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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 & 6.00pm Mass

Tuesday 8.30am & 6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 8.30am & 6.00pm Mass

Thursday 8.30am & 6.00pm Mass

Friday 9.00am & 6.00pm 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

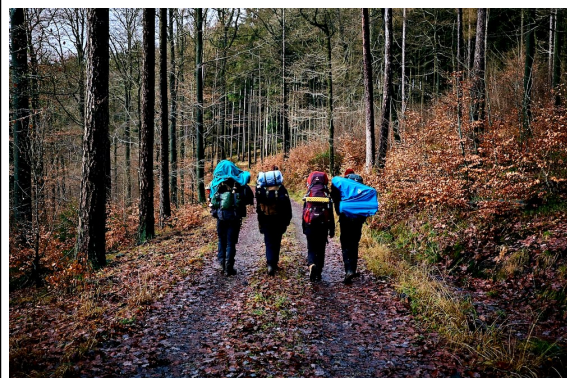
REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

Second Sunday of Lent

Our first reading from Genesis gives Abram a new start. Abram was called out of his family of origin because God had a plan for him, not because he had already performed some noteworthy work. Paul too is very clear that the reason for our salvation is not because of any of our works but because of the grace of God. The three Apostles did nothing to warrant the witnessing of the transfiguration, and even failed to understand its significance, wanting to stay there in tents. What alone is required is an openness to receive the blessing that God wants to bestow.

Pope Francis, in his message for this Lenten season, talks also about the privilege of such special moments with God, but just as importantly is to find special moments away from the mountain, in the ordinary times of our lives. This is where the art of listening deeply to God is important, in prayer, in reading Scripture and responding with acts of charity.

The synodal coming together is a powerful tool for finding and sharing God's graces with each other. Abram, Paul and the three Apostles took time to understand the call and journey with God and Jesus, but were asked to share this experience with the world so that others could come to know and follow Christ too.



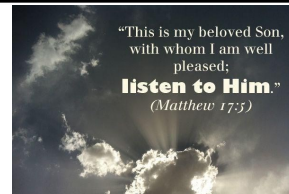
Fr Gregory



This is my Son, whom I love...

SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR A SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased;
listen to Him."
(Matthew 17:5)

FIRST READING: Genesis 12: 1-4

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. R.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. R.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT IN YEAR A



1st Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Brothers and sisters: Join with me in suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages begun, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality through the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining of the cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT AT HOLY FAMILY, MT DRUITT

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Monday - Thursday: 8.30am & 6.00pm

Friday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 7.30am (Willmot)

9.00am & 10.30am (Emerton)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays at 9.30am OR by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays: 5.00pm (in English)

7.00pm (in Tongan)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesdays: From 5.30pm-6.30pm

Saturdays: From 8.30am-10.00am

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP:

If you would like to join a group, please
contact the Parish Office.

*"We need only to fill our
lives with what is good,
be people who talk with God,
and we will see God,
without any mistake."*

MOTHER HILDA SCOTT OSB

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Emma Datoc, Ramil Suarez, 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: Don Pedro Nuno, Sandy Oloaga, Nellie Lincoln, Maria Farrugia, Siaosi 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 Awis, John Coorey, Dorothy Millar, Gina Kenk, Fred Allen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Mallet, Salvatore Barbara.



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 25th/ 26th February 2023

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 951.60

2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$2,116.40

Blacktown/ Mt Druitt Tongan Mass: \$ 235.00

MASS for SENIORS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK TUESDAY 7th MARCH, 11.30am in the CHURCH.

Light refreshments to follow.

Please contact the Parish Office if you require transport to and/or from Mass.

All are welcome.

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Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023: Mandatory Safeguarding Training

Face-to-Face Training at Holy Family
Saturday 20th May 2023

10am—3pm in the School Hall

(11 Emert Pde Emerton NSW 2770)

RSVP Wednesday 17th May to the Parish Office
(02) 9628 7272; enquiry@holysfamily.org.au

If you would like to complete the Safeguarding Training independently online, you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. Sign up onto the platform by using the QR code OR follow this link:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>



If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT DRUITT AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023

#1 - Reddal Reserve, Illawarra - Wed 12/04/23

Reddal Reserve is situated in Lake Illawarra, and is said to be a perfect picnic spot for families. It has plenty of picnic & BBQ facilities, fish cleaning station, fitness equipment, shelter, and has a fun and safe playground for families.

You can also walk or cycle the 3km Lake Illawarra Art trail to explore local history, Aboriginal heritage, flora and fauna. The artworks along this trail were created by local artists in collaboration with the community. www.visitshellharbour.com.au

#2 - Collaroy Beach - Fri 21/04/23

Collaroy Beach is an oceanside community known for its namesake stretch of sandy beach, as well as for being a popular destination for windsurfers and beginner surfers. Businesses, stores and surf shops are primarily set along Pittwater Road, along with laid-back bars and restaurants. The area has bird-watching, and seasonal whale and dolphin watching opportunities. The beach itself has picnic and BBQ areas. - Google

TICKETS GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH!

\$5.00 PER PERSON (Children aged 0-2 FREE)

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY CASH ONLY!!

Tickets can only be purchased from the Holy Family Centre, via 11 Emert Pde Emerton NSW 2770.

BUS SCHEDULE

*Pick-Up from surrounding suburbs: 8.00am

Final Pick-Up & Departure from HFC: 8.30am

Leave Destination: 3.00pm

(* Pick-up & drop-off is available from the local 2770 suburban schools and shops: Mt Druitt station, Hebersham, Bidwill, Blackett, Emerton, Tregear, Lethbridge Park, Shalvey, Dharruk).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- There are NO booking reservations or refunds. Tickets are transferrable.
- The following details will be collected upon purchasing tickets: Contact person & details, residing suburb, pick-up location, and age of children. (0-18years).
- Priority for purchase is given to individuals/ families residing in the 2770 suburban areas, and/or Blacktown LGA.
- Food + drink is not included in ticket.
- Buses transport participants to and from each destination. Participants are responsible for creating their own itinerary at the destination. Participants will be advised when to meet back at pick-up location for departure.



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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.



Second Sunday of Lent 5th March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.



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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia



PERSONAL REFLECTION for the WEEK AHEAD

- ◆ Each day this week, find space for at least five minutes of stillness to sit alone with God and focus solely on him. You might do this with a candle, an icon, the Scriptures, or even simply by sitting in nature. Try to increase this time by a few minutes each day.

Prayer:

Eternal Father, your Son has promised that you would grant all the graces we ask of you in his name. Trusting in this promise, and in the name of Jesus Christ, we ask of you the following graces:

- ◇ We ask for *wisdom* to know ourselves more deeply, follow you more closely and love you more truly.
Lord, grace us with your wisdom.
- ◇ We ask for your divine *light*, which will enable us to see the vanity of all the things of this earth, and see also your infinite greatness and goodness.
Lord, grace us with your light.
- ◇ We ask for a share in your *love*, so that we can detach ourselves from all creatures, especially ourselves, and love only your holy will.
Lord, grace us with your love.
- ◇ Grant us the grace to have *confidence in the merits* of Jesus Christ and in the intercession of his most holy mother, Mary.
Lord, grace us with confidence in your merits.
- ◇ We ask for the grace of *perseverance*, knowing that whenever we call on you for assistance, you will answer our calls and come to our aid.
Lord, grace us with perseverance.
- ◇ Finally, grant us the grace to pray always, O Eternal Father, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

(Adapted from the "Prayer of Fives Graces" by St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787))

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2023

Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

"Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience."

Read the full text online via www.vatican.va OR pick up a copy of the Holy Father's Lenten message from the back of the church.

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Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject or scan the QR code.

