



HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

Under the care of the Australian Jesuit Province

252 -254 Luxford Road, Emerton NSW 2770

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.



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Mass Times at Holy Family, Emerton

WEEKDAY:

Monday, Friday & Saturday: 9.00am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
6.00pm

WEEKEND:

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

Mass at Willmot

Sunday at 7.30am

8 Carteret Ave, Willmot NSW 2770

Mass and Anointing

2nd Saturday of every month:
9.00am

Holy Hour - Emerton

Saturdays from 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9.30am - 10.00am OR
by appointment.

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Reflection from Sr Carlene for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

Two of today's readings prompt us to reflect on our relationship with God and to ponder on how, when and why we communicate with God. They also entice us to look at the style of our asking in prayer, and to examine what prayer means in action.

Today's First Reading (Gen 18: 20-32) is quite humorous. We hear about Abraham haggling with God over Sodom. As he pursues justice for the people, Abraham draws God into dialogue. Like an auctioneer in reverse, he sings God's praises, and the saving price of the city is lowered step by step. However, while Abraham provides us with some insight into his relationship with God and his prayer, the story really tells us more about the character of God (patient, merciful, loving), and the right balance between justice and mercy.

Turning to the Gospel (Lk 11: 1-13), we have the Lord's Prayer, where firstly we find Jesus responding to a disciple's request "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus gives the advice "Say this when you pray." Jesus calls on God as "Father", and supplies us with a simplified version of a Jewish blessing: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime."

There follows a number of Jesus' teachings which sum up Christian life and mission. Thus, Jesus instructs us to acknowledge and ask for God's gift of "daily bread", praying for just as much as we need. Likewise, we are to ask for forgiveness of sin, also noting that we are to "forgive each one who is in debt to us." Our final petition is a plea for freedom from testing.

The remainder of today's Gospel consists of two short parables whereby Jesus teaches us about the need to pray with persistence and with confidence. Heeding his advice to "ASK" ... "SEARCH" ... "KNOCK", we will indeed receive the gift of the Holy Spirit from "the heavenly Father".



Prayer of Blessing for Grandparents

Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of our grandparents.

They bring wisdom, guidance, and a legacy of faith to our families.

Bless them with good health, peace of heart, and the joy of Your presence.

May they continue to be teachers of love and witnesses of Christ's compassion.

Strengthen them in their daily lives and surround them with the love of their children and grandchildren.

May St. Joachim and St. Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, intercede for all grandparents, that they may be models of faith and steadfast hope.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the community, Sam Sita and Ana longi, who were baptised last Sunday 20th July, 2025.

LIST OF THE SICK: Loretta Josephine Seupule, Leue Dunlop, Lino Dunlop, Cheryl Barrell, Lisimoa Hufanga, Jenny Gillman, Chris Wilson, Norah Gibson, Sabrina Ellingsworth, Jean Mari Frederic, Brian Russel, Toss Van den Berg, Pat Phelan, John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, Lourdes Bustamante, Pippa O'Neal, Mathew Sieders, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Gloria Cutcliffe, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marjorie Ritchie, Margaret Cusack.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



ASK
GIVEN
SEARCH
FOUND
KNOCK
OPENED

Collect:

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32

The Lord said: "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And the Lord said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." The Lord answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." Abraham said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." The Lord answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." The Lord answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 137: 1-3, 6-8

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the Angels I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple,
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. R.

For you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul. R.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies. R.

You stretch out your hand and your right hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands. R.

Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

Brothers and sisters, When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the Cross.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.' And Jesus said to the disciples, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And your friend answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there any father among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give the child a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Prayer After Communion:

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR: JULY 2025
For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 3rd August, 2025: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23// \\ 2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 // \\ Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21 //

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 5th/6th July 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 956.45
2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,968.35

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 12th/13th July 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 874.80
2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,640.30

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 19th/20th July 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 786.50
2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,847.50
Special Collection for Patrick & Denise Pilgrimage \$ 735.10

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONSOnline contributions for the **Priests of the Diocese** (1st collection)**Acc Name:** Parramatta Diocesan Clergy**BSB:** 067 950 **Acc No:** 004265**Make sure to Reference:** 6024 and Your NameOnline contributions for **Parish Expenses** (2nd collection)**Acc Name:** Mount Druitt Catholic Church**BSB:** 067 950 **Acc No:** 0000 0446**Reference:** Your 'Planned Giving Number' OR Your Full Name OR**For over the counter deposits:****Acc Name:** Diocesan Development Fund Mt Druitt Catholic Church**BSB:** 062 315 **Acc No:** 0090 1486 **Agent No:** 935**Reference:** Your Name + Appeal

If you would like a tax deductible receipt for your Planned Giving envelopes OR specific donation, please contact the parish office.

Father's Day Raffle

Celebrate Dad and support a great cause! Our Father's Day Raffle begins this weekend, with amazing prizes to be won.

Tickets: \$5 each**Draw Date:** Father's Day - Sunday, 7th September**After the 10:30am Mass****Prizes:****1st Prize:** Round-trip travel voucher to Fiji for 1**2nd Prize:** 2 Tickets to the NRL Grand Final**3rd Prize:** Dinner for 4 + Premium Family Hamper - the perfect family treat!

♥ Proceeds will go toward improving drainage and creating safe pavements for our parish and community. Help us make our grounds safer for everyone!

Tickets available after all weekend Masses.

👉 If you can assist with selling tickets to help raise funds for the parish, please see Judy or contact the parish office.

Thank you for your support!

Seeking a Handyman - Can You Help?

We are looking for a handyman (or handywoman!) who may be able to assist with some minor patchwork and general maintenance around the parish grounds.

If you, or someone you know, has the skills and a little time to help keep our parish safe and well-maintained, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Cao after Mass.

🙏 Your support is greatly appreciated!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday July 27**

- Holy Family Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (HFC)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)

Monday July 28

- RCIA Process, 4pm-5.30pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday July 29

- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- St Vincent De Paul Emerton Conference, 7pm-8.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday July 30

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday July 31

- Parish Choir, 7pm-9pm (Church)

Friday August 1

- Funeral Service for MARJORIE RITCHIE, 11.30am (Church)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy First Friday Adoration, 8pm-Midnight (Chapel)

Saturday August 2

- HF Tongan Choir prac, 2pm-4.30pm (SSR)
- St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal, during Vigil Mass (Church)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Meeting Rooms:**SSR** - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;**SICR** - St Ignatius Conference Room;**MMR** - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,**HFC** - Holy Family Centre**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	DETAILS
Sat 2 nd /Sun 3 rd August	St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal
Wed 6 th August	Parents/ Carers Information Session for First Holy Communion 7.00pm in the church (For parents/carers of children who completed preparations for First Reconciliation in 2024.)
Sat 9 th /Sun 10 th August	19km for 19days Walkathon Fundraiser for Denise and Patrick Carroll
Fri 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times: 9.15am and 6pm
Sat 23 rd /Sun 24 th August	SRE Recruitment Appeal at all Masses.
Fri 29 th August	St Vincent De Paul - Greater Western Sydney Community Sleepout (Parra) To register, scan QR code: 
Sun 7 th September	FATHER'S DAY Father's Day Raffle to be drawn
13 th /14 th September	First Holy Communion at all Masses
Tue 14 th October	Mass for Seniors at 11.30am Followed by light lunch in the church.
20 th - 22 nd October	Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne)
Sun 9 th November	Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove Cemetery)
Sat 15 th November	Parish Working Bee
Fri 28 th November	Thanksgiving Dinner for Parish Volunteers
30 th Nov - 2 nd Dec	Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne) Last chance to express interest. Please scan the QR code to complete the form online. 
Sun 30 th November	Parish Choir singing at Nth Sydney Parish Mass
Sat 6 th Dec	Parish Christmas Carols, 7pm-10pm (School Grounds)
Wed 10 th Dec	Second Rite of Reconciliation, 6.45pm (Chapel)

Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola – 31 July

On 31 July, we celebrate the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola (1491–1556), founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and one of the great saints of spiritual renewal in the Church.

A soldier in his youth, Ignatius' life changed after he was injured in battle and spent months recovering. During this time, he discovered the lives of Jesus and the saints and experienced a deep conversion. He dedicated his life to God, seeking to "find God in all things."

Ignatius developed the Spiritual Exercises, a series of meditations and prayers designed to help people deepen their relationship with God and discern God's will in their lives. His legacy continues today through Jesuit schools, universities, and missions worldwide, serving faith, justice, and education.

On this feast, we also give thanks for the Jesuit priests, Fr Cao, Fr Renato, and Fr Huy, who shepherd and guide our parish community with generosity and dedication, continuing St Ignatius' mission to help others grow closer to God.

Prayer of St Ignatius:

"Take, Lord, and receive
all my liberty, my memory,
my understanding, and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace;
that is enough for me."



† Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola † You're Invited!

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits and a great saint of discernment, prayer, and service.

Thursday, 31st July
Mass at 6:00 PM
In the Chapel

Let us gather in faith and thanksgiving to honour the life and legacy of St. Ignatius, and to seek his intercession as we strive to follow Christ more closely. All are welcome!

Fertility & Women's Health Event

Struggling with infertility, miscarriage, or irregular cycles? Join us on Saturday, 2 August at 1 PM at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, to learn about the Creighton Model and NaProTechnology. Hear from experts and couples who have restored their fertility. Free event. Registrations are essential.

Scan the QR code below to register and find out more!



For questions, contact Catherine Bourne at catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

Volunteers needed at Catholic Care, Emerton!

Catholic Care is looking for volunteers to help at their Walk-In Centre in Emerton on Tuesdays to Thursdays. Volunteers would assist welcoming people into the drop-in centre, greeting clients for counselling appointments, assisting the local Aunties' yarning and art gatherings, reception of the OzHarvest food delivery and overall assistance with Catholic Care projects and programs. For more information, please contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500.

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly – 27 July 2025

Theme: "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (Sirach 14:2)

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that older members of our community are not only blessed but vital witnesses of hope. In his message, he encourages us to honour them, to reach out in love and prayer, and to forge deeper intergenerational bonds.

He invites every parish to help build a "revolution of gratitude and care".

Let us celebrate their wisdom, cherish their witness, and serve them in faith and joy this Grandparents Day.

*"Grandparents are blessings from God,
gifted with wisdom and love
to guide new generations in faith."*



Rome from Home

Pilgrimage is more than travel – it's the journey of our lives, with all its ups and downs, guided by Christ.

As young people from our Diocese travel to Rome and Greece, we're invited to join them in spirit on Saturday 2 August – living as Pilgrims of Hope here in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

*Rome for Home is for people between 13-35
(those under 18 need parental consent).*

Walkathon Fundraiser – Supporting Denise & Patrick's Jubilee Pilgrimage

Parishioners Denise and Patrick will be undertaking a 2-day, 19km walk through the stunning Blue Mountains as part of a Walkathon Fundraiser to support their upcoming Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage with the Diocese of Parramatta.

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 August
10:00am start (both days)

From Wilson Park, Wentworth Falls to Scenic World, Katoomba

This sacred 19-day journey through Greece and Italy will take them in the footsteps of St Paul and the early Church, culminating in a visit to the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome during the Jubilee Year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Sponsor or Donate:

PayID: 0418 767 025 OR
Transfer to Acc Name:
Mount Druitt Catholic Church
BSB: 067 950 Acc No: 0000 0446
Ref: Walkathon Fundraiser



Keep them in your prayers

Your support will help cover pilgrimage costs and bless their journey of spiritual renewal as Catholic educators and parish leaders.

Contact: Denise – 0418 767 025