



HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

Under the care of the Australian Jesuit Province

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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 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C Social Justice Sunday

Today is the Social Justice Sunday. The readings focus on humility and social justice.

All Christians are called to practise what Jesus teaches: "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." For Jesus, humility and simplicity are important in our Christian journey. Our mother Mary is a great example. She humbled herself, obeyed God's Will in great simplicity. Her humility was so remarkable that God exalted her to be the mother of his Son.

The first reading urges us to perform our duties with gentleness and to approach life with a humble heart. It also provides reasons: "you will be loved more than a giver of gifts . . . and you will find favour with God." Truly, Mother Mary in her Magnificat says: "[God] has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant; . . . He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly." (Lk 1:48, 52)

Fr Elvin Cardoso SJ from Goa points out: "True wisdom is not found in pride or self-importance, but in recognizing our limitations and our dependence on God. The world encourages us to prove ourselves, pursue success, and earn love and respect. But God's way is different. His way is to reach out to others in love and service to the poor, the neglected, forgotten, and those on the margins of society."

Jesus teaches us: "when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" (Luke 14:13). In today's world, this includes homeless people with mental ill-health. These are the people who the Australian Bishop Conference calls us to serve in their 2025-2026 Social Justice Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. Our Bishops remind us that every person has a name, a story, and an unshakeable dignity as a child of God.

Furthermore, Jesus urges us don't do things in expectation of being paid for them. In our humility, we are to seek out those less fortunate, those who can never repay us for our kindness. God is watching and will repay us at the final reward for our generosity.

I know that is something we all strive for in this parish, so we need to work always on our attitudes and listening skills, and compromising skills. Being mature is not seeing the world in black and white terms, but noticing all the different shades of grey that make up this wonderful world of ours.

Let us all strive to be humble, mature, intelligent Christians who focus on the needs of others before we look to our own needs and wants.

Finally, Social Justice Sunday is not merely a commemoration — it is a commissioning. We are called not to walk past, but to walk with. We are called not to avert our eyes, but to notice with love. Not to offer only charity, but to foster relationships of dignity and belonging. Let us respond in action to Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of Australia Catholic Bishops Conference, by "going to the edge of society to befriend our fellow Australians who are living on the streets, who are often struggling with serious mental ill-health, to be signs of hope, to be the good news that God's unfailing love embraces everyone."



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR: AUGUST 2025

For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Amen.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29

My child, perform your tasks with humility; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. Many are lofty and renowned, but to the humble the Lord reveals his secrets. For great is the might of the Lord; but by the humble he is glorified. When calamity befalls someone proud, there is no healing, for an evil plant has taken root in them. The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 67 (68): 4-7, 10-11

R: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
his name is the Lord,
be exultant before him. R.

Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity. R.

Rain in abundance, O God,
you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you provided for the needy. R.

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Father's Day Appeal - Next Weekend

Support the Jesuit Fathers and the Diocesan Clergy Support Foundation through our annual Father's Day Appeal.

♥ Envelopes are available for tax-deductible donations.

☕ A leaving collection will be held at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity.

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WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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: Valentine Wynne, Margaret Paton, Sister Deirdre Murphy.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ana Misipati

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Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Brothers and sisters: You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable Angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Take my yoke upon you; learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, the lawyers and Pharisees were watching him closely. When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus said also to the Pharisee who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Prayer After Communion:

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 7th September, 2025: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18 // \\ 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 // \\ Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 23rd / 24th August 2025:
 1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 702.15
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 2,126.55

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.

Father's Day Raffle

Celebrate Dad and support a great cause, 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.

 Please return all tickets (sold and unsold) ASAP.

Thank you for your support!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ROSTER for next week: 6/7 September 2025

5.30pm Vigil Mass

Minister at the Altar: P. Morrell
 Minister of the Word: F. Hinder / G. Bruton
 Eucharistic Minister: M. Freeburn
 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 / J. Petelo
 Minister of the Word: P. Tuimavave / C. Tuuhetoka
 Eucharistic Minister: -
 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 August 31

- Baptism, 11.45am (Church)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (HFC)
- HF Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)

Monday September 1

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

Tuesday September 2

- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- Mt Druitt & District Reconciliation Group, 5.30pm-8pm (Dining/ Kitchen)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Wednesday September 3

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- First Holy Communion Preparation Session, 7pm (Church)

Thursday September 4

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

Friday September 5

- Hamper Planning mtg, 10am (SICR)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy First Friday Devotion, 8pm-Midnight (Chapel)

Saturday September 6

- 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	DETAILS
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 • Melbourne Cup Trifecta Tickets go on sale!
14 th September	HF Young Adults ACYF Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
23 rd September	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Tue 14 th October	Mass for Seniors at 11.30am Followed by light lunch in the church.
Thur 16 th October	Liturgy Committee Meeting 6.45pm
20 th - 22 nd October	Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne)
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	TBC - Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa
Sun 9 th November	Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove Cemetery)
Sat 15 th November	Parish Working Bee
Tue 25 th November	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Fri 28 th 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

Social Justice Sunday – August 31, 2025

“Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly” (Micah 6:8)

This weekend we celebrate Social Justice Sunday, a time to reflect on how we are called to live out the Gospel by promoting justice, peace, and human dignity in our world. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released the 2025-2026 Social Justice Statement, titled:

 “To Be Neighbours: Building A Culture of Encounter in a Fragmented World”

This year's statement calls us to deepen our commitment to encounter and inclusion—especially with those on the margins of society, including the poor, the elderly, refugees, and First Nations peoples.

 Scan the QR code to read the full statement online.



Let us take this opportunity to renew our commitment to justice, compassion, and peace in our families, workplaces, and communities.

Sacred Conversations

What does it mean “to hope and act with creation”?

Join WATAC in conversation with Sue Martin, Catholic woman, Ignatian educator, agricultural scientist & passionate advocate for ecological spirituality.

This is a unique opportunity to engage with a hopeful, faith-filled response to the ‘Season of Creation’ through the lens of feminism, ecology, and Catholic spirituality.

When: Tuesday, 9th September, 7.30pm AEST

Where: Online via Zoom

Registrations via the website: www.watac.net.au

Bishop Vincent Presents Dr Nora Nonterah: 2 September

In the next iteration of the Bishop Vincent Presents series, the Diocese of Parramatta will welcome Dr Nora Nonterah, a leading African theological ethicist from Ghana. She will be presenting on Tuesday 2 September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

As a lay woman and recent delegate to the Synod on Synodality in 2023 and 2024, Dr Nora will offer a powerful reflection on leadership, discipleship, and the wisdom of women in the Church.

Register today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/nora/>

Bishop Vincent Presents Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ: 15 September

The second of two Bishop Vincent Presents public lectures in September will feature Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong and one of the most senior Church leaders in Asia.

He will be presenting on Monday 15 September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on the topic of ‘Bridge Building’. With a background in psychology and education, and a deep pastoral heart, Cardinal Chow brings wisdom, courage, and compassion to the challenges facing the Church in our time. Register today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cardinalchow/>

Mass for Musicians: 24 September

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite all those involved in Music Ministry across the Diocese to join us for our Mass for Musicians. Join us on **24 September, 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**. We ask that you arrive at 7pm and are seated by 7:15pm.

To register your attendance and the number of guests you are bringing, please RSVP via our website by Friday 19 September.

If you are unable to register via the form, please contact ofweparracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

1 Week to Go –

Jubilee Pilgrimage Send-Off

Next weekend, Denise and Patrick will depart Australia for their Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey & Rome.

♥ Support their journey through a donation via PayID (details below)

As a parish family, let's uplift them in prayer and generosity. We'll offer them a special parish blessing at the Vigil Mass next Saturday, ahead of their Sunday departure.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Sponsor or Donate:

PayID: 0418 767 025

 **Keep them in your prayers**

PRESENTING SHALOM MEDIA!

Shalom Media will be sharing a special presentation at all Masses this weekend (30-31 August).

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No teaching experience? No problem! Full training and resources are provided.

Be the face of Christ to the next generation. Say “yes” today!

To learn more or sign up, see Maureen Freeburn OR Lorraine Gordon, or contact the Parish Office

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 1-3 September

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre:

- **Monday 1 September for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 9.30am to 2.30pm**
- **Tuesday 2 September for Renewal training (Modules 4 and 5) from 10am to 1.39pm**
- **Wednesday 3 September for Refresher training (Module 6) from 10am to 12noon.**

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org