



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 SOLEMNITY OF THE

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Holy Thursday is really the commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist, but it tends to be overshadowed by the death of Jesus on Good Friday and we lose the focus that should be present. It is therefore a great insight of the Church to have this feast of Corpus Christi as a separate feast now.

In our first reading from Moses' sermon to the Israelites, he makes clear how the long years in the desert had been a time of testing. In the desert there are no natural sources of food and water and the people had to rely upon the provisions provided by God - water from the Rock and manna sent from heaven. In this situation they came to know that God is necessary for protection and life.

But like the Israelites, we too are a forgetful people when times change and the essentials of life are more easily available. We too need to be reminded of the God who provides for us both in the desert experiences, and in the abundance of the 'Promised Land' flowing with milk and honey!



The Eucharist is our Christian symbol of God's providence to sustain and nourish us always. However, it goes well beyond the water and manna of the desert, which was to sustain the Israelites on their journey through the desert. The new Bread from heaven given by Jesus will be the 'flesh for the life of the world'. This is not just for the journey through a wilderness, nor just the journey of our life, but a divine gift for eternal life. It is to sustain the life of the world, and to bring us into communion - a common bond with each other and with Christ around a shared experience of the Eucharistic table. It is a sadness therefore when the Eucharistic table is used as a means of separating some from this bond of a community of mercy, love and community support.

Fr Gregory

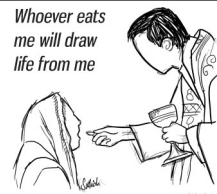


SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Whoever eats
me will draw
life from me



FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Moses spoke to the people: "Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments.

He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions.

He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (R.12)

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you. R.

He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. R.

He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
He has not dealt thus with any nation; they do not know his ordinances. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to his people: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The people then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in them.

Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever. "Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Gospel of the Lord.



1st Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18th JUNE 2023— 11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9: 36-10: 8



BLESSING THE BREAD, THE CUP

Let us bless the bread
that gives itself to us
with its terrible weight,
its infinite grace.

Let us bless the cup
poured out for us
with a love
that makes us anew.

Let us gather
around these gifts
simply given
and deeply blessed.

And then let us go
bearing the bread,
carrying the cup,
laying the table
within a hungry world.

~Jan Richardson



Jesus has made Himself the Bread
of Life to give us life. Night and day,
He is there. If you really want to
grow in love, come back to the
Eucharist, come back to that
Adoration.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the community, Delilah Jefferson and Laylah Wotton, who were baptised last Sunday 4th June 2023.

LIST OF THE SICK: Jacob Kelly, Dermot Murray, Karen Bartolo, Emma Datoc, 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: Michael Greene, Jule Clancy, Br Ted Davis, Roma Paige, Margaret Ward, Sam Wilson, Marie Ange de Riviere, Duncan Bauda, Gwen Potter, Julio Lobo, Adele Barraket, Korina Sayegh, Doris Yrure, Fr Peter Evans, David Dut Mayen, Joao Lobato, Teresa Da Silva, Mario Oliveira, Rita Debono, Abilio Ribeiro, Luis Amaral, Luis Monteiro, Francisco Oliveira, Tony Brown, Peggy Truma, Francis Patrick Regan, Fr Gabriel Pedron OSB, Peter Roseworn, Jai Chalker, Leanne Herring, Tisola Lolesio Mouna, John Hanna, Carmil Hill, Ken McLaren, Barbara Lawler, John Kachan, Tony Eves, Patrick Neilson.

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 3rd/4th June 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 775.15

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$1,670.70

Tongan Mass \$ 278.10



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2023/2024

- Planned Giving envelopes for the 2023/2024 financial year are now available from the back of the church.
- Please note: Envelopes are placed in alphabetical order by your family name. Please ensure that you search for your family name and NOT your previous envelope number, as your number may have changed.
- If any of your contact details have changed, OR if you no longer wish to be a part of the envelope contribution scheme, please contact the parish office.
- If you would like to join the envelope contribution scheme, please complete the form and place it in the second collection.
- If you would like a report of your contributions for the 2022/2023 financial year emailed OR posted to you, please contact the parish office.

Save Calvary Hospital

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au

~Mass for Seniors~

★ Many people have expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to come together at 11.30am last Tuesday for the celebration of Mass, and for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. They also enjoyed "catching up" on friendships which go back many years, and making some new acquaintances. As always, the lunch proved to be a great success, and a chance to sit and chat.

★ A big thank you to parish staff, and our wonderful band of parishioners who helped to take an active part in the liturgy, set up the venue for Mass and the light lunch, serve at the tables, and clear up the venue afterwards! May each of you be blessed abundantly for your generosity and gracious hospitality.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

During 7.00pm Mass on last Wednesday, 32 young people renewed their Baptismal Promises and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We congratulate them, their Sponsors and families, and we thank our Celebrant, Father Chris de Souza, and our Sacramental Team.

*May the Holy Spirit gift each of us throughout our lives,
enabling us to grow in unity of faith and love.*

TEENAGERS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend we celebrate a special feast day–The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi) - and during the Mass some of our teenagers will be receiving their First Holy Communion.

We congratulate these 9 young people, and pray that they will often be nourished with the Bread of Life, and will continue to be fervent followers of Jesus.



STARTS AT 6:30 UNTIL 11:30PM | SATURDAY 1ST JULY | TICKET \$10 PER PERSON

11 EMERT PARADE, EMERTON NSW 2770
RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON

COME DOWN AND SUPPORT
SEE YOU THERE



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

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Come and celebrate **NAIDOC Day** with us on:

Tuesday 4th July 2023

10.00am - 2.00pm

Hosted by Catholic Care (WSBM)

Thursday 6th July 2023

10.00am - 3.00pm

Hosted by Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation

252-254 Luxford Rd Emerton

FREE EVENT!

For Our Elders



DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA— PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SYNOD LISTENING CONSULTATION

SATURDAY 8th JULY 2023

1PM - 5PM

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

(11 Emert Parade, Emerton NSW 2770)

For more information OR to RSVP, please contact the
parish office (02) 9628 7272.

RSVP by Tuesday 4th July, 2023.

MACQUARIE ICE RINK - FRIDAY 14TH JULY

Come ice-skating with us at the Macquarie Ice Rink - **\$10 per person**

(Price includes transport and admission fee)

TICKETS GO ON SALE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE ON MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023

(Holy Family Centre - 11 Emert Pde Emerton - (02) 9628 7272)

Bus Schedule

Final pick-up & departure from Holy Family Centre	10.00am
Skating Session	11.00am - 2.00pm
Depart Destination	3.00pm

Bus pick-up & drop-off is available from the
local 2770 shops: Willmot, Shalvey, Bidwill,
Blacket, Hebersham Emerton, Mt DrUITT,
Whalan, Tregear, Lethbridge Park.

Terms & Conditions:

- There are no booking cancellations OR reservations. Tickets are transferrable.
- **CASH ONLY!**
- Priority for purchase is given to families/ individuals residing in the 2770 suburban areas.
- Food/drink is not included in ticket. Participants may bring their own, OR purchase from facilities at the destination.
- Data collection details: Contact person & details, no. of participants, age of children, residing suburb.



Synod

WESTERN DEANERY CONSULTATION

**SATURDAY JUNE 24
6:30-9:30PM**

**Holy Spirit Primary School,
St Clair**

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