



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil : 7.00 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

Second Sunday of Easter

EASTER SEASON: FIFTY DAYS OF GRACE!

Each of the writings we hear from through the Easter season—the Acts of the Apostles, the Apocalypse/ Revelation, and the gospel of John—has its own take on time.

Luke, the author of Acts, allows forty days to elapse between Jesus' resurrection and ascension, with a further ten days before the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. John, by contrast, has Jesus' resurrection, appearance to the disciples and imparting of the Spirit all occurring on Easter Day, with a supplementary appearance to Thomas a week later. The Apocalypse is different again. It is written with an eye on the end times when the power of evil will be finally overthrown.

This might all seem dizzily disconcerting, but in effect each work operates on the "now and not yet" principle. Despite their differing timeframes, they all declare that by his death and resurrection Jesus has definitely overcome the power of sin and death. The hearts and extending it across the face of the earth will remain in progress until the end of time.

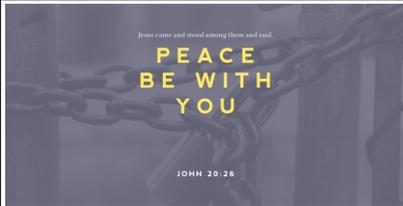
We have fifty days of grace to take the paschal mystery to heart and to proclaim it to the world.

DO YOU KNOW? IT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT! - First Reading: the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The central character in the Acts of the Apostles is the Holy Spirit. It's the Holy Spirit who drives the mission of the early Church, especially through its principal agents Peter and Paul. It's the Spirit who gets the gospel from Jerusalem, Israel's city of promise, to Rome, the centre of imperial power. It's the Spirit who ensures that everything (with minor exceptions) goes from strength to strength.

Pentecost quickly bears fruit in the life and witness of the disciples in Jerusalem. Today's reading is the third of Luke's cameos of the first community of believers. He's keen to stress the community's appeal and growth, and above all to affirm continuity between the ministry of Jesus and that of the apostles. Their success in healing the sick and attracting great crowds mirrors that of their Master. There is no explicit reference to the Spirit in the reading, but it's clear that the impressive conversions and healings are not accomplished by the disciples' own efforts.

Source: 2021, Liturgy Brisbane.



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Acts 5: 12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the Apostles. And the believers were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by.

A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 117 (118): 2-4, 24-27

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." R.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. R.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. R.

SECOND READING: Revelations 1: 9-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven Churches."

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, but see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

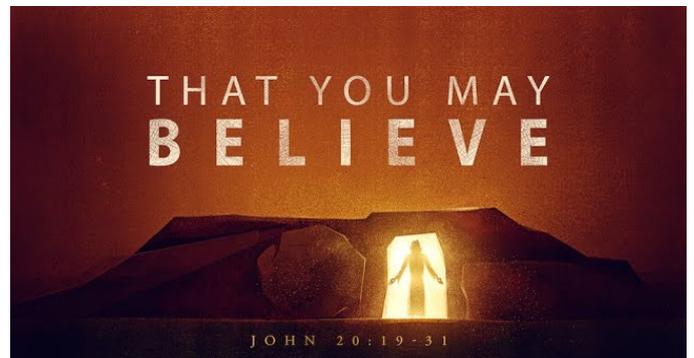
GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

2nd Reading: Revelations 5: 11-14

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Pam Picart-Fic, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tracey Tosatto, 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: Patrick McCray, Margaret Harrison, Derek Francis, Claude Fauvette, Fr. Geoff Dickinson, Fr. Terry Hogan, Coralie Baker, Alice Lowles, Lyn Burton, Simon Gunn, Dianna Margetson, Maria Gatt, Cynthia Schumacher, William (Billy) Whiting, Leslie Sercombe, Bill Wilson, Jeanette Monk, Shanese Allen, Anthony Saliba, Ester Charlton, Charlie Vella, Maria Carvalho, Fr J O'Shea, Dennis Kennedy, John O'Brien, Vincent Conovan.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Clare Goswell, Beth Haugh.

Divine Mercy Sunday



Feast Day Celebration Sunday

24th April

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

2.00pm

Mass: 3.00pm

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 16th/17th April 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):	\$ 1,074.90
2nd collection (for parish expenses):	\$ 2,341.30
Easter Offering:	\$ 851.00
Good Friday Holy Land Appeal:	\$ 1,242.30

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION at ST MARYS PARISH

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish seeks to establish perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022.

We seek more adorers for our roster, willing to commit one hour per week, day or night. We particularly request men to fill the late night and early morning hours.

The adoration will be held in the Adoration Chapel, attached to the parish presbytery and easily accessible from the street.

If you are willing and able to be part of this campaign, please complete the form at the back of the church, and return it to the parish office, or either ring or email St Mary's Parish Office on (02) 9623 1962; secretary@iinet.net.au God bless.



Ignatian Murmuration, 3-day retreat-style Conference, 12-14 May 2022

Celebrating 500 years since the conversion of St Ignatius. A treasure trove of soul-enriching spiritual exercises in this retreat-style conference.

Get inside Ignatius' interior life and experience the changes in his soul for ourselves.

Make this the transforming experience of your year!

Nine 'murmurations', or conversations, together over three days, sharing our stories, praying special exercises, having spiritual conversations, exploring the spirituality of murmuration, and contemplating the stars! And you will receive many new resources including nine ready-made Ignatian formation sessions.

The costs have been kept minimal:

Three Day: \$180 AUD One Day: \$75 AUD

On Demand Recordings & Resources: \$100 AUD

More information: <https://jisa.org.au/IM22/>

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/3bn6mrp7>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrated on the **2nd Sunday of Easter**, it is an annual feast honouring devotion to Christ's tender mercy for all humanity

On this day, you may be granted a **plenary indulgence*** if you:



take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel **OR** recite the *Our Father*, the *Creed* and a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

* THE REMISSION OF TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT DUE FOR SINS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORGIVEN



"I perform works of mercy in every soul. The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy"

Diary #7203

Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!

LITANY OF TRUST

From the belief that I have to earn Your love
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security that I have what it takes
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute
Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of Your words and promises
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You
Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will
Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future
Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past
Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking in the present moment
Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and presence
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands
Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement
Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering
Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better than anything else
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked
Jesus, I trust in You.

That my life is a gift
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will teach me to trust You
Jesus, I trust in You.

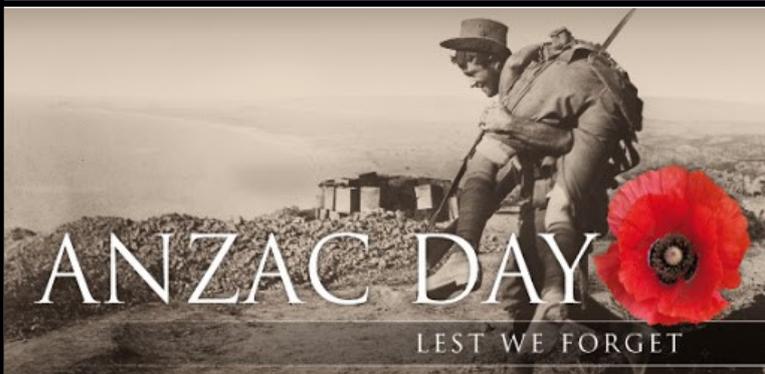
That you are my Lord and my God
Jesus, I trust in You.

That I am Your beloved one
Jesus, I trust in You.



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.



ANZAC DAY

This year Anzac Day promises to be a subdued celebration with marches in which people who have fought in wars and their relatives can take part. Few will be able to travel to Gallipoli to remember the invasion. The focus of the day will remain on the sorrow of war and not on the heroic achievements of soldiers or on imagined distinctive Australian qualities displayed at Gallipoli. The association of soldiers at Gallipoli with footballers playing their Anzac Day games will seem not only crass but ridiculous.

This year we shall remember with compassion people who died and whose lives were maimed by war with sorrow, and think of war with horror, not excitement. It has lain before our eyes all this month. Each day in the media we see the destruction in Ukraine of cities, of centuries-old centres of civilization. We see the young soldiers on both sides brought into the conflict and sent back in body bags. We see the columns of refugees leaving Ukraine and read of those forced to stay in cities that are bombed around the clock, where the dead lie frozen in the ice with the living.

As we think back to Gallipoli we think of the grief that spread from the battlefield to the Australian families and rural settlements who lost sons, brothers, fathers and the hopes of growing communities. We think, too, of the families to which soldiers returned, changed for the worse by their experience and sucking joy out of their families.

Anzac Day, too, encourages us to attend to the sorrow of later wars in which Australians have taken part – to the divisive Vietnam War, to Iraq and Afghanistan. We see beneath the honours of war the cost of constantly living in danger, where every farmer and grandmother might be an enemy fighter, and where Australian soldiers are seen as passing like straw in the wind. We see the hurt done to mind and spirit by war, and the cost to a rich humanity.

Anzac Day this year is a time to meditate on war, to honour those who have been required to serve in it, to be compassionate to the those who have lost lovers and children, and to feel with those who have lost their humanity through their experience of war. It is a day to swear off all the dystopias that glorify mass destruction and shout out compassion and other human responses.

Anzac is a day to pray for the dead and grow in compassion for the living dead left behind by war.

- Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

May 1

Our Synod response to Pope Francis is taking shape. The journey continues ...

View Respond Celebrate

Let's celebrate a special Mass with Bishop Vincent at Seven Hills Parish

View the draft Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

From April 19, all are invited to **VIEW** the online version of the draft synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

Celebrate the Diocesan report to the Synod of Bishops: 1 May

On May 1 all are invited to **CELEBRATE** the final document of the Diocese of Parramatta submissions to the Synod of Bishops 2023. Join Bishop Vincent at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills for this special gathering at the 9:30am mass. For catering purposes and to RSVP email met@parracatholic.org. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue. For more information visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/>



Please return all **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** to the church as soon as possible.

Easter offering envelopes and boxes are available at the back of the church.