



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 Communion Service
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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus does like the Pharisees and Scribes – he eats with them, he even told one of the scribes that he was not far from the Kingdom of Heaven after he answered a question rightly. What Jesus cannot stand though is hypocrisy: “saying one thing and doing another”. What they ought to be focused on is helping people to live righteous lives – it helps to follow the law, to teach and to pray – but they fail by not also showing that they practice what they preach.

Jesus needs people of integrity to be disciples. If a person has integrity, then his or her words and actions match. This person will not say one thing and do another. This person will back up words with actions.

In the Kingdom things are often turned upside down – “the greatest among you must be your servant”. In our society we can often judge a person’s importance by how much power and authority they have. God looks at things differently. Jesus asks us to focus on our fellow human beings and his creation. We need to “turn the other cheek” and forgive when we feel like hitting back. We need to open our eyes to the needs of people around us, in our own neighbourhoods, who are homeless, or unemployed or are hungry. It is easy to ignore them, but a humble person is someone who truly practices Jesus’ call to “love your neighbour as you love yourself.”

Jesus’ words of warning may have been directed at the scribes and Pharisees of his time, but they are a warning for us too. Do not get caught in this trap of exalting ourselves too highly, do not forget the commandments and teachings that the law presents to us.



The greatest
among you must be
your servant.

Matthew 23:11

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Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ

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Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12

SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A YEAR OF MATTHEW 31ST SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME
LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

They preach but they do not practice...



FIRST READING: Malachi 1: 14—2: 2, 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in re-payment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 130

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. R.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. R.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;

you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 23: 1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2023 — 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13



NOVEMBER: A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Throughout November, we remember in a special way all our loved ones who have gone before us in death. There are a number of ways you are invited to remember your loved ones this month:

writing their names in our Book of Remembrance, pinning their name to our Remembrance Banner, obtaining a plaque for your loved to be erected on our Memorial Wall (on the side wall outside the church). and/or attending our Remembrance Gathering on the 19th of November.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the community Jakirri Lyons, Elias-Tupou Sipou-Smith, Kaiala Smith who were baptised last Sunday 29th October 2023.

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 Datoc, Val Polkamp, Imaculata 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: Deacon Owen Rogers, Paul Paulino Matugas, Ben Wardlaw, Doris Catay, Frances Allen, Mary Bernadette Allen, Warren Lynch, Patricia Christian, Jim Mullins, Ritchie Byrne, Olive Waterhouse, Mary Nulty, Patrick Carton, Peter Mason, Dave Scifleet, Cornelius Polkamp, Fr Carl Boes, Tony Woodgate, Kitty Keating, Ruth Allen, Marguente Epselis, Joseph Donovan, Samantha McIlrick, Peter Haroa, Adreano Ippavis, Isabel McCulloch, Timo Eriksson, Marie Perry, John Barner-Cahill, All listed in our Books of Remembrance.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Collette Green.



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).



**MELBOURNE CUP
TRIFECTA
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LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKET!!!

- Each ticket costs \$1.00, the prize is \$1,000.00.
- Tickets will be sold at all Masses.
- Please support our parish fundraiser!!!
- “You have to be in it... to win it!”
- Melbourne Cup day is on Tuesday 7th November 2023.

If you are available to assist with selling tickets, please contact the parish office OR see Sr Carlene.

Enrolling Now for Kindergarten
2024



HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY

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*Fr Greg's
Farewell*

**SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
12PM - 2PM
SCHOOL HALL**

This will be a shared lunch.
We ask that you please bring with you
food/ drinks to share with the all who
attend.

If you have any photos of and/or with
Fr Greg that you would like to be
included in a video tribute, please
send it to enquiry@hollyfamily.org.au



**Mass for Seniors
and Anointing of the Sick**

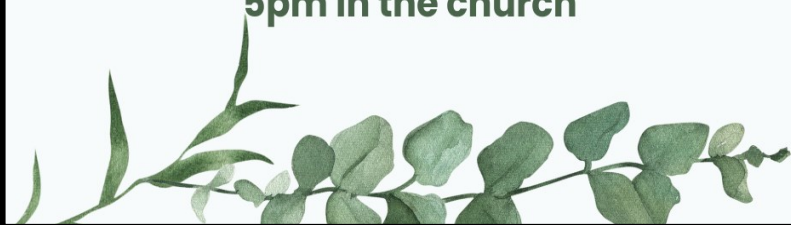
**Tuesday 7th November, 2023
11.30am in the church.**

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the
Parish Office by Wednesday 1st November
(02) 9628 7272 / enquiry@hollyfamily.org.au

Remembrance Gathering

Join us for an evening to remember all of our
loved ones who have gone before us in death.
We invite you to bring items of remembrance,
e.g. photos, clothing and/or symbols, to help
build a memorial.

**Sunday 19th November 2023
5pm in the church**





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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER:

- ✦ **Tuesday 7th November**
*Mass for Seniors at 11.30am in the church.
For catering purposes, RSVP by 1st November to the parish office.
*Melbourne Cup Day!
- ✦ **Thursday 9th November**
Funeral Mass for Carmel (Charlie) Buhagiar
10.30am in the church.
- ✦ **Sunday 19th November**
Remembrance Gathering
5pm in the church.
Please bring with you items of remembrance, i.e. photos, symbols etc, to help build a memorial.
- ✦ **Wednesday 22nd November**
First Reconciliation 7pm
in the church.
- ✦ **Sunday 26th November -**
Fr Greg's Farewell.
From 12pm in the school hall.

DECEMBER:

- ✦ **Saturday 3rd December**
Tongan choir singing at Lavendar Bay parish for the Feast day celebration of St Francis Xavier.
- ✦ **Saturday 9th December**
Christmas Carols 6.30pm-10pm
Holy Family Primary grounds
- ✦ **Sunday 24th December**
Christmas Eve Mass schedule:
6.00pm Children's & Families
8.30pm Wilmot
- ✦ **Sunday 25th December**
12.00am Midnight Mass
9.00am Christmas Day Mass
*Christmas Day Lunch
RSVP required. More details to come.

Please note the parish office will be closed over the Christmas break from Friday 22nd December 2023, and will reopen on Tuesday 9th January, 2024.

For more information regarding these events, please contact the Parish Office (02) 9628 7272.



"Pope Francis closes synod with 'dream' of a church with open doors"

To reform the church is to put God first and adore him, and to love and serve others, Pope Francis said at Mass marking the conclusion of the first session of the Synod of Bishops on synodality.

"This is the church we are called to 'dream': a church that is the servant of all, the servant of the least of our brothers and sisters; a church that never demands an attestation of 'good behaviour,' but welcomes, serves, loves, forgives; a church with open doors that is a haven of mercy," he said.

"We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the church, but let's remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform," the pope said in his homily at Mass in St Peter's Basilica, October 29.

Thousands of faithful stood at the start at Mass as synod members and participants processed into the basilica. The procession was led by non-ordained members followed by bishops and then cardinals. The synod on synodality marked the first time laypeople and women religious could take part as voting members. Of the total 364 members, close to 25% were "non-bishop members" and 54 of them were women.

"Dear friends, the general assembly of the synod has now concluded," the pope said in his homily. "Today we do not see the full fruit of this process, but with farsightedness we look to the horizon opening up before us."

"The Lord will guide us and help us to be a more synodal and missionary church, a church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring to everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel," he said.

As the church concludes this stage of its journey, he said, "it is important to look at the 'principle and foundation' from which everything begins ever anew: love."

"Loving God with our whole life and loving our neighbours as ourselves," he said, is "the heart of everything."

[Source: Carol Glatz, National Catholic Reporter, 31st October, 2023]

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Celebrating Catholic Unity: Inside the Diocese of Parramatta's Historic First Synod!

Our Diocese concluded its first-ever Synod over the weekend of 13 – 15 October 2023. It was a momentous event that brought together 280 faithful from across Western Sydney, the Blue Mountains, and beyond to discuss the future of the local Church. Experience the historic culmination of our Diocese's inaugural Synod in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PltRCgSPLng>. Want to know more about what's next? Visit parracatholic.org/

Parramatta Street Feast: 11 November

You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday 11 November 2023. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30AM to 1:30PM. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 11 November

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The first Mass will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Saturday 11 November for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact youthgroupolor@gmail.com

For more news and updates, please visit www.parracatholic.org/