



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 FOR THE

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Thank God I’m Better Than Others”

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They discover what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. The growth of this kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

The fact is that some religious people are better than the rest of us. At issue is the reason *why* they might be better. The arrogant Pharisee clearly believed he was better because of what *he* had done. He had been observant, and he was proud of it. The tax collector, on the other hand, was ashamed of what he had done. More to the point, he knew what God was able to do in the face of his sinfulness, and so he asked for mercy. Justification comes from God; it is not an equitable return for a job well done. The tax collector knew this; the Pharisee did not. The tax collector asked God for mercy, and he was granted his request. The Pharisee asked for nothing of God, and so he received nothing.

There are various ways in which we show we are self-righteous, but basically they all show we have forgotten that God is God and we are not. This is the attitude Jesus condemns. It presumes we are righteous through our own power, when it might be the case that we have not been thrown into a state of affairs that sorely tests the mettle of our virtue. It is one thing to be non-violent when the circumstance of life are relatively tranquil and quite another when one is immersed in brutal situations. Pregnancy means one thing to a woman who wants to bring a child into a stable and loving relationship and another to a frightened unmarried teenager. The observance of cultural mores, as important as they may be, do not justify a person. Only the goodness of God does.

When the circumstances of life support our efforts to be observant, we can easily assume a superior attitude toward those whose weaknesses are only too apparent. They may show failings in areas where we are resolute, but our disdain for them is a clear sign of both our ignorance of our own human frailty and our lack of human compassion for the frailty of others. Unfortunately, this attitude of arrogance can be brought to prayer by the pharisee in all of us.

- Dianne Bergant, with Richard Fragomeni,
Preaching the New Lectionary—Year C

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



God, I thank you that I am not like other people...

FIRST READING: Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19

The Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

The Lord will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The person whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and their prayer will reach to the clouds.

The pray of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds and does justice for the righteous, and executes judgment. Indeed, the Lord will not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 33: 2-3, 17-19, 23

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. R.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers,

to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,

and rescues them from all their troubles. R.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. R.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 2022 - 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C

1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22 -12: 2

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10



SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and regarded others with contempt:

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

"But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

"I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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, Pam Picart-Manalac, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, Mayta Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Jose Lay, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Fara Vargas.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Akeshu Haak, Lilian Farrugia.

Do you want to go to World Youth Day next year in Lisbon, Portugal?

Now is the time to decide!!

Talk about it with your family, friends, school / university, employer, to GOD!

For young people 16-35yo



FYI:

⇒ The Diocese WYD Pilgrimage will follow the footsteps of some amazing Saints in France, Spain, Portugal & Italy!!

⇒ Estimated cost \$8000-\$9000
⇒ 22 days,
4 countries!

Soooo...
Get your passport ready!
Start saving!
Let's fundraise!

Enquire now!

Express your interest now—www.parrawyd.org

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 15th / 16th October 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 720.50

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,793.95

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**
**23rd October
2022**

"You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8)

Every year, something special happens on the 3rd Sunday of October. **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that, "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelise is the very identity of the Church."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalised in more than 1,150 mission dioceses. With grateful hearts for your mission solidarity!

-Message of His Holiness Pope Francis



THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

Holy Family Parish

Christmas Carols

Saturday 10th December
7PM - 10PM

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parking via 254 Luxford Rd Emerton NSW 2770

Holy Family Parish Christmas Carols

Calling for Performers!

If you would like to perform at our Christmas Carols -- sing or dance solo or in a group, please speak to Eddie (Music Director), OR call the parish office!!



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.




HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

Remembrance Gathering

Sunday 27th November 2022
5.00pm in the church

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD/REN TO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2023?

- Is your child/ren at least 8 years of age and will be at least 10 years old in 2024?
- Has/ have your child/ren been baptised?

If you have answered 'yes' to all these questions, you will need to **enrol your child/ren NOW** for preparations towards **First Reconciliation, commencing on the 2nd of November 2022!**

To enrol your child/ren, or for more information, please see Lorraine Gordon, or contact the parish office.



BEING MERCIFUL

God who is merciful, desires our mercy. Here are some ways to keep mercy in our daily lives.

- † Learn this prayer: "Dear Lord, bless (annoying person's name) and have mercy on me!"
- † Do something kind and helpful; for someone who you don't get along with, or has wronged you.
- † Be generous enough to allow someone to help you; people need to feel needed.
- † Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with someone who is not in your everyday circle.
- † Pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet as you are travelling to or from work.
- † When conversations devolve into "the dark joy" of gossip, help change the subject.
- † Offer to drive an elderly person to Mass.
- † Hold your tongue!
- † Pray every day for the souls in Purgatory. Pray for the dead.

ONGOING FORMATION MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR, ACOLYTES & ADULT SERVERS

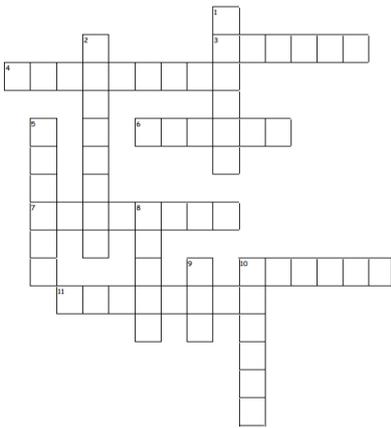
Rekindle Our Wonder

12th November 2022 | 9.30-3.00 PM
 Bishop Bede Heather Centre
 (Formerly known as IFM)
 1-5 Marion St Blacktown
 Presenter: Mr Chris Ohlsen

RSVP 7th November
 Register: mary.gale@parracatholic.org
 (02) 8838 3456
 Morning tea and lunch provided.

CROSSWORD

Humble yourself and you will be honoured (Lk 18: 9-14)



Across

- 3: consuming food
- 4: not honest
- 6: someone who wants more than one needs
- 7: satisfying
- 10: modest, lowly
- 11: a wedding is a celebration of the ----- rite

Down

- 1: above most others
- 2: Jewish religious leader
- 5: a place of worship
- 8: what we say when we apologise
- 9: money that must be collected for the government
- 10: where we go when we die

KIDS CORNER

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

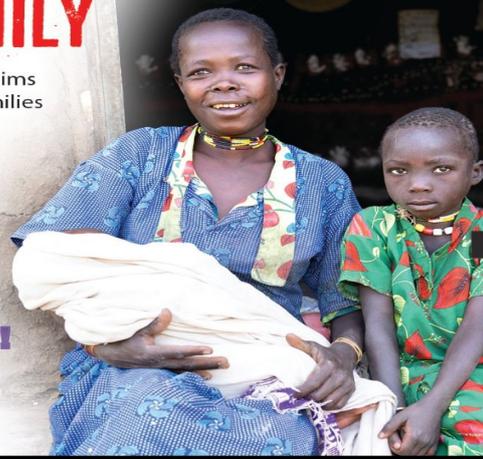
This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity

Thank you for your generosity!





Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia