



# HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



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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

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

This is perhaps one of the most well-known stories of Jesus – The Prodigal Son. I read recently from Jose Pagola, that “when Jesus started talking about a father’s problems in maintaining family unity, everyone paid attention. They knew about family conflicts”, as we still do today. But with repeated hearings we can lose the power and meaning of this story about a father’s love for a lost son (or two). Jesus tells this story to show us who God is like.

“But is God really like this father? A father who does not hold on to his inheritance, who is respectful of his son’s behaviour, who is not obsessed with their morality but seeks a full and happy life for them even against the conventional norms of justice and etiquette? Is this the best metaphor for God: a father opening his arms to those who are “lost”, away from home, and pleading with others to embrace them with compassion?”



“The parable implies a true “revolution”. Is that what the reign of God means? A Father who regards his creatures with incredible love and seeks to lead humanity towards a final feast in celebration of life, forgiveness, and ultimate liberation from everything that enslaves and degrades the human being?”

“Jesus was talking about a splendid banquet for everyone, about music and dancing, about lost sons who awaken tenderness in their fathers, about brothers who are called to forgive each other. Is this the good news of God?”

*Fr Gregory*



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Father, I have sinned



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

### **FIRST READING:** Joshua 5: 9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt."

While the children of Israel were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.

On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the children of Israel no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM :** Ps 33: 2-7

#### **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

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.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. R.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. The poor one called, and the Lord heard, and saved that person from every trouble. R.

### **SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Brothers and sisters: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake God make Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

#### **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, .

I have sinned against heaven and against you.

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### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2022 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 43: 16-21    **2nd Reading:** Philippians 3: 8-14

**Gospel:** John 8: 1-11



### **GOSPEL:** Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them a parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So the father divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. "When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. The young man would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

"So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

"Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. The slave replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

"Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' "Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**BAPTISMS:** We welcomed into our community Jaxson Mouaniss, Mary-Jane and Kalala Lolesio who were baptized last Sunday 20th March, 2022.

**LIST OF THE SICK:** 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:** Maria Farrugia, Paul Stanley, Colleen Mengel, Royston Van Der Beek, Christopher McGrath, Amelia Fatu, Fr Les Campion, Lauren Langrell, Terry Shepherd, Daphne Bond, Gertrude Banozy, Shane Bakhsh, Br Patrick Murphy, Br Maurice Brady, Br John Hopkins, Fatauli Paulo Lauofo, John Nadin, Steven Saunders, Jim Anderson, Allan Wood, Kathleen Butler, Gordon O'Brien, Remato da Silva, Mateus Gago, Joseph Tonna, Sr. M. Anita Spennenberg.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Eleanor Petterson, Amelia Manig.



## 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 19th/ 20th March 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 808.05  
2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,908.70

## 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

## 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 this weekend using the envelopes, leaving bucket collection, or at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. **Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.**

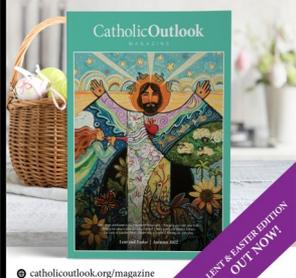


## THANK YOU

A huge thanks to everyone who contributed towards last weekend's special appeal for the Jesuit Mission Ukraine Emergency Appeal, and the St Vincent De Paul Flood Appeal.

We raised a total amount of **\$3,103.40**. These funds will be divided between the two appeals. If you were not able to make a contribution last weekend, and would still like to do so, please contact these services directly:

- **Jesuit Mission 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.



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## Holy Week Schedule

### Holy Thursday - 14th April 2022

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm  
(The Altar of Repose will be in the School Hall, with Adoration until 7.00am, Good Friday morning)

### Good Friday - 15th April 2022

Stations of the Cross - 10.00am  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.00pm

### Holy Saturday - 16th April 2022

Easter Vigil - 7.00pm



## YOUNG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for young people to help with our live Stations of the Cross for Good Friday.

Please come along to our first meeting:

// SUNDAY 27th MARCH //  
// 11.30AM //  
// in the School Hall //



No previous acting experience is required and there are no spoken lines to memorize. Please consider becoming a part of this prayerful experience of the Passion of our Lord Jesus

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](http://www.scenicworld.com.au)

## TARONGA ZOO TICKETS—SOLD OUT!



If you have missed out, and would like to go on a waiting list, please contact the parish office. There is a possibility of booking an extra bus, if we have sufficient numbers.

**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@holyfamily.org.au](mailto:enquiry@holyfamily.org.au)



Meditations on the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent:

**6.00pm (English)**

**7.00pm (Tongan)**

in the church.

## 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. ( ' , )

## HOLY THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On this solemn Holy Thursday (14th April) night, we invite you to spend some time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please consider watching one hour (or more) on Holy Thursday evening after Mass, in the School Hall, till 7.00am, Good Friday morning.

To commit to a time, please put your name down on the roster at the back of the church, or contact the parish office: [enquiry@holyfamily.org.au](mailto:enquiry@holyfamily.org.au)



**Fourth Sunday of Lent 26 & 27 March**



**Rosalie 44**, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.**

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](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## THE GIFT OF GIVING

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

**Week 4**  
**Coconut Milk**



Email [foodbank@jrs.org.au](mailto:foodbank@jrs.org.au) or call 0434 422 573 to organise a time to drop off your donation.



**THIS LENT**