



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

(34th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today, the Church celebrates 100 years of solemnity of Christ the King. This Feast marks the end of Liturgical calendar year. It was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to affirm Christ's sovereignty in response to rising secularism and atheism after World War I. It reminds us that while secular governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Devotion to Christ the King emphasized gentleness, mercy, peace and forgiveness among individuals. Pope Pius XI hoped that individuals should honour and recognise Jesus as their 'Sovereign King' and emulate his total gift of self, perfectly embodied on the Cross. In imitation of their thorn-crowned King, individuals can help bring love and relief to those who suffer and help to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.

Today's three readings emphasize kingship, beginning with King David, the royal ancestor of Jesus according to the New Testament. David was anointed by God as the shepherd of Israel: "You shall shepherd my people Israel, and shall be the commander of Israel."

For St Paul, in the second reading, Jesus, a descendant of David, is the true shepherd. The King Jesus is "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation . . . He himself is before all things... He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead." Furthermore, the Kingdom of God is not about earthly matters like food or drink, but rather about the spiritual reality of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (1Cor 4:20).

Kingship involves having a throne, power, and domination. The king uses power through violence to rise and make everyone submit. The coronation day is a day of victory. Paradoxically, the coronation day of Christ was the most miserable day. His throne was a cross. His crown was a crown of thorns. His title was engraved on a piece of wood: "This is the King of the Jews". This image of Christ as King is beyond our imagination. In today's Gospel, it begins with people watching... looking upon their King! No courtly behaviour but they jeered at him. Soldiers mocked him. Even one of the two criminals abused him while the other, out of his compassion for the injustice, pleaded: "remember me when you come into your kingdom." For this, Jesus replied: "Today you will join me in Paradise" In this Paradise, God's Kingdom, no one suffers oppression or constraint; no one is abused, jeered at or mocked. In this kind of kingdom, all will "act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God." Thus, we are called to speak up against injustice, to support one another and to practise the Beatitudes in our daily life so as to live with gentleness, mercy and forgiveness

We pray to you, Christ our King: grant us mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Guard us from evil and protect our families, our parish and our land. Amen

He delivered us from the
power of darkness and
transferred us to the
kingdom of his beloved
Son, in whom we have
redemption, the
forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

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LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 Samuel 5: 1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: 'It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 121: 1-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

Jerusalem-built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. R.

As was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David. R.

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

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling
with suicidal thoughts might find the support,
care and love they need in their community,
and be open to the beauty of life.
Amen.



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Second Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20

Brothers and sisters: Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. The Father has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers- all things have been created through him and for him. Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his Cross.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

The leaders scoffed at Jesus saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Prayer After Communion:

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**BAPTISMS:**

LIST OF THE SICK: 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, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Donna Mullins, Gloria Cutcliffe.

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Readings for Sunday 30th November, 2025: First Sunday of Advent in Year A

\\ 1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 // \\ 2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11-14 // \\ Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 15th / 16th November 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 910.55
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 2,110.45

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.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal - supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling 29/30 November

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now.

Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty - wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



**OPEN THE DOORS
OF HOPE TO
GRIEVING HEARTS
THIS CHRISTMAS**

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." - Matthew 5:4

**Special Appeal for the Philippines - Weekend of 6/7 December**

In recent weeks, severe natural disasters have struck the Philippines, leaving many families without homes, food, and essential supplies.

To support those most affected, our parish will hold a Special Appeal on the weekend of 6/7 December.

There will be a leaving bucket collection at all Masses.

Your donation—no matter the size—will help provide emergency shelter, clean water, medical assistance, and vital support to communities struggling to rebuild.

Let us reach out with compassion to our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you for your generous response.

LITURGICAL 29th/30th NOVEMBER 2025**5.30pm
Vigil Mass**

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

**9am
Sunday Mass**

Minister at the Altar: S. Watt / M. Mealamu
 Minister of the Word: M. Clements / L. Gordon
 Eucharistic Minister: C. Payne
 AV Operator: M. Abad

**10.30am
Sunday Mass**

Minister at the Altar: S. Kiteau / J. Petelo
 Minister of the Word: P. Tuimavave / P. Tatuila
 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 November 23**

- HFYA ACYF Formation, 12pm-2pm (SICR)
- HF Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-5pm (SSR)
- Diocese of Parramatta Tongan Chaplaincy Mass, 2pm-5pm (Church)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3.30pm-6.30pm (SSR)

Monday November 24

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday November 25

- Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (12 Avoca St, Ropes Crossing) - ALL ARE WELCOME
- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Wednesday November 26

- Diocesan Staff Christmas Reflection Day, 9am-3pm (Mulgoa) NOTE: Parish Office closed.
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 7pm (Church)

Thursday November 27

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

Friday November 28

- HF Young Adults leave for ACYF Melbourne
- Samoan Choir prac, 6pm-7pm (Church)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday November 29

- Parramatta Diocese Tongan Chaplaincy Mass, 11am-1pm (Church)
- HF Tongan Choir, 2pm - 4.30pm (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 29/Sun 30 Nov	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A Bishop's Christmas Appeal Catholic Foundation
30 th Nov - 2 nd Dec	HF Young Adults attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne)
Sun 30 th November	Parish Choir singing at St Mary's Parish, Nth Sydney, 6.00pm
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 th Dec	Christmas Eve Mass Times: 6.00pm (Children & Family Mass) 8.30pm (Mass at Willmot) 12.00am Midnight Mass
Thur 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Mass: 9.00am Christmas Day Lunch, Doors open 11.00am (School Hall) To volunteer at this event, scan QR code:

**Notice - Holiday Mass Schedule**

Please note that from Friday 26 December 2025 until Friday 16 January 2026, weekday Masses will be held at 2:00am only, and there is NO SUNDAY MASS at WILLMOT.

The weekend Mass schedule at Emerton will remain unchanged. 7.30am Mass at Willmot will resume on Sunday 18 January 2026.

Our normal weekday Mass schedule will resume on Monday 19 January 2026.

Parish Christmas Carols - Saturday 6th December!

Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

Location: School Grounds (Basketball Court)

Join us for a joyful evening of music, community, and Christmas cheer as we gather for our Parish Christmas Carols under the stars!

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE / DRINKS / AND MORE!!!

Bring your family, friends, picnic rugs, and festive spirit for a night of celebration and togetherness. 🌟

We're now calling for volunteers and performers to help make this wonderful night come alive!

🌟 **Volunteers** - We need helping hands for:

- Setup and pack-up
- Cooking and serving at the BBQ
- Welcoming guests
- Children's activities and general assistance

🎤 **Performers** -

Do you love to sing, dance, or play music?



We'd love to feature parishioners and community groups who can share their talents and spread the joy of Christmas through music and performance.

To sign up, please scan the QR code
OR contact the parish office.

Let's make this year's Carols a night to remember — a celebration of faith, joy, and community! 🌟

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25
DECEMBER
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HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL
11 EMERT PARADE
EMERTON, 2770

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Christmas Giving Tree - Gifts & Volunteers

Our Christmas Giving Tree is now in place. Tags on the tree show a child's gender and age. **Please take a tag and return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached by 7 December** at Mass or the Parish Office.

We also need volunteers to help collect, load, and unload hampers on 30 Nov, 1 Dec, 5 Dec, and 7 Dec.

If you can help, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you for helping bring joy to children and families this Christmas!

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 10th December | 6:45 pm

As we journey through Advent, we are called to open our hearts to God's love and mercy. Join us for the Second Rite of Reconciliation—a gentle, prayerful celebration of forgiveness and renewal.

Take this special opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. Everyone is warmly welcome to come, reflect, and experience the peace and joy of God's mercy this Advent.

Pray for Our Children - First Reconciliation

This Wednesday, 26th November, our children will receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Let us pray that God's grace fills their hearts, guiding them in His love and mercy as they take this sacred step in their journey of faith.

SERVE THE LORD IN HIS WORD AND SACRAMENT

Our parish invites parishioners to discern a call to serve as Readers or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is a beautiful way to support the liturgy and build up our parish community.

The next Liturgical Ministry Training Course will be held in Blacktown and Penrith in 2026.

Enrolments close Friday, 23rd January 2026 (or earlier if full).

Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church. Please return the signed form as soon as possible to secure your place.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONNA MULLINS

We remember in prayer our much-loved and faithful parishioner, Donna, who faithfully served our parish as a Reader at the 10:30am Mass.



May the Lord, whom they proclaimed in Word and faith, now welcome her into eternal peace.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 4th December at 10:30am at Holy Family Church, followed by burial at St Mary's General Cemetery.



Hands at work, hearts in prayer — parishioners gathered at Marian House, Blacktown, learning to make Rosaries for those in need.

L-R: Leonie, Mary, Lea

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2026



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

**2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS
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\$10 EACH**

Please see Sr Carlene to get your copy after Mass, or available from the parish office.