



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE

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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

WELCOME FR VAN CAO NGUYEN!

Dear My Sisters, Brothers and all Parishioners,

Greetings from your Parish Priest to each one of you, especially for the New Year 2024. I am very happy to be here with all of you from now on as God's servant to serve God and you.

May I take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was born and grew up during the Vietnam war. Because of the persecution and suppression after the Fall of Saigon, I escaped by boat to Pulau Bidong Refugee Camp in Malaysia in 1982 before I was settled in Adelaide, South Australia. After two years of studying year 11 and 12, I worked as an assemble worker. I then joined the Jesuits in 1986 and was ordained as a Jesuit priest in 1998. Since then I have worked with the refugees in East Timor, Indonesia, Thailand, Zambia, Uganda, etc. I also worked with asylum seekers, migrants in Australia and overseas. While I was studying a Masters in Ignatian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction I worked with the migrant workers in Malaysia. In 2012, I was sent to Myanmar / Burma till 2017, then was called back to Melbourne to be the Spiritual Director for the seminarians at Corpus Christi Seminary, Melbourne.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this year will be on Next Monday. The Baptism was an important moment in Jesus' life, when he accepted to be with his fellows. Like Jesus, this is an important part of my life as I have accepted this assignment to be with you all. I know that there will be moments of joy and happiness, but there will also be moments of challenge and difficulty. However, I trust that God who sent the Spirit descended on me and said "you are my child . . . the Beloved. My favour rests on you" will work through you to support me in my ministry as your parish priest. I believe that you will be very generous to participate in your parish life and support each other for the Glory of God.



I pray that:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Nm 6:24-26)

Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13. R.11

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Give the king your justice. O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice. R

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. R

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service. R

For he delivers the needy one who calls,
the poor and the one who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy. R

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the Prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them to exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage". When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother' and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chest, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2024 —
2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME in YEAR B

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Fernanda Lithgoe, Mary Walz, Kevin Smith, Mathew Sieders, Janice Angela Lawrence, Barbara Cameron, Kyla Aggar, Greg McDonald, Guillermo Lopez, John Williams, Jacob Kelly, Dermot Murray, Karen Bartolo, Emma Dato, Val Polkamp, Immaculata Leota, Malia Leota, 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, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.



ANNIVERSARIES: Alfred Micallef, Thomas McCarron, Edward Gallagher, Darren Philips, Irene Mott, Cedric Nicol, Etevisé Ahdar, Angela Lavaki, Kevin Ennew, Peter Mason, Garry Scott, Anthony Teuma, Annie Meigh, John Gillon-Dargin, William Sanderson, Anthony Long, Margaret Gavin, Henry Pickstone, Giovanni Cerbara,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmen Cilia.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT DRUITT

Summer

Holiday Program

Tickets are still available for our January 2024, Summer Family Holiday Program.

#1—Clontarf Beach—SOLD OUT!

#2—Balmoral Beach—Tuesday 16 Jan
 Bus departs Holy Family Centre: 9.00am
 Leaves Balmoral Beach: 3.00pm

#3—Bronte Beach—Friday 19 Jan
 Bus departs Holy Family Centre: 9.00am
 Leaves Bronte Beach: 3.00pm

#4—Wamberal Beach—Wed 24 Jan
 Bus departs Holy Family Centre: 8.00am
 Leaves Wamberal Beach: 3.00pm

ALL BUS TRIPS: \$5.00 per person.
(Children aged 0-2 are FREE)

- ◆ Tickets on sale from the Parish Office only (Holy Family Centre—11 Emert Pde Emerton 2770).
- ◆ NOTE: The Parish office will be closed on the days of the bus trips.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century, celebrates the divine 'manifestation' or coming. In the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi. The mystery of the incarnation is now revealed to everyone in the world represented by these wise men from foreign lands.



Parish Office reopens on
Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Diocesan Synod Report Now Available

The Diocesan Synod Report is now available for download. The newly released Diocesan Synod Report offers a summary of our first Diocesan Synod assembly, held from 13-15 October 2023.

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