



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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Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt

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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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Luke in today's Gospel tells us a story about ten lepers crying out: 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us!' Jesus commanded them to go and show themselves to the priests who would verify their healing. They then were to offer appropriate sacrifices. Both actions would provide them with re-entry into the life of the broader society, their families and loved ones. They simply went, did what Jesus had told them and were physically healed. But one of them - only one, and that person a Samaritan turned back, rushing to throw himself down at the feet of Jesus to thank him. Only one. Jesus noticed and asked, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they?'.

This question echoes in our hearts today through the centuries and lands. Where are the other nine? Why did they not return? Perhaps they were too eager to get back to their lives, to their families, and the temple? Perhaps they took the healing for granted. But the Samaritan - the outsider, the foreigner like Naaman in the First Reading, the one least expected to return - came back, praising God and falling at Jesus' feet in gratitude. When was the last time we expressed our gratitude to God? Gratitude to God is an expression of our faith in His saving power.

In the face of the Samaritan's gratitude, Jesus says to him, 'Your faith has saved you.' The Samaritan received more than a mere physical healing. There was also salvation and wholeness involved. The nine were healed in body, but the one who returned in gratitude was healed in soul. This brings us to the heart of today's message: Gratitude is not just good manners, it is also the doorway to deeper relationship with God and to deeper faith. When we recognise the gifts we have received and return to the Giver with thanksgiving, we are drawn into a more intimate relationship with God. Gratitude opens our eyes to grace and transforms healing into holiness.

Our problem is when we receive something on a regular basis, we tend to take this for granted, especially if it is a free gift. For some people, the regular receiving eventually turns into expectation. If we receive a gift long enough, we come to view it almost as an entitlement. We feel hurt, even anger, if we don't receive it any longer. In the same way, God gives us blessings every day. I don't deserve my comfortable home that I live in, the beautiful scenery around me, the clean water I drink, but after receiving these gifts and a multitude of others for years, I sometimes fail to be grateful. I've come to expect these good things. When one of them is removed for a short time, like water or electricity or internet going down, I get upset.

We receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist every day. It is a sacrament of gratitude, of thanksgiving to God. It is one whole sacrifice through which we, the Church give thanks to God when we gather as one big and united family in his presence. As we come to celebrate daily and Sunday Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to be like the Samaritan and Naaman, to never take God's mercy for granted, and to always recognise God's hand in our lives. May our gratitude lead us to deeper faith, greater love, and a life that glorifies God. Amen.

Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?

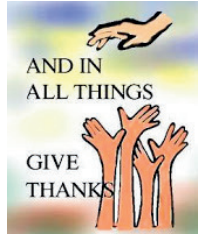
Luke 17:17-18



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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: 2 Kings 5: 14-17

Naaman the Syrian went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" Naaman urged Elisha to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm - 97: 1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought him victory. R.

The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises. R.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David- that is my Gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful- for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.*
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When Jesus saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Prayer After Communion:

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2025**

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.
Amen.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

Join us in honoring Our Lady this October by praying the Rosary daily, especially as a family. Come to weekday Masses — the Rosary is prayed before each Mass.

Breath of Grace - A daily 2.5-minute prayer with Mary continues through Oct 31.

Reflect daily with Our Lady via the link on our Parish Facebook page.
Let Mary lead you closer to Jesus this month.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the church, Fletcher Welsh, Zariah and Isabella Balzar-Camilleri, who were baptised last Sunday 5th October, 2025

LIST OF THE SICK: Gerry Greene, Richard Ward, Marie Purcell, 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:**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Readings for Sunday 19th October, 2025: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13 // \\ 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2 // \\ Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 4th / 5th October 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 730.35
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 2,485.45

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.

Holy Family Parish Working Bee

Join us on **Saturday 15th November, 8am-3pm**, for our **Parish Working Bee** as we care for and beautify our grounds.

If you haven't collected your free plants from Blacktown Council, and would like to donate them to the parish, please complete the form at the back of the church.

Thank you!



**All Are Welcome
and Encouraged!**

**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: 18/19 OCTOBER 2025**

5.30pm Vigil Mass

Minister at the Altar: J. Gillman / 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 / M. Mealamu

Minister of the Word: M. Clements / E. Villanueva

Eucharistic Minister: C. Payne

AV Operator: -

10.30am Sunday Mass

Minister at the Altar: J. Petelo / K. Kiteau

Minister of the Word: P. Tatuila / D. Mullins

Eucharistic Minister: G. Eberl

AV Operator:

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 October 12**

- ACYF Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser, (Church)
- Baptism, 11.45am (Church)
- HF Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- Tongan Chaplaincy Mass, 2pm (Church)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)
- PPC Mtg, 4pm-6pm (SICR)

Monday October 13

- Prep for Sacraments: Adults, 4pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday October 14

- Mass for Seniors and Anointing, 11.30am (Church)
- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- St VdP Emerton Conference, 7pm-8.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday October 15

- Free Community Podiatry, 10am-3pm (SSR)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday October 16

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

Friday October 17

- Hamper Planning mtg, 10am (SICR)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday October 18

- HF Tongan Mass, 12pm-2pm (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**Mass and Anointing for Seniors**

All parishioners are warmly invited to a **Mass and Anointing for Seniors on Tuesday 15th October at 11:30am**. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	DETAILS
20 th - 22 nd October	Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne) Note: Parish Office will be closed 20-22 October
Wed 22 nd October	First Reconciliation Information Session for Parents/Carers, 7pm
Tue 28 th October	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Tue 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Sat 8 th November	Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa & Holy Shrine of Innocents, Kellyville
Sun 9 th November	Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove Cemetery)
Fri 14 th November	The FaithFeed Echo - Night of Praise and Worship Led by our Holy Family Young Adults, 6.30pm in the church.
Sat 15 th November	Parish Working Bee
Tue 25 th November	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Fri 21 st November	Thanksgiving Dinner for Parish Volunteers
30 th Nov - 2 nd Dec	Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne)
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)
Tuesday 16 th 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

PARISH PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

Heavenly Father, we bring before you, our HSC students.
 Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement,
 knowledge and courage.
 Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit
 for their exams.
 May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know
 that you are there with them.
 We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work
 to the best of their ability.
 May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and
 always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful
 support of us, their parish community.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives
 and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
 Amen.

Safeguarding training opportunities for October

The next sessions of face-to-face Initial safeguarding
 training (Modules 1-3) will be held on the following days
 from 10 am to 3pm:

**Saturday 18 October at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish,
 St Marys**

**Saturday 25 October at Corpus Christi Parish,
 Cranebrook**

Please register directly for this training or for other
 convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training
 event. For more information, please email:
safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
 to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's
 Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea.

Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will
 receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please
 register your name, numbers attending and any dietary
 requirements. Family and friends are welcome.

RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0408 233 478
 by 20 October.

Winston Hills Parish World Rosary Hour and Our Lady of Fatima Procession: 13 October

St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills, will be taking part
 in World Rosary Hour on Monday 13 October at 7pm. The
 date marks the anniversary of the last apparition of Our
 Lady of Fátima to the three children.

Join us to pray the rosary, followed by a candlelit
 procession with the statue of Our Lady around the church
 grounds. All welcome.

† Sacramental Enrolments Now Open

Enrol now for the Sacramental Program. Preparation for
 the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation begins with
 Parent/ Carer Information Session:
 Wednesday 22 October, 7pm in the church.**

**Looking ahead:
 First Communion: 2026
 Confirmation: 2027**

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

✠ Parish Pilgrimage – Holy Doors of Hope ✠

All parishioners are warmly invited to join our pilgrimage in
 this **Jubilee Year of Hope** as we **journey together
 through the Holy Doors**.



**17 Saturday, 8th November
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa

& Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville



The day will begin with prayer at Holy Family Parish before
 travelling together. Our pilgrimage will include quiet time
 for reflection, the Stations of the Cross, and will conclude
 with Mass.

† Confession available 🕯 Mass celebrated

👉 RSVP via QR code
 or contact the parish office
 to assist with planning.



***Come walk with us through the Holy Doors and
 experience Christ's hope and mercy
 with our parish family!***

Parish Mass for All Souls at Pinegrove Cemetery.

**Sunday 9th November at 3:00pm
 [Nth Chapel, Pinegrove, Minchinbury]**



We warmly invite you to join us in prayer and
 remembrance at our All Souls Mass, as we gather to
 honour and give thanks for the lives of our dearly
 departed.

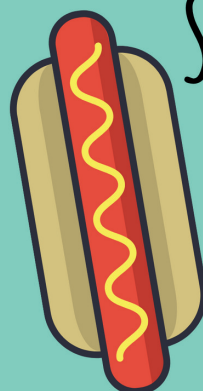
You are welcome to bring flowers, which will be blessed
 during the Mass and can then be taken to the resting
 places of your loved ones as a sign of love, hope, and
 ongoing connection.

Let us come together in faith, comfort, and quiet
 remembrance.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
 light shine upon them."*

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 HOLY FAMILY YOUNG ADULTS

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**SAUSAGE SIZZLE
 FUNDRAISER**

**\$3.00 SAUSAGE SANDWICH
 \$4.00 COMBO
 \$1.50 DRINKS**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR PATRONS ATTENDING THE AUSTRALIAN
 CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025

Sunday 12th October after 9am & 10.30am Masses.