



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 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

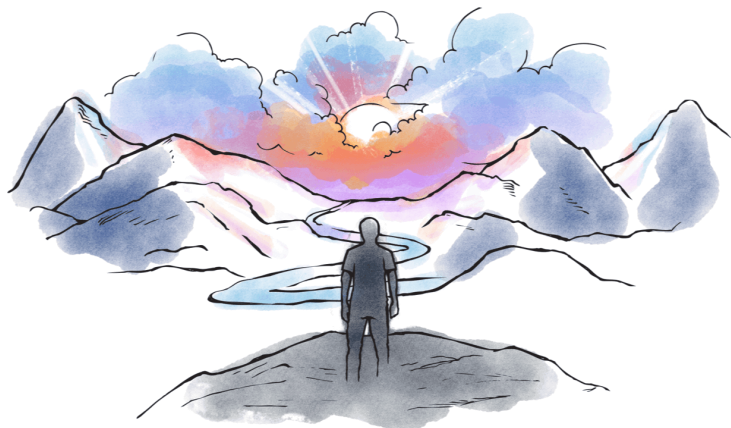
RECONCILIATION AND HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Saturday from 9.30 am to 10.00 am

REFLECTION FOR THE First Sunday of Lent

Lent is God's time. We see this in the readings for today. It is a time when we are reminded that we are but dust of the earth and there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Lent warns us not to try to force God's hand. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Finally, Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

We begin this Lenten season knowing that salvation is not something we can achieve on our own merits. There is no advantage to being a Jew or a Greek, simply being faithful to devotional practices or not. Lent is not a season for us to concentrate on what we are going to do to be saved. It is a time for us to reflect on what God has done for us by bringing us to salvation. What happens to us in faith comes by way of the resurrection of Jesus, which is God's seal on the ministry of Jesus in the Holy Spirit. Lent is less a time for us to be doing religious "things" than for us to be open to the transformative "things" God wishes to do for us. For Paul this is the basis of our faith.



(Dianne Bergant, with Richard Fragomerni,
Preaching the New Lectionary, Year C,
The Liturgical Press—Collegeville, Minnesota)



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

"A wandering Aramean was my father; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me."

And Moses continued, "You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 90: 1-2, 10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust." R.

No evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
For he will command his Angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways. R.

On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. R.

The one who loves me, I will deliver;
I will protect the one who knows my name.
When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honour him. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 10: 8-13

Brothers and sisters, what does Scripture say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The Scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL: Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his Angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13th MARCH 2022 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C

1st Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36



WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into our community Ezekiel Mano, who was baptized last Sunday 27th February 2022.

LIST OF THE SICK: Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Lopisoni Makario, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tracey Tosatto, Eleanor Petterson, Jeffrey Bonnici, Mayta Attachian, Carmen Carlon, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Jose Lay, Jerry Borg, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Margaret Joyce.

ANNIVERSARIES: Don Pedro Nuno, Sandy Oloaga, Nellie Lincoln, Maria Farrugia, Siaoosi Palu, Gary Russell, Jack Pratt, Elaine Chatfield, Dennis Gleeson, (Jan) Pendel, Phillip Perich, Una Fuller, Agatha Benson, Mary Stewart, Veronica Kelly, Eric Bokyar, Pat Kennedy, Blanch de Alvis, John Coorey, Dorothy Millar, Gina Kenk, Fred Allen.



MASS for SENIORS & ANOINTING of the SICK

// Tuesday 15th March 2022 //
// 12.00pm in the church //

For catering purposes, please **RSVP by Friday 11th March**, to the parish office.

If you require transportation, OR are available to assist with transportation/hospitality, please see Sr Carlene or contact the parish office.

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 26th/27th February 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): **\$ 688.80**
2nd collection (for parish expenses): **\$ 1,770.35**

ENROL NOW for SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

If your child/ren is not in our current group preparing for First Holy Communion, but you would still like them to receive this sacrament this year, please enrol them now for the Sacramental Process.

Children will make preparations for First Reconciliation in June, and then proceed straight into preparations for First Holy Communion in August.

NOTE: Children must be at least 8 years of age OR turning 9 this year.

For more information OR to enrol your child/ren, please speak to the Sacramental team OR contact the parish office.

**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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PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

AS WE BEGIN LENT...

Some questions to consider as we begin Lent:

- What are the sounds and visual cues of Lent? When parishioners enter this Sunday, will they know immediately that things are different? The Ceremonial of Bishops puts the matter simply and directly: "During Lent the altar is not to be decorated with flowers, and the use of musical instruments is allowed only to support the singing. The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, solemnities, and feasts are exceptions to this rule" (#252). Do you take these rules seriously? Is the altar unadorned? Do you use green plants that don't flower? Does the music seem different? Are instrumental pieces put away for the season? If accompaniment is necessary, is it simpler or even minimal? The point is not to make worship a negative experience but to call our people into the seriousness of the season. A simpler environment encourages reflection, repentance, conversion and renewal. Creating and sustaining a worship environment that does this can help parishioners to enter more fully into the season.
- What is the purpose of Lent? Our official books say that Lent is both baptismal and penitential. It is designed to help those preparing for baptism (and confirmation and Eucharist) to complete their preparation by deepening their conversion. At the same time, it calls all the faithful to deepen their own conversion and recommit themselves to living out their baptismal promises.
- Is Lent individual or communal? Since Lent is observed liturgically, it clearly has a communal dimension. This is a church-wide observance seeking deeper conversion. That certainly includes examination of our personal lives and seeking to improve our efforts to live according to the Gospel. But there is clearly more to consider than individual sin and virtue. If this is our annual parish retreat, how does it change the behaviour of the parish? Do we not need to focus on our communal sinfulness as well as individual failings? What kind of questions are presented to the parish to foster this broader awareness of our responsibilities as a community of the baptised?

(Lawrence Mick)



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.



MET
Pastoral Formation

LENTEN SCRIPTURE NIGHT



with Dr. Laurie Woods

"The God of Second Chances"
Forgiveness and Peace

Join us for a night of prayer, scripture and reflection to help prepare us for the season of Lent in 2022

8 March 2022 6:30pm

Bishop Bede Heather Center
1-5 Marion Street,
Blacktown NSW 2148



JOIN A LENTEN PRAYER GROUP!

Grow deeper into your relationship with God and other parishioners this Lent.

TUESDAYS at 6.30pm: Getting more out of Mass -

- Lenten group starting on the 8th of March in the chapel.

WEDNESDAYS at 6.30pm: Christian Meditation -

- in the Mary Mackillop Meeting room.

THURSDAYS at 3.00pm at residence in Tregear—

- Lenten reflection group.

FRIDAYS at 10.30am at residence in Dharruk:

- Lenten reflection group.

FRIDAYS at 6.00pm: Stations of the Cross in English

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross in Tongan

- Meditations on the Stations of the Cross in the church.

Resources are available if you would like to journey individually, as a family, or your own small group this Lent. Please contact the parish office for more information.

CAN'T JOIN A LENTEN GROUP? HERE ARE SOME ONLINE RESOURCES FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY IN 2022

-  **Pray As You Go**—Enjoy beautifully-produced audio retreats brought to you by Jesuit Media Initiatives out of Britain. This app invites you to spend about 11 minutes per day (not just during Lent) in a systematic method of prayer which you follow in an audio format; they call this form of exercise "imaginative contemplation". This app is available for download via Apple Store & Google Play.
- From Ashes to Glory**—invites you to take up the practice of reflecting on your day, its gifts and graces, and the progress you are making in life with Christ. It's a way of praying the Examen through Lent, with materials by Joseph Tetlow, SJ. You can access this resource via: ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/from-ashes-to-glory/



Questions for Reflection

- * Today's Gospel finds Jesus in the wilderness. Are you afraid of the unknown—of "the desert"? How could a time of solitude, a time to examine ourselves, help us as we start our Lenten journey?
- * Even when we are in "the wilderness", Jesus is with us. How have you sensed that presence in times of worry and difficulty?
- * What are some things you have said "no" to in your life because you have said a larger "yes" already? What are some of the other yesses you need to proclaim today?

(Source: 'Remember' Lenten resource, Diocese of Wollongong 2022.)



First Sunday of Lent
5 & 6 March



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.



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, 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 1
Basmati Rice



Email foodbank@jrs.org.au or call 0434 422 573 to organise a time to drop off your donation.



**THIS
LENT**