



# 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

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus today is not really having a go at our family ties, but rather at our obedient response to the word he proclaims. For Jesus, the family does not come first; it is not above everything. There is something more important: service to the reign of God. Jesus requires of his disciples to be more faithful to him than to their own families. If that creates a conflict of loyalties, they must choose Jesus.

It might be helpful to ask: Does being a Christian cost me anything? Look back over the past week or month and examine your life. Ask yourself: Was there any time I felt I had to pay a price, even a small one, for being a Christian? Think about it...

Has our fidelity to the gospel ever cost us money, reputation, the possibility of advancement, property and even family harmony? There are many people who envision getting to heaven, only for God to ask: "Where are your wounds?" and if we say, "I have not got any," he will say, "Was there nothing worth fighting for?" Another way of putting this is: "What am I willing to lose in order to keep Jesus Christ in my life?"

The implication is that sometimes it should cost us some of these things! If it never has cost us anything then we are probably not living fully up to the call to full discipleship.

THE COST OF  
DISCIPLESHIP

Fr Gregory

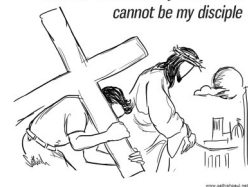


## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

# 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Whoever doesn't carry their cross  
cannot be my disciple



### FIRST READING: Wisdom 9: 13-18

For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail; for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthly tent burdens the thoughtful mind.

We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens?

Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?

And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you, and were saved by wisdom.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

**R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn man back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you children of Adam."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. R.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers. R.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.  
Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! R.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands. R.

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022 - 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C

**1st Reading:** Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

**2nd Reading:** 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 15: 1-32



### SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Beloved: I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the Gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Luke 14: 25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate their father and mother, spouse and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even their life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

"Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

"So therefore, whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## SEASON of CREATION—Mantras from *Laudato Si*

**Sing it! Say it! Sketch it! Pray it!**

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

- Thur 1 Sept:** "... the earth, our home..." (21)  
**Fri 2 Sept:** "... climate is a common good..." (23)  
**Sat 3 Sept:** "... water poverty creates inequality..." (28, 30)  
**Sun 4 Sept:** "... one single human family, no frontiers, no barriers..." (52)  
**Mon 5 Sept:** "... hear the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor..." (49)  
**Tue 6 Sept:** "... live wisely, think deeply, love generously..." (47)  
**Wed 7 Sept:** "... sister earth is crying out..." (53)  
**Thur 8 Sept:** "... nature is God's art..." (80)  
**Fri 9 Sept:** "... all creatures are connected, inter-dependent..." (42)  
**Sat 10 Sept:** "... where is our sense of responsibility for humanity?" (25)

(Compiled by Sr Jill Shirvington op, of the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands; member of the Inter-Congregational Voice on Climate Change—Pacific Climate Watch.

Updated by Sue Martin Australian Jesuit Province Care for our Common Home officer & Caritas Australia Earthcare coordinator).

### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Fr Mikeale Paunga SM, Mary Facer, Lopisoni Makario, 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, Carmen Carlon, 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:** Ann-Marie De Riviere

## 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 27th/28th August 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 920.85

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 2,388.50

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**  
4 - 10 September 2022



## Building Safe Parishes Together in 2022: An Update from the Office for Safeguarding National Child Protection Week 4-10 September 2022

Every Child in Every Community Needs a Fair Go This week begins Child Protection Week across the country. During this week we are reminded that:

- Children benefit when we bring people together to create connected communities.
- Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture.
- They have a right to grow up in environments that support them now and into their future.

[From: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-theme/>]

Our Parish life is known by its connectedness and by its shared beliefs and values to be Christ-like in all we do. At our very heart we want our Catholic Parish community to be inclusive and safe for all to come and worship and to share their baptismal gifts for the good of all – especially for our children and for adults who may be at risk.

There are many things we can do to create a supportive Parish environment and show that we do give a fair go for all the children of our faith community! This month, as a Catholic community, let's ensure we have taken the first step to care and protect the children in our parish family. As volunteers in Parish Ministry, have you completed a Mandatory Safeguarding Training? Contact the Parish Office to enquire about training opportunities. If you would like to complete the training independently on an online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. Sign up onto the platform by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)



Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops invite all Catholics to join the ecumenical Season of Creation. It starts 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends 4 October (Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi). They encourage us all to make this a special time of prayer and action in caring for our common home.

## 2022 Season of Creation Prayer

*Creator of All,*

*From your communion of love your Word went forth  
to create a symphony of life that sings your praise.*

*By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth  
to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being.*

*Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.*

*You called human beings to till and keep your garden.  
You placed us into right relationships with each creature*

*so that we could listen to their voices,  
and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life.*

*But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.*

*We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures.*

*We fail to listen to the cries of the poor  
and the needs of the most vulnerable.*

*We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions  
that teach us to care for the Earth.*

*We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word  
that calls to us through the Scriptures.*

*We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats  
that will never speak again.*

*We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and  
livelihoods that have been displaced or perished.*

*Creation cries out as forests crackle,  
and animals alike flee the fires of injustice  
that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.*

*In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us,  
as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit.*

*Breathe upon us.*

*Open our ears and move our hearts.*

*Turn us from our inward gaze.*

*Teach us to contemplate your creation,  
and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory.*

*For "faith comes from hearing."*

*Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise  
to renew the face of the Earth.*

*Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ  
as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground.*

*Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice  
with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home.*

*In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation,  
Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*





## 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, MT DRUITT

# YOUTH NIGHT

For ages 16-25

\\ SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022 //  
 \\ 6.00PM - 8.30PM //  
 \\ HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL //



Let us care for those who have cared  
 for us through their lifetime of service



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day  
 Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy  
[parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)



## 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

## MASS for SENIORS and ANOINTING of the SICK

Thursday 15th September, 11.30pm,  
 in the church.

Everyone is welcome!

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the parish office  
 by Tuesday 13th September 2022.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
 MT DRUITT

## Spring Holiday Program

FLYER OUT NOW!  
 TICKETS GO ON SALE  
 MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

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CHECK OUT THE FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS

## LEGION OF MARY

### Senatus of Sydney Celebrates Worldwide Centenary

Legion of Mary members, past and present, along with  
 their families and friends are invited to attend the  
 Anniversary Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.



Saturday, 10 September 2022

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
 10:00 A.M. Opening Prayers  
 10:30 A.M. Holy Mass

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL HALL  
 11:30 A.M. Full Legion Prayers  
 Followed By Lunch  
 1:00 PM Program

To Jesus Through Mary



LEGION OF MARY  
 FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921