



# HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY



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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 : 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 FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A HUMBLE HEART

Only those who are humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can acknowledge that they are needy possess the openness necessary to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done.

Humility is the prerequisite for receiving gifts. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is because we are either too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

It is very difficult for most people to be humble receivers of gifts. We have such a need to return the favor. These readings do not encourage a kind of selfishness that only wants to get without giving. Rather, they are calling our attention to a fundamental characteristic of human nature, a characteristic very difficult to admit. That is, because of our finite natures we need more than we can give. Despite the magnificent accomplishments we have achieved, we are really dependent on the goodness of

others. While the exchange of gifts may be a common and, indeed, noble practice, in those areas of life that are most important we must be humble receivers. We receive life, we receive love, we receive forgiveness, all because the other is generous, not because we deserve it.

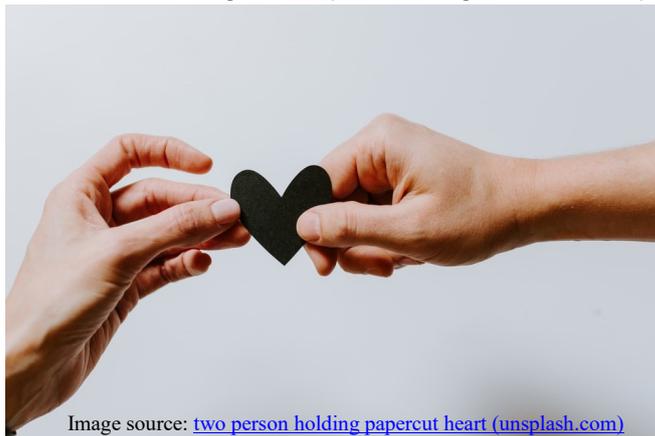
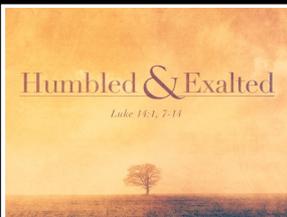


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Dianne Bergant, with Richard Fragomeni.  
Preaching the New Lectionary Year C  
The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

# 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



### **FIRST READING:** Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29

My child, perform your tasks with humility; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. Many are lofty and renowned, but to the humble the Lord reveals his secrets. For great is the might of the Lord; but by the humble he is glorified.

When calamity befalls someone proud, there is no healing, for an evil plant has taken root in them.

The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM :** Ps 67: 4-7, 10-11

**R: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;  
let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
his name is the Lord, be exultant before him. R.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.  
God gives the desolate a home to live in;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity. R.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;  
you restored your heritage when it languished;  
your flock found a dwelling in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. R.

### **SECOND READING:** Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Brothers and sisters: You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable Angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, the lawyers and Pharisees were watching him closely. When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

"But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus said also to the Pharisee who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022 - 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN YEAR C**



**1st Reading:** Wisdom 9: 13-18

**2nd Reading:** Philemon 9-10, 12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 14: 25-33



### *Let us pray...*

*God of yesterday, today and tomorrow  
You created a world of beauty and plenty for us all to share,  
You gave us responsibility for this earth,  
Rich in life and variety.*

*Create in us a desire to act in solidarity,  
sacrificing some of our freedom and self-interest  
for the sake of the common good.*

Inspired by Paul Vi, *Populorum Progressio*, 1967.

*Enlighten and strengthen us  
so that we may challenge the social and economic systems  
that create and sustain poverty.*

*Show us the paths that lead  
to mutual assistance among peoples,  
to a deepening of human knowledge,  
to an enlargement of heart,  
and to a more human way of living within society.*

*May we carry forward the work of Christ  
under the lead of the befriending Spirit.*

### **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**BAPTISMS:** We welcomed into our community, Zara Malagamba, who was baptized last Sunday 21st August 2022.

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Fr Mikaele Paunga SM, Mary Facer, Lopisoni Makario, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Baby Gabriella Mafi, Nanding Flores, Pam Picart-Manalac, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** May Ball, Loreta Balbin, Lina Fauvette, George McKay, Robyn Eberl, Baby Chan Dumo, Norrie Anderson, Fr Steve Hogan, Nancy Boyle, Sione Kiteau, Anne Doreen King, Sr Anne-Marie Webb SM, Baby Paul Hepburn, Victor Zarseczny, Eddy Russell, Felix Gando, Raymond Bellette, Dorothy Bamdee, Vera Anderson, Grace Rodriguez, Kathleen Kogan, Lillian May Magennis, John Fuller, Tuimalo Lanosa Sefulin, Grahame Kennedy, Michael Wilkinson, Piuso Serra.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Arturo Mori, Ann-Marie De Riviere



### 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 20th/21st August 2022

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese): \$ 733.45  
 2nd collection (for parish expenses): \$ 2,166.65

## Mass for Seniors

and ANOINTING of the SICK



Thursday 15th September,  
 at 11.30am,  
 in HOLY FAMILY CHURCH.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Parish Office on  
 (02) 9628 7272 OR enquiry@holyfamily.org.au  
 by Tuesday 13th September 2022.

*If today you hear his voice, Harden not your heart. (Hebrews 3:15)*



### HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

10 September 2022, Saturday at 2:30 - 5:30 PM, At Mary McKillop Meeting Room  
 252-254 Luxford RD Emerton NSW 2770

*"Experience family life in the holy spirit."  
 "Experience the joy & pride of serving God and fellowship with other families."*

For inquiries, please contact  
 Romeo: 0450 - 239 - 037  
 Ariene: 0452 - 261 - 429

No cost involved – sponsored by  
 COUPLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA  
 Children are welcome  
 (Child minding provided)



### Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse

This year's Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.'

We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or Tel (02) 62019845.

Facebook | [www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC](http://www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC)

Twitter | @JusticeCatholic // Instagram | @JusticeCatholic

### The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org) and register their expression of interest. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

**If you are a young person between the ages of 18-35, and is interested in going to the next World Youth Day in Portugal 2023, please email [enquiry@holyfamily.org.au](mailto:enquiry@holyfamily.org.au)**

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# YOUTH NIGHT

For ages 16-25

\\ SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022 //

\\ 6.00PM - 8.30PM //

\\ HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL //

### HOMEWORK CLUB 2022

Every Tuesday (during school term only)  
**Aboriginal Catholic Services Centre**  
 3.30pm–6.00pm  
 For Kindergarten to Year 7 children

Healthy afternoon tea provided  
 For more details, call Linda OR Trish on  
 02 8843 2565; [linda.mcdonald@ccss.org.au](mailto:linda.mcdonald@ccss.org.au)  
 Linda: 0449 840 089



## 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.



Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse  
 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23

## ACTION

### HOW CHURCH COMMUNITIES CAN CONFRONT VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

- Listen to, support, and believe those who are experiencing violence and abuse.
- Speak out about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence about the responsibility of perpetrators to change.
- Reflect together on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.
- Reject spiritual abuse by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.
- Connect with programs, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.
- Promote resources on responding to family and domestic violence produced by dioceses e.g. Perth, Broken Bay and Parramatta.

## PRAYER

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.  
 Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.

Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour.

AMEN.



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CLERGY SUPPORT  
 FOUNDATION

Let us care for those who have cared  
 for us through their lifetime of service



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day  
 Appeal supporting our retired and sick clergy  
[parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)



### Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us

Our priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community.

This Father's Day, will you care for them in their retirement, as they have cared for us?

Your kind-hearted donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation's health and wellbeing team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical and emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at our Masses next weekend OR via [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR Code. Thank you.



### SEASON OF CREATION - "CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME"

For the past six years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and join progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, "care of our common home". As a spiritual work, care of our common home call us to "grateful contemplation of God's world". As a corporal work, it calls us to "simply daily gestures" that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

### Season of Creation Camping Trip: 30 September – 2 October

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator.

**When: Fri 30th Sept—Sun 2nd Oct 2022**

**Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush  
 Retreat Centre, Oakdale**

**Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50**

For more information and to register visit:  
[www.seasonofcreationcamping.org](http://www.seasonofcreationcamping.org)