



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

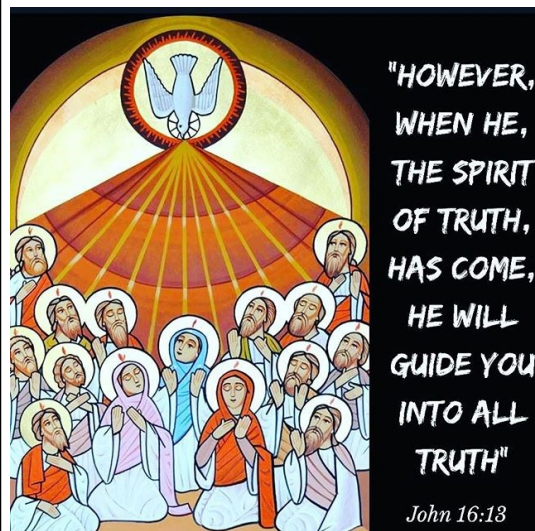
REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The word 'Paraclete' or 'Advocate' mean the same thing – someone 'called to one's side' as a helper, principally as a defender in a lawsuit. It suggests comfort and strength, it implies perseverance.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples here, before his crucifixion, to prepare them for what is to come. The Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, will teach the disciples everything and lead them into all truth, witnessing to the Father. The Paraclete will keep Jesus present to them when He is no longer physically present with them.

The close link and interplay between these three figures of Father, Son and Spirit gives us not only the beginnings of the theology of the Trinity, but also a lasting confidence that Jesus is never absent from his Church. With the guidance and patronage of the Paraclete the Church enters more and more deeply into the understanding of the divine mystery.



"HOWEVER,
WHEN HE,
THE SPIRIT
OF TRUTH,
HAS COME,
HE WILL
GUIDE YOU
INTO ALL
TRUTH"

John 16:13

This can be seen in how the gospel is spread in the early Church. The Acts of the Apostles today speaks of that spread into Samaria (the country region just north of Jerusalem). The peace of God's Kingdom comes to the Samaritans in the form of liberation from sickness and the torment of various diseases. Luke notes for us the joy which this brings, a joy which is the sign of the Reign of God. It is notable that the distinction between the gifts of faith and the fuller gifts of the Spirit is already marked in the same way as the distinction in the modern Church between baptism and confirmation (which is what we are preparing our young people for during this month!). The apostles come to administer the sacrament, just as nowadays the bishop comes, marking the unity of the Church and the special position of the successors of the apostles.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



*I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another advocate*

FIRST READING: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city. Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20.

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" R.

"All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among the children of Adam. R.

He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever. R.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 15-18

Beloved: In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

"The one who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023 - 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD) in YEAR A

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20



A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

*Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—
into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother.*

*Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual,
in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's.*

Inspired by this example, we, too,

honour our mothers and mother figures today.

*Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers
and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.*

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.



WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the community, Seira Cullen, who was baptised last Sunday 7th May 2023.

LIST OF THE SICK: Dermot Murray, Karen Bartolo, Emma Datoc, Ramil Suarez, Val Polkamp, Leota Sefo, 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, Jose Lay, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gloria McAtamney, Angelo Kenk, Frank Bonavia, Val Hardy, Lusie Sitani, Cecil Benson, John Benson, Elsie Llige, Helen Chambers, Kilistina Kiteau, Vicente (Vic) Araullo, Mario Llige, Gary Hallett, 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, Alice Lowles, John O'Brien, Vincent Conovan.

RECENTLY DECEASED:



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:

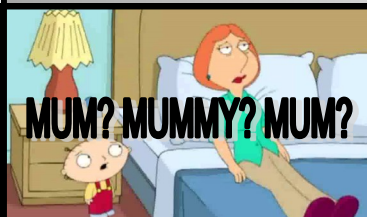
for the weekend of the 6th/7th May 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 685.50
2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,588.10



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2023/2024

- The Planned Giving envelopes for the new financial year 2023/2024, will be available from June.
- Please contact the Parish Office if:
 - you have changed your contact details OR address,
 - you no longer wish to take part in this scheme,
 - would now prefer to OR have been contributing online OR via direct transfer,
 - would like a report of your contributions for the 2022/2023 financial year.
- If you would like to be a part of the Envelope Contribution Scheme, simply fill out the form at the back of the church, and place it in the 2nd collection, OR contact the parish office.



Francis by Patrick J. Marrin for May 11, 2023



Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod2023

Submissions for the Synod are now open, and will close on Monday 31st July 2023.

O God, who always walks with us
on the journey of life, we call upon you
to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.
Reveal to us the way we are called
to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue
the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local
Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,
who in the power of the Holy Spirit
continues to guide your Church, to the
fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

*Happy
Mothers
Day!*



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MOTHERS...

Four small children ran around a mother standing at the front door holding an armful of coats. Her husband asked why she was just standing there and not coming out to get in the car. "Here," she said, handing him the coats. "This time, you put the coats on the kids and I'll go out and sit in the car and blow the horn!"

YOU MEANT TO TELL ME

What if I told you

When you're a
Stay at home mom and





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.



MOUNT DRUITT

RECONCILIATION MARCH

SAVE THE
DATE!

Mount DrUITT Swimming Centre

7 Mount Street, Mount DrUITT.

Date: June 3, 2023

Time: 10am to 2pm

Raffle - BBQ - Kids Activities
Live Entertainment - Smoking
Ceremony - Yarning & Sharing
Stories

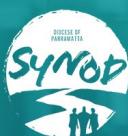
PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Be the face of
Christ to our
First Nations
people

AT ALL MASSES
NEXT WEEKEND
20/21 MAY



Please support Aboriginal Catholic Care with a gift to the Bishop's
Good Samaritan Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



SYNOD

WESTERN DEANERY CONSULTATION

SATURDAY JUNE 24
6:30-9:30PM

Holy Spirit Primary School,
St Clair

Register online: https://parracatholic.org/synod23_deaneryreg/

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER 2023

Mandatory Safeguarding Face-to-Face Training

Saturday 20th May - 10am - 3pm
Holy Family Primary School Hall

(Parking via 11 Emert Pde Emerton NSW 2770)

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Wednesday 17th May to
the Parish Office (02) 9628 7272.

***PLEASE NOTE: ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS &
FACILITATORS, and ANY GROUP WHO FACILITATES PROGRAMS ON
PARISH GROUNDS MUST COMPLETE THIS TRAINING!

If you cannot attend the training, there is an option to complete it online. For
this opportunity, OR for other alternatives, please contact the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Senior Servers/ Acolytes, Audio Visual Operators!!

We would like to continue rostering liturgical ministers for our
weekend Masses.

Please note: All liturgical ministers must have or obtain a
Working With Children Check (WWCC) number, and have/ will
complete the Safeguarding Training.

If you would like to be added to the roster, OR you are
interested in helping with reading, serving, or distributing
Communion/ Chalice at Mass, please see Sr Carlene OR contact
the parish office (02) 9628 7272.



POWR



Further-Along-Your-Path
youth
off the streets

Walking Together - Youth PoWR Meets the Uluru Statement: 28 May

In view of the upcoming referendum on the Voice to
Parliament, Youth PoWR and the Challenging Racism
Project at WSU are hosting a free interactive
workshop led by Youth Off the Streets to foster
purpose and understanding among non-Indigenous
youth so they can confidently walk the path of
reconciliation with First Nations people.

For young adults aged 18-35

Please join us: Sunday 28 May @ 12-4pm,
Vegetarian food served at midday.

Come! Eat! Meet! Participate!

Peter Shergold Building, WSU Level 9, 169
Macquarie St, Parramatta 2150.

Register your attendance FREE at Humanitix:
events.humanitix.com/youthpowr-meets-uluru