



HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

Under the care of the Australian Jesuit Province

252 -254 Luxford Road, Emerton NSW 2770

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.

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 Fr Cao for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our attitude towards money, material things, and especially, our attitude towards the poor and the marginalized. Injustice, greed, and oppression are among the greatest factors that have perpetuated poverty in our society.

Injustice and oppression against the poor are condemned by the Lord who "will never forget any of their deeds." They did not only happen in the time of prophet Amos but also are occurring in today's world. "We will measure out less and charge more, with the scales . . ." They exported food to make more money for themselves, while the poor starved and died of hunger. We are now living in similar situations all over the world. While some cannot afford one meal per day, others waste money on useless projects. Sometimes, we say that the poor are lazy or that there will always be poor people. These are weak excuses. The truth is that there is much greed, injustice, and corruption in our world.

What can we do? Can we change their attitudes? Surely, we can't. However, as St Paul says, we can pray for us to pray for conversion and wisdom for everyone, especially, kings, rulers, and government leaders. If our leaders are converted and become wise, they will help to stop corruption, injustice, and oppression in our land and systems. "God wants everyone to be saved and reach the full knowledge of the truth." This truth is that there is only one God and that all of us are His children. God loves us all equally and wishes that we all prosper and be in health, even as our soul prospers. Once we understand this, selfishness will disappear, and we shall begin to consider the interest and good of others. It is God's will to save all from starvation, injustice, greed, and corruption that has destroyed our world and left many poor.

Jesus lived, here on earth, in the same situation and He understood the sufferings of the poor. So, he told them and us that money and material things do not last forever. The most important thing is how to use them without losing our salvation. We need to learn investing in the poor to improve their conditions. Accumulating wealth for ourselves without using it to help those in need only amounts to greed and selfishness.

Money and wealth have value only when used wisely to help those around us. In this way, we store wealth for ourselves in heaven. Remember that we are only managers when God blesses us with wealth. God gives us wealth to help and improve the lives of those in need. It is not meant only for our families and us. So, we must share what we have.

Finally, we must not manipulate the poor and the needy for economic reasons. The Lord "will never forget any of [our] deeds." Any form of injustice or oppression against the poor and weak cries out to God for vengeance as the blood of Abel did (Gen 4:10). Christ is the defender of the poor and the marginalized. The Lord "raises the poor and lifts the lowly from the dust, and lift the needy from the ash heap."

Pilgrims Following St. Paul

Patrick and Denise have journeyed through Greece and Turkey, and recently in Patmos, they explored the monasteries and the Cave of the Revelation, where God revealed the mysteries of the Apocalypse to St. John. Surrounded by icons, manuscripts, and sacred relics, they experienced the deep history and holiness of the early Church, and celebrated Mass on the monastery grounds.

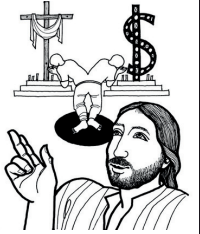
Next, the pilgrims continue their journey to Rome. Let us continue to pray for them as they grow in faith, hope, and courage on this extraordinary pilgrimage.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: Amos 8: 4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will measure out less and charge more, with the scales, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 112 (113): 1-2, 4-8

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore. R.

The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? R.

The Lord raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people. R.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Beloved: I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and the human race, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all; this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I am telling the truth, I am not lying.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.*
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that the manager was squandering his property. So the rich man summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat. He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'" And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. *Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Prayer After Communion:

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Soane Quensell, Pam Picart-Manalac, Katea Vave, Kim Ahmad, Vivian Masters, Makasini Vave, Fifita Sitani, 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: Deirdre McCollough, Jamie Adamantidis.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR: SEPTEMBER 2025**

For our relationship with all of creation.
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. Amen.

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 13th/14th September 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 1,069.00
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	\$ 2,578.20
Fathers Day Appeal	\$ 260.00

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 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.

Bucket Collection for Pakistan Flood Relief –**This Weekend 20/21 September**

Pakistan has recently experienced its worst monsoon floods in years, resulting in over 900 deaths and devastating damage to homes, roads, crops, and livestock. Many of those affected are living in poverty and urgently need our support.

This weekend, we will be holding a bucket collection after all Masses to support families in the Punjab Province who are in need of emergency relief such as food, clean water, and medicine.

Your generosity can make a real difference.

Thank you for your support.

Fr Renato.

 Melbourne Cup Trifecta Tickets – On Sale Now! Try your luck in our Melbourne Cup Trifecta Fundraiser – tickets are just **\$2 each!**

- Each ticket has 3 random horse numbers.
- To win, all 3 winning horses' numbers must appear on one ticket (any order).
- Only one winner – **prize is \$1000 cash!**
- Winner must claim prize by 30 November 2025 and present the winning ticket to the Parish Office.

All proceeds go towards parish expenses.

Thank you for your support!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ROSTER**for next week: 27/28 September 2025****5.30pm Vigil Mass**

Minister at the Altar: P. Morrell
 Minister of the Word: F. Hinder/ G. Bruton
 Eucharistic Minister: J. Macayan
 AV Operator: P. Gillman

9am Sunday Mass

Minister at the Altar: S. Watt /
 Minister of the Word: M. Clements / E. Villanueva
 Eucharistic Minister: C. Payne
 AV Operator: –

10.30am Sunday Mass

Minister at the Altar: G. Eberl / S. Kiteau
 Minister of the Word: P. Tatuila/ P. Tuimavave
 Eucharistic Minister: –
 AV Operator: P. Setefano

If you would like to be a part of the roster, please see Sr Carlene OR contact the Parish Office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday September 21**

- Baptisms, 11.45am (Church)
- HF Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Mass, 2pm-4pm (Church)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3.30pm-6.30pm (SSR)

Monday September 22

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday September 23

- Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- Liturgy Committee Meeting, 6.45pm-8pm (SICR)
- St VdP Emerton Conference, 7pm - 8.30pm (SSR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Wednesday September 24

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- Young Adults 'Praying with the Bible', 7pm-9pm (SICR)

Thursday September 25

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

Friday September 26

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

Saturday September 27

- HF Tongan Choir prac, 2pm-4.30pm (SSR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Meeting Rooms:**SSR** - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;**SICR** - St Ignatius Conference Room;**MMR** - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,**HFC** - Holy Family Centre **Sacramental Enrolments Now Open**Enrol now for the Sacramental Program. Preparation for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation begins October.****Looking ahead:****First Communion: 2026****Confirmation: 2027**

For more information or to enrol, please contact the parish office or see Lorraine Gordon.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	DETAILS
Tue 14th October	Mass for Seniors at 11.30am Followed by light lunch in the church. Contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Friday 10 Oct.
20th - 22nd October	Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne)
Wed 22nd October	First Reconciliation Information Session for Parents/ Carers, 7pm
Tue 28th October	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Tue 4th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Sat 8th November	TBC - Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa
Sun 9th November	Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove Cemetery)
Sat 15th November	Parish Working Bee
Tue 25th November	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Fri 21st November	Thanksgiving Dinner for Parish Volunteers
30th Nov - 2nd Dec	Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne)
Sun 30th November	Parish Choir singing at Nth Sydney Parish Mass
Sat 6th Dec	Parish Christmas Carols, 7pm-10pm (School Grounds)
Wed 10th Dec	Second Rite of Reconciliation, 6.45pm (Chapel)
Tuesday 16th Dec	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing) Rochford Place, 12 Avoca St Ropes Crossing 2760
Wed 24/ Thur 25 December	Christmas Eve/ Day Masses

Mary's Rosary Chain – Rosary Devotion in October

- In preparation for the Month of the Holy Rosary, free rosary cards and rosary beads will be available after all Masses next weekend (27 & 28 September), thanks to **Mary's Rosary Chain**. A short announcement will be made to encourage and spread this beautiful devotion.
- We will also celebrate a **special Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Tuesday, 7th October at 6:00pm**.

Throughout October, there will be a special focus on the Rosary, with the Rosary prayed before all weekday Masses. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Young Adults – Praying with the Bible

Are you a young adult looking to deepen your faith and connect with Scripture in a meaningful way? Join us for "Praying with the Bible" – a space to reflect, pray, and share together through the Word of God.

 **Next session: Wednesday 24th September at 7.00pm**

 **Where: Parish Centre**

 **What to bring: A Bible (if you have one), a journal, and a pen**

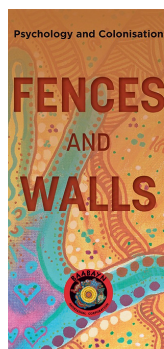
Come along and be part of a welcoming and faith-filled group. No prior experience needed – just an open heart. All are welcome!

Contact us:  @hfya_mtd

Baabayn Book Launch – Fences and Walls

On Tuesday 23 September at 10:00am, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation will launch *Fences and Walls*, a free educational resource created by the community, for the community.

With contributions from over 35 authors and artists across five generations, this resource inspires, educates, and supports mental health workers and the wider community. We invite you to support their work and be inspired by the creativity, stories, and wisdom of this remarkable community initiative.



Celebrating Deacon Seth Harsh

We rejoice that Seth Harsh, baptised in our parish, was ordained a deacon in June 2025 at the Basilica of Saint Paul, Rome, by Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop-Emeritus of Liverpool, with a view to ordination as a priest.

Seth will serve in the Diocese of Wollongong, and we pray for him as he continues his journey of faithful service, following Christ with joy and dedication.

May God bless him abundantly as he grows in holiness and prepares for the priesthood.



We Want Your Stories!

Help us make the parish bulletin inspiring and community-focused!

 Share "good news" stories, acts of kindness, celebrations, or faith moments.

 Email your ideas to enquiry@holyfamily.org.au or contact the Parish Office.

Let's celebrate the hope, faith, and connection in Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt!

Spring Family Holiday Program – Join the Fun!

Holy Family Parish invites families to two exciting outings during the spring school holidays. Come along, connect with others, and enjoy a day out!

Activity 1: Sydney Observatory

 **Wednesday 1st October**

Explore the stars, planets, and the wonders of space at the historic Sydney Observatory! Families can enjoy the interactive exhibits, telescopes, and learn about our night sky.

 *Nearby: Relax at Observatory Hill Park, enjoy a picnic with harbour views, or take a short stroll to Barangaroo Reserve.*

Activity 2: Australian Museum

 **Friday 10th October**

Discover dinosaurs, ancient cultures, and amazing wildlife at the Australian Museum. Perfect for all ages!

 *Nearby: Visit St Mary's Cathedral, wander through Hyde Park, or enjoy a treat at a nearby café.*

Bus Details:

Leaves Holy Family Church: 9:00am sharp

Departs destination: 3:00pm

\$ Cost: \$5 per person (transport only)

Note: Food, drinks, and any entry/exhibition costs are not included.

 Tickets still available from the parish only.

 For more information, call 02 9628 7272.

Parish Pilgrimage – Holy Doors of Mercy

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

 **Date: Saturday, 8th November**

 **Locations:**

- Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa
- Holy Shrine of Innocents, Kellyville



 Mass Celebrated

 Confession Available

 RSVP to assist with planning

 More details to come.

Come, walk through the Holy Doors and experience the hope and mercy of Christ with our parish family!



✨ The Significance of Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors ✨

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Holy Doors stand as a visible reminder of God's mercy, love, and the promise of new life in Christ. Walking through these doors is more than entering a building—it is a symbolic journey of faith, a personal invitation to open our hearts to God's forgiveness, grace, and hope.

Pilgrimages to the Holy Doors allow us to step away from our daily routines and draw closer to God, celebrating His presence in our lives and in our parish community. They remind us that we are all one family in Christ, called to share hope, compassion, and mercy with one another.

By participating in this pilgrimage, we join countless others around the world who, in faith and prayer, seek renewal and the joy of living as God's children.