



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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Or visit our website:

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Mass Times at Holy Family, Emerton

Monday, Friday, Saturday: 9am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6pm
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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

"PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER AND PAY YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH"

What a great story we have in the gospel reading [Lk 5:1-11] for this Sunday [Word of God Sunday in Australian Catholic Communities]! It is only recounted by Luke who, in earlier chapters of his gospel, has told us about the baptism, genealogy, and temptations of Jesus.

The evangelist has also provided us with details of Jesus' visits to Nazareth and Capernaum, enabling us to realise that Jesus' reputation has spread through the countryside. So, in today's gospel, he lets us know that the crowd received Jesus' teaching as "the word of God." However, he is not intent on telling us what Jesus taught at this point.

Luke draws us into his story by helping us visualise the seaside setting, the crowds jostling around Jesus, and the despondent fishermen washing their nets after a long, unproductive night's work. Luke then states that Jesus "got into one of the boats - it was Simon's", and he says that Jesus continued teaching the crowds from the floating pulpit.

Luke now moves the focus directly to Jesus and Peter. Jesus, the carpenter's son, invited Peter, the professional fisherman to "Put out into deep water and pay out the nets for a catch." ... We can only imagine how Peter really felt... [maybe like Mary at the Annunciation?]

Peter obeyed: we all know the outcome - a super abundance of fish that "filled two boats to sinking point." Touched to the very core, Peter fell on his knees exclaiming, "Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man." His encounter with Jesus about his own unworthiness: it was a moment of conversion, a definite turning point in his life.

Jesus overlooked Peter's limitations and responded: "Do not be afraid." He commissioned Peter and his companions to be fishers of people, to re-centre their lives and follow Him.

Luke concludes his narrative by simply stating "they left everything and followed him." A call to mission and a total response!

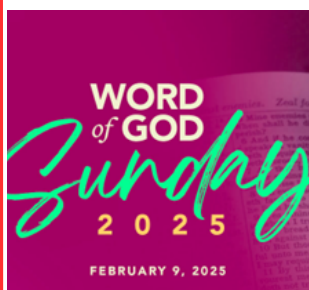
Let's think about the states of our own growing and deepening faith in Jesus:

- When do we reflect on "the word of God"?
- Are we willing to allow Jesus to command our boats?
- Do we "put out into deep water and pay out our nets for a catch"? When and how?
- What is our mission in life?

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025.

Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.





SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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: Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Responsorial Psalm 137: 1-5, 7-8

R: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

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.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord. 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.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Pat Phelan, John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, Lourdes Bustamante, Antony Pepin, Pippa O'Neal, Maureen Clements, Mathew Sieders, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Zarouf Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENT DEATHS: Visesio Eli

Readings for Sunday 16th February, 2025:
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

\\ 1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 //

\\ 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 //

\\ Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26 //

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which you also stand. This is the good news through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of the Apostles - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For Simon Peter and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Prayer After Communion:

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 1st/2nd February 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 879.35
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,952.50

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

Online 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 Name

Online 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.

The Season of Lent is near...

We have resources available for individuals or groups this Lent.

If you're interested in starting or joining a Lenten Prayer group, please reach out to Sr. Carlene or get in touch with the Parish Office.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with others during this meaningful season.

Your participation can make a difference!

M A N D A T O R Y

Safeguarding Training

We have organised in-person Safeguarding Training sessions for all staff, volunteers, and community leaders who have not yet completed their training.

We also invite anyone interested in volunteering within the parish—whether as a Liturgical Minister (Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Minister at the Altar, or Communion to the Sick), AV Operator, Office Volunteer, Cleaner, or in any other capacity—to take advantage of this opportunity.

- ****Cycle 1 Mandatory Safeguarding Training****: This session is intended for individuals who have not previously attended any training. It will occur on **Saturday, February 22nd, from 10 AM to 3 PM in the School Hall.**
- ****Cycle 2 Safeguarding Training****: This session is designed for those who completed their training in 2023. It will take place on **Saturday, May 3rd, from 10 AM to 1:30 PM in the School Hall.**

Registration online via the QR code
OR contact the Parish Office.



For those unable to attend the in-person sessions, an alternative option is available to complete the training online or at another parish hosting a training session.

For more details, please visit <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday February 9**

- Baptism, 11.30am (Church)
- Holy Family Tongan Catholic Communion Blacktown/Mt Druitt, 12pm - 3pm (MMR)
- Family Service for the late VISESIO ELI, 6pm-9pm (Church)

Monday February 10

- Requiem Mass for the late VISESIO ELI, 11am (Church)
- High School Children Sacramental Process, 5pm (SICR)
- RCIA Process, 6.45pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday February 11

- Staff meeting, 9.15am-10.15am (SICR)
- Liturgy Sub-Committee mtg, 7pm (Church)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- St VdP Emerton Conference, 7pm-8.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday February 12

- Diocesan Insurance Update for Parishes mtg, 10am-2.30pm (Blacktown - NOTE: Parish Office closed)
- Christian meditation, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Thursday February 13

- The Commemoration of the Apology event, 5.30pm-8pm (Courtyard)

Friday February 14

- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday February 15

- Legion of Mary, 10am - 12pm (MMR)
- Divine Mercy, 12pm-2pm (MMR)
- Holy Family Tongan choir, 2pm-4.30pm (SSR)
- Baptism, during 5.30pm 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
Saturday 22nd February	Cycle 1 Mandatory Safeguarding Training for all NEW VOLUNTEERS: 10am-3pm
Sunday 2nd March	PPC Extended Meeting 4pm - 7pm
Wednesday 5th March	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass times: 8am and 6pm
Friday 7th March	Young Adults Lenten Program 7.30pm-9pm (HFC)
Tuesday 25th March	Mass for Seniors, 11.30am. ALL ARE WELCOME. RSVP required by 12/03/2025
Sunday 13th April	PALM SUNDAY
Monday 14th - Saturday 19th April	HOLY WEEK
Sunday 20th April	EASTER SUNDAY
Saturday 3rd May	Cycle 2 Mandatory Safeguarding Training for Volunteers who completed Level 1 Training in 2023. 10am-1pm
Sunday 1st June	Holy Family Parish 60 Year Anniversary



*- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February -
- For vocations to the priesthood and religious life -*

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE

APOLOGY

TO THE STOLEN GENERATIONS
in 2008

REMEMBERING THE STOLEN GENERATIONS &
OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY TO REFLECT ON
THE PAST AND HOW OUR PAST CAN SHAPE OUR
FUTURE

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025
HOLY FAMILY CENTRE
EMERT PDE, EMERTON
5:30PM- 8PM

HAND IN HAND WE STAND

HOSTED BY- THE MOUNT DRUITT AND DISTRICT RECONCILIATION GROUP

Men at the Shrine

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of each month. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a light supper. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Find the event on Facebook, or for questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106 871

Continue the Marist Spirit at St Patricks - Sunday February 23

We invite you to be part of an important conversation on how we can continue the Marist Spirit in St Patricks Church Hill community. With the Marist Fathers set to leave St Patrick's in December 2025 after 157 years, this is an opportunity to reflect on their legacy and explore ways to develop the Marist spirit.

Join us for a discussion led by Marist Laity Australia as we discern the future of the Marist presence at St Patrick's. Time 10 am to 11 am in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church Hill. All are welcome!

For more information - www.maristlaityaustralia.com

YOUNG PEOPLE, WE NEED YOUR HELP

Join us as a volunteer to operate AV equipment for our weekend Masses, especially the 10:30 AM Sunday service! Youth participation is encouraged, and training will be provided. If you're interested, contact Sr. Carlene or the Parish Office.

Parish Pastoral Council Extended Meeting

You are warmly invited to an extended Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Sunday, March 2nd, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Holy Family Centre.

This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the plans for the upcoming year, address any pressing issues, and explore ways to enrich the life of our parish community.

Your participation is highly encouraged, as it is vital to fostering a vibrant and inclusive parish environment. We look forward to your valuable input and hope you will join us in shaping the future of our parish.

Everyone is welcome!

News from the Diocese of Parramatta

In line with the stipulations set forth in Canon Law, specifically Canon 374 §2 and Canon 553, we will be established under the Blacktown Deanery, effective from March 5, 2025:

Blacktown Deanery: Fr Kevin Redmond SM (Dean)

- Blacktown
- Doonside
- Marayong
- Mt Druitt
- Mt Druitt South
- Plumpton
- Rooty Hill

Very Rev Peter G. Williams AM

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

(This decree was given
at Parramatta 30/01/2025
by Very Rev Peter Williams VG EV)

Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick: 11 February

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals.

RSVPs are required by 6 February 2025 via parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11

Music for Lent Workshop: 13 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday 13 February from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. Registrations are essential, please RSVP by 11 February via parracatholic.org/music-workshop

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email met@parracatholic.org