



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 : 5.30pm 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

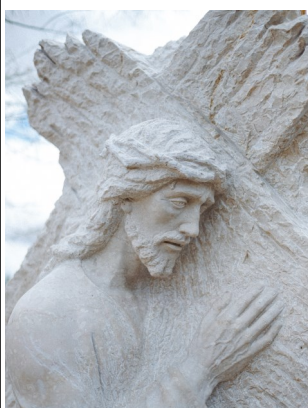
Saturday from 9.30 am to 10.00 am

REFLECTION FOR THE

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel invites us to enter into the Christian adventure with countercultural passion. After last week's rendition of Peter's proclamation of faith, Jesus tells the disciples that being the Messiah is not what they would like to imagine. In response, moments after proclaiming unconditional faith, Peter became Jesus' tempter. Echoing the devil who urged Jesus to use his power for himself and make God his security blanket (Matthew 4:1-10), Peter reproached Jesus for talking about suffering. Echoing his words to the devil himself, Jesus told Peter to get behind him. Yet, Jesus' approach to Peter was not really a dismissal. Using the same vocabulary he had used when he first invited Peter to discipleship, Jesus told Peter, "You are to follow me, not vice versa."

With that, Jesus offered Peter the divine seduction. "Those who wish to save their lives..." In other words, "Focusing on your own safety is a vicious cycle—you'll never have enough of it. If you are free enough to give yourself, nobody can threaten you ever again."



Jesus was inviting Peter to remember why he had followed him in the first place. Jesus didn't call his friends to ascetic sacrifice, but to a life full of the unique joy that comes from the freedom to be for others. This was not a call to a discipleship of cheering a prophet or studying under a rabbi. Jesus was inviting Peter and company to share his very purpose in life.

Today we're reminded that, whether we like it or not, the God of Jesus is the great seducer. God simply can't let us settle for puny expectations and sheltered sanctuaries. This God who risked creation and incarnation wants us to share the divine passion—to provoke us into finding our life by letting go.

By Mary M. McGlone:
National Catholic Reporter, 2023

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

YEAR OF MATTHEW

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have empowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v.2

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God
I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. R.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you. R.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. R.

For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are stumbling block to me; for you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will anyone give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his Angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each according to their work."

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2023 – 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME in YEAR A

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

3 - 9 September 2023

The Parish of Holy Family, Mt Druitt and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Rose Wilson, Fr Patrick Mullins SJ, Greg McDonald Guillermo Lopez, John Williams, Jacob Kelly, Dermot Murray, Karen Bartolo, Emma Datoc, Val Polkamp, Imaculata Leota, Malia Leota, 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, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Arimou Araujo, Mele Fangupo, Carmencita Inocencio, George Nematalla, Estefan D'Cauna, Charlie Wilkinson, Mel Fouhy, Manuel Herrero, Epifania Saquiton, Salvatore (Buddy) Datoc, Connie Wells, Fr. Bernie King, Martianus Tunggal, Tina Lane, Margaret Best, Richmond Byrne Jnr, John Carlow, Luke Cassar, Ronald Aldridge, Milly Anderson, William 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, Thelma Muller, Ana Seina Toa Filipe.



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 26th/27th August 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):	\$ 699.55
2nd collection (for parish expenses):	\$1,714.50



A huge thank you for supporting the Vinnies Western Sydney Community Sleep Out! We contributed over **\$1,000.00** towards the cause, helping raise so far over \$56,000.00 for our Western Sydney support centres.

Congratulations to Georg Eberl, the president of our St Vincent De Paul Emerton Conference, who was one of the 294 participants in NSW, who braved the cold to support those in our local community grappling with these extremely challenging times.

Liturgical Ministry Course

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2023

**LAST CHANCE
TO REGISTER!**

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

To register or find out more contact
mary.gale@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

God our Father,
we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
may they find courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for our own fathers around the world
whose children are lost and suffering;
may they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers,
but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory,
and nourish us with their love.

Amen

FAREWELL FR PAT!

Last Sunday was a bitter-sweet moment for our parish community, as we farewelled our beloved Fr Pat.

It was a wonderful day of community and faith, with an abundance of food and people.



Various community groups and individuals attended the event, sharing food, gifts, memories, and words of thanks to Fr Pat. This day will forever be a core memory for the parish and most especially, to Fr Pat.

A huge thanks to our Parish Pastoral Council for organising and hosting the event. And a special thanks to each and everyone one of you who attended, brought food/drinks



to share, and performed, especially on such short notice.

The speeches, performances, and number of people who attended, were attestations to how much Fr Pat meant to the people.

Farewell Fr Pat!
We will all miss you dearly.



NOTE: If you missed out on writing a message in our book for Fr Pat, you still have a chance to do so now. The book will be at the back of the church on the weekends and in the office during the week.





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.



SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS
 who never stop giving their lives in service to our Catholic community.
Appeal 2nd/3rd September

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal **DONATE NOW**



Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code.



Listen, Learn, Love

A New Engagement with
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait
 Islander Peoples



NATSICC and Caritas Australia have launched www.indigenousvoice.church - a website that empowers Catholics to make an informed decision at the 2023 Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum.

The site contains a collation of statements of Catholic Organisations, resources to assist in discernment and the voices of First Australians and our Catholic Leaders.

World Day of Migrant and Refugees celebration: 16 September

You're warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees on Saturday 16 September, 2pm - 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills.

Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod

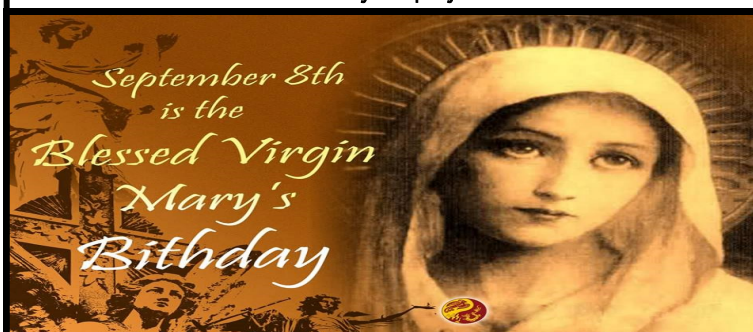
All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

✠ 5.30pm Vigil Mass on the 9th of September

✠ 10.30am Sunday Mass on the 10th of September

Please keep these young people, their families, and the Sacramental Team in your prayers.



The Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration and this year's theme is, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. It starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis reminds us that the next chapter in the Church's synodal journey will begin at the conclusion of the Season of Creation. He hopes that this synodal journey will foster deeper communion enriched by greater dialogue. To learn more, please contact our Peace, Justice and Ecology team via met@parracatholic.org

Mantras from Laudato Si

SEASON OF CREATION

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

Sun 03/09— "...the earth, our home..." (21)

Mon 04/09— "... climate is a common good..." (23)

Tue 05/09— "... water poverty creates inequality..." (28, 30)

Wed 06/09— "... live wisely, think deeply, love ...generously..." (47)

Thur 07/09— "...sister earth is crying out..." (53)

Fri 08/09— "... nature is God's art..." (80)

Sat 09/09— "...all creatures are connected, inter-dependent..." (42)

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



Happy Father's Day

"A Dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again."

