



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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In reading about St Francis of Assisi recently I found a helpful comparison about our Gospel today. We all know the 10 Commandments – they are about creating social order, which is a good thing. These commandments help us to set up our life, to give it order; but it also feeds the ego which needs to win or feel right about things (which is not really holiness at all).

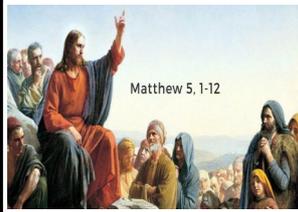
The eight Beatitudes are totally different. There is no pay-off for the ego, no way to count whether we win or lose in the Beatitudes. Here the humble and imperfect have the head start, the ones who rely on grace and abundance in their simple lives are the ones who find God. This is more often the time of wisdom in the second half of life when we learn to let go and allow God to work in us. Those who are poor and live on the margins often get to this place ahead of the rich and those at the centre. These are the ones who understand the grace that comes through being poor in spirit, who have deeply mourned, who are meek, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who are merciful, who are pure in heart, who are peacemakers, who have faced persecution. These are blessed people because they know about grace and God in ways that the world, and the 10 Commandments, cannot teach in the same way.

St Francis (and St Clare) lived these Beatitudes by siding with the poor and marginalized at the opposite end of town. They deliberately chose being small, poor, disparaged, being outside the system of power and status and becoming weak in any form. This is a different world than most of us choose to live in. We all seem invariably to want to join in the majority and the admired (the world of the 10 Commandments: "I have kept all these from my youth" the rich man says to Jesus, while he refuses to go further (Mk 10:22)), rather than in the world of the Beatitudes.



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Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12-13

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the Lord's wrath.

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord—the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 145: 7-10

R: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free. R.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous and watches over the strangers. R.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the Prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2023 -

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR A

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16



THE BEATITUDES

We reflect on our responsibilities to the earth and the poor as we pray:

*When he saw the crowds he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:
Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others, and forgive them from their heart.*

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.

Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him/ her.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Adapted from Gospel of Matthew 5:1-2; 12-13...
and adapted 'New Beatitudes', Pope Francis 2016.*

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the church, Cooper Collette, who was baptized last Sunday 22nd January 2023.

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 Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ana-Maria Rodriguez de Uljevic, Fr Penisimani Folaumoetu'I, Sr Janet Mead, Elizabeth Anderson, Etuate Vaisima, Jimmy Tuatagaloa, Rita Carlon, Sobhe Bichay, Peggy Watt, Anne Robertson, Fr. Brian Byron, Ernesto (Ernie) Moreno, Charlie Chater, Mary McMillan, Ilda Lemos, Gerald Patrick Doolan, Wayne Reid, Fr Joseph Walsh, Fr Ted Harrop OFM, Tangye, John Harlow, William Leggett, Reg Simpson, Nancy Delany, Jack Donnelley.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Loretta Ryan.



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:

Christmas Offering—24th/25th December 2022

One collection (for parish expenses): **\$4,825.90**

for the weekend of the 30th December 2022/ 1st January 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): **\$**
2nd collection (for parish expenses): **\$1,849.60**

for the weekend of the 7th/ 8th January 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): **\$**
2nd collection (for parish expenses): **\$2,246.10**

for the weekend of the 14th/ 15th January 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): **\$ 707.45**
2nd collection (for parish expenses): **\$1,840.30**

for the weekend of the 21st/ 22nd January 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): **\$ 839.50**
2nd collection (for parish expenses): **\$1,813.70**

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES:

Toongabbie Parish Position Vacant

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is advertising for a Sacramental/SRE Coordinator. The successful applicant will be in charge of the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. Hours will be 18 hours per weeks worked over 3 days. Please forward applications and resumes to the parish Secretary by 1 February 2023 to secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Last chance to secure your Diocese of Parramatta WYD23 Pilgrimage spot!

There are only 10 seats left on the Diocesan pilgrimage with Bishop Vincent to WYD23 in Lisbon! Young people aged 16-35 are encouraged to secure their place as soon as possible to avoid missing out. View the pilgrimage itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing and registration information at www.parrawyd.org

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

BACK to SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,
We pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.

Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand
and take them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

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Lord,
We may not be able to confront queens
or challenge presidents;
We may not have the capacity to divert resources,
or uplift communities;
We may not have the voice to silence the noise of war,
or the words to negotiate peace between armies;
But, as we follow you, O Christ, we are able to do something.
And so, we pray that you would inspire us to commit to and
act on the small difference we can make:
May we bring peace through small acts of gentleness
and reconciliation.
May we bring wealth through small contributions
and collaborations.
May we bring safety through small acts of consideration
and acceptance.
May we bring wholeness through small acts of care
and service.
And, in these small ways, O God,
may our small differences make a big contribution
to our world.
Amen.

(Written by John van de Laar. Posted on Sacredise <http://sacredise.com>)



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.



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MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV,
BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA
CORDIALLY INVITES

CLERGY AND STAFF OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

TO THE MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE OF
REVEREND MR ADAM CARLOW
REVEREND MR MATTHEW DIMIAN
REVEREND MR JACK ELKAZZI

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PATRICK, PARRAMATTA
7:30 P.M, THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY A.D. 2023
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

RSVP BY 25 JANUARY 2023
SECRETARY@STPATSCATHEDRAL.COM.AU

ATTENTION PARENTS/CARERS! FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

- If your daughter/son is baptised Catholic and wanting to further their sacramental journey in 2023, please contact Sr Carlene as soon as possible.
- Note: Preparation for First Reconciliation ("Confession", the Sacrament of Penance) precedes preparation for First Holy Communion.
- Weekly GROUP sessions will begin on Monday 20th February, 5.00pm—6.10pm at the Parish Centre.
- An ADULT (or person 18 years of age) from each family must attend each of the sessions, and will be invited to participate actively, with the students.
- In line with our Parramatta Diocesan policy, we offer sacramental processes that are FAMILY-CENTRED and PARISH BASED.
- For FURTHER DETAILS, please contact Sr Carlene, after one of the weekend Masses, or Ph 9628 7272 (Parish Office).

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Our Parramatta Diocesan Office has notified us regarding the celebration of the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION here in Holy Family Parish:

WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE, at 7.00pm

Please note this time and date in your diaries.

H.F Parish Sacramental Team.

**Mass & Anointing of the Sick
at Rochford Place, Ropes Crossing, will be on
Tuesday 28th of February, at 11.30am.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

...AND THAT'S A WRAP!

We want to thank everyone who participated in our Family Holiday Program for Summer 2023. We had a wonderful time visiting Stanwell Park beach, Bulli beach, The Entrance, and Dee Why beach. It was an opportunity to "get out of the house", explore a new area, catch up with family and friends, learning how to swim, fishing, and meeting new people. We thank especially, Cumberland Coachlines, for the smooth and comfortable ride to and from each destination. We hope to see you all again, and more new faces as well, at our next Family Holiday Program, the next school holidays. Watch this space for more information.



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World Day of the Sick Mass

including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

11am | Saturday 11 February 2023

Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown