket will be forfeited.
- Tickets may be transferrable. Contact must be made with the parish office at least 24 hours before departure.
- Participants plan their own itinerary at each destination.

For more information, please contact Malia at the parish office on 02 9628 7272, or enquiry@hollyfamily.org.au



JOIN A LENTEN PRAYER GROUP!

Grow deeper into your relationship with God and other parishioners this Lent.

TUESDAYS at 6.30pm: Getting more out of Mass -
 - in the chapel.

WEDNESDAYS at 6.30pm: Christian Meditation -
 - in the Mary Mackillop Meeting room.

THURSDAYS at 3.00pm at residence in Tregear—
 - Lenten reflection group.

FRIDAYS at 10.30am at residence in Dharruk:
 - Lenten reflection group.

FRIDAYS at 6.00pm: Stations of the Cross in English
7.00pm: Stations of the Cross in Tongan
 - Meditations on the Stations of the Cross in the church.

Resources are available if you would like to journey individually, as a family, or your own small group this Lent. Please contact the parish office for more information.

"So, it is sometimes with things we have done across the years, things that make us cringe even today. We hide them away out of sight or perhaps we adjust our behaviour so no one will ever guess what unpalatable, and to us, shameful truths lie in our past. And what would God say about them? He would say exactly what he said about the fig tree: "Work on it, do what you can, then leave it alone."

(Mother Hilda Scott OSB)

'Remember' Lenten Program 2022, Diocese of Wollongong)



Third Sunday of Lent 19 & 20 March



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture. With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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 lent.caritas.org.au,



THE GIFT OF GIVING

Over the next 6 weeks, you can help support refugees and people seeking asylum by donating these essential items.

Week 3

Dried Lentils & Chickpeas



Small packets of these items would be appreciated.
 e.g. 300, 500, 1kg bags

Email foodbank@jrs.org.au or call 0434 422 573 to organise a time to drop off your donation.



THIS LENT