



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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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 Communion Service
Wednesday	6.00pm Communion Service
Thursday	8.30am Communion Service
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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I have just been reading a book: *The Death's Head Chess Club*, which starts in Auschwitz. It revolves around three central characters – a Jewish chess Master, a Nazi SS Officer (who first meet in Auschwitz because of the Death's Head Chess Club) and a German chess Master who come together at an international tournament in 1962. The Jew, Emil, has a deep-seated hatred of all Germans. The German chess Master, Willi, was protected during the war and cannot understand the perspective of suffering endured by Emil. The SS Officer, Peter, has become a Catholic Bishop after his own conversion experience at Auschwitz and is the instigator for bringing the three of these men together to help each find forgiveness and healing.

The story reminded me of the Good Samaritan because the healing comes from unexpected sources. For the listeners of Jesus 2,000 years ago, the Samaritans were the enemy. For the Jew in 1942 it was the German Nazi who was the enemy. It took a long time for Emil to even really listen to a Nazi talk about healing and forgiveness.

But the context of Luke's story is even stranger still – it is about love of neighbour. Can a Jew learn to love a Nazi, and vice versa? Can they put aside the dehumanizing atrocity of a place like Auschwitz and find in the other a neighbour?

Sometimes we need an external event – like the robbery and abuse of the traveller, or the chess tournament – to bring us together. But then it also takes the compassionate heart of the Samaritan to not keep walking on like the Priest and the Levite had done. Or in the book, for the SS Officer, now Bishop, to bridge the gap between enemies through his desire to bring forgiveness and healing to others.

Being a good neighbour is not always easy. Being a good neighbour to our sworn enemy often takes us to our breaking point. In these moments, it is often necessary for us to get in touch with the loving heart of our God, this God with a steadfast, compassionate heart, in order to find healing – and to inherit eternal life.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go and do likewise



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the Law; turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'

"Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'

"No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 68: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

As for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.

At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your steadfast help, rescue me.

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. R.

But I am lowly and in pain; let your salvation, O God, protect me.

I will praise the name of God with a song;

I will magnify him with thanksgiving. R.

Let the oppressed see it and be glad;

you who seek God, let your hearts revive. R.

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah;

the children of his servants shall inherit it,

those who love his name shall live in it. R.

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 1: 15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his Cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? What do you read there?" The lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

"But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

"The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'"

Jesus asked, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17th JULY 2022 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C

1st Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10

2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

LIST OF THE SICK: Baby Gabriella Mafi, Archie Mori, Nanding Flores, Pam Picart-Manalac, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, Jeffrey Bonnici, 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: Margaret Joyce, Sister Veronica O'Neill, Jowee Sarmenta.



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 2nd/3rd July 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 558.40

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 1,317.25

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2022/2023

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are NOW AVAILABLE!

Please search for your NAME on the BOX, not your previous Envelope Number, as some envelope numbers have changed!

If your details printed on the boxes are incorrect, please contact the parish office asap.

If you would like to be a part of the Envelope Contribution Scheme, please fill out the form at the back of the church, and place it in the 2nd collection OR contact the parish office.

CHARITY and GRATITUDE

Once upon a time God gave a party to all the virtues, great and small, humble and heroic. They all gathered together in a splendidly decorated hall in heaven and soon began to enjoy themselves because they were well acquainted with one another; some were even closely related.

Suddenly God spotted two fair virtues who seemed not to know each other at all and were somewhat ill at ease in each other's company. So He took one of them by the hand and formally introduced her to the other. "Gratitude," he said, "this is Charity."

But God had hardly turned around when they were again parted. And so the story has gone around that even God cannot bring Gratitude to be where Charity is.

[ANTHONY de MELLO: THE PRAYER OF THE FROG—Volume 2]



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

In the first week of July the final assembly of the Plenary Council was held. It has been a long process over four years. During it, Australia has seen two Federal Elections and three Prime Ministers. The process was prolonged by the disruption caused by the COVID virus. It extended over a time marked by great destruction by bushfire and flood, economic pressures, international crises and now an energy crisis. In both Australia and the wider world the times we live in and their implications for the future call for wise counsel. This is so also true of the Catholic Church whose active members are ageing and which still bears the open wounds of sexual abuse perpetrated by many of its representatives and concealed by some of its leaders.

The process of the Council has been laborious, involving grass roots conversation and reports, the distillation of these into reports, reflection on the reports in a first Assembly and the articulation of motions to be debated at the final assembly.

The process that has led to the Council, the composition of the members of the Assembly, the selection of themes from the initial conversations, and the goals of the Council have all been the subject of debate by Catholics in and outside the Synod process. It has been a messy and thoroughly human enterprise within a Church in which people hold strongly divergent views about the future of a Church to which they are committed, and about the way to build that future.

As the Council draws towards its conclusion it is time to set aside for a time the arguments about what could and should have been done differently. Those important questions can be left to later evaluation. It is appropriate now to celebrate what has been achieved in setting up the Council, and to remember the work of those who have laboured to make it happen. They include all those involved in the initial reflections by individuals, parish groups and Catholic organisations on the major issues for the Council, those involved in reading and summarising the submissions, the members of commissions and of drafting groups, the members of the first and second Assembly, those involved in informing Catholics about the business at each stage of the Council, and not least the Bishops who have run with and supported the Council and the Catholic groups that have presented alternative views. They all merit our thanks.

No doubt future historians will see the Pastoral Council as an early clumsy attempt to fashion a new way of being Church suitable for our age. It is one of the many initiatives whose spirit is caught in Pope Francis' understanding of Synodality. This models a pattern of participation, listening and of shared leadership within the Catholic Church. The test of the Council will lie less in its decisions, recommendations and institutional changes than in whether it creates a hunger for the participatory leadership of all members of the Church and for the culture of prayer, listening and discernment that enable it.

- Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

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





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.



Please note:
 Due to the current weather conditions, the NAIDOC Day celebration scheduled for Monday 11th July, has now been postponed until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE:
 There is NO MASS on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, or Thursday 14th of July.
 We will have a Communion Service instead.

ARE WE REALLY PRESENT TO OTHERS?



In a society of constant change and competing priorities, it may be justifiably challenging to pause and give our undivided attention to a task or person. Regular distractions such as phone calls, emails, text messages, social media and out-of-hours work-related interruptions are just some examples. Various studies across the globe have indicated that mobile phone use has catapulted over recent years, especially with the increasing sophistication and use of smartphones.

For clarity, being present to others – family, friends, acquaintances, work colleagues etc. – implicitly means that we're focused on the here and now, without distraction or being absent-minded.

The danger with not awakening our self-awareness about possible distractions is that our brains can identify them as the norm, which may influence a future thirst for even more distractions moving forward into the future.

Being present to others is important. In particular, this is even more pertinent when thinking about our family members. Pausing and giving individuals time – no matter who they may be in our lives – allows our relationships to flourish and communicates to others that we value them.

How can we be more present? It is really simple. It could involve active listening, having an awareness of your surroundings, and authentically connecting with people around you.

Some practical strategies that could be employed to support a person being more present to others include:

- Increase self-awareness – Taking the time to stop and conduct a personal self-audit during the day.
 - Reduce distractions – This may involve switching off devices, moving devices to another room, or moving to another space.
 - Use a buddy – Organise for a family member or friend to remind you if you're being distracted from something or someone. Thank them afterwards.
- Everyone can get distracted in our daily lives. This is not unusual. However, every day, every week, and every year has meaning and should be valued. Making the most of each moment may be challenging, but the potential rewards will likely be much prized and remembered.



St Ignatius of Loyola

Parish Feast Day Celebration
 Sunday 31st July, 2022

Mass at 10.30am with
 Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv,
 followed by a multicultural lunch and celebration.

Everyone is welcome!



HOLY FAMILY
 Primary Emerton

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AUSTRALIA SEA SUNDAY APPEAL "Go and do likewise!" (Luke 10:37)

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-Sunday-appeal/>



STELLA MARIS
 SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS
 AROUND THE WORLD

Article by Frank Chiment (pictured), the Principal Leader at Patrician Brothers' College, Blacktown.

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