



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

NO MASSES AT WILLMOT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mass and Anointing

2nd Saturday of every month:
9.00am

Holy Hour - Emerton

Wednesday: 5.30pm - 6.00pm
Saturdays from 9.30am - 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9.30am - 10.00am
OR by appointment.

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Reflection from Fr Cao for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to integrity: to match our deeds with our words, to change for better. Can we see ourselves in the two sons? One did not agree to go to the vineyard to work but later changed his mind and went. The second agreed but did not go. Keeping our word and being consistent is something that we need to be careful about.

From time to time, we make decisions or promises, then, due to some reasons, we revise and change, for better or worse. A change for the good usually has a positive outcome. But a change for the worse creates a number of uncomfortable situations. It hurts the sentiments of some, jeopardizes a situation, leaves bitter feelings in others, and makes us unhappy.

Am I the second son or the first son?

Perhaps we often are like the second son who initially said 'Yes' to his father's request, and then quickly ignored the request. We easily say 'Yes' to God without meaning what we say. In this case, our word becomes meaningless. Jesus challenges us to do God's will not only in word but also in action. We need to be continually open to the possibility of conversion in our lives. We must be honest and humble enough to change our decisions when we recognise that they are wrong decisions, especially in matters relating to our salvation and the salvation of others.

The older son first rebelled and then recognised the path that he should follow. Being disciples involves taking this second look at our actions. We all like to declare our independence and to state boldly that 'We will not serve!' It is part of our human nature to be aware of our independence and freedom. Yet, as disciples we have to balance this with our appreciation of the limitations of our knowledge and of the Wisdom that created us. Integrating awareness of our freedom with our acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as our teacher is an essential part of completeness and wholeness. It is part of the wisdom and integrity of holiness.

Let us face the reality of our human dilemma: the gap between words and deeds, between intention and decision, between desires expressed in the calm of reflection and the quick fixes of lived life. Let us discern what is good and what is bad so we can change. We can let go and make the right decisions in order to bring the inward person and the outward person into harmony, to be free and happy.

The second reading reminds us that Jesus, even though was in the form of God, did not cling to equality with God. He did not cling to a good life or comfort. He emptied himself, became like one of us and died on the cross. This self-emptying is what all of us are asked to ponder today. You and I need that trust and faith in our heavenly Father to let go, to change and to become better.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR A

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Which of the two did what his father wanted?

Collect:

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Thus says the Lord: "You object, O House of Israel! You say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous person turns away from their righteousness and commits iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because that person considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.'"

Responsorial Psalm - Ps. 24: 4-9**R: Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation. R.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
According to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! R.

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way. R.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER
FOR THE CARE OF WATER.**

**Let us pray for a just and sustainable
management of water, a vital resource, so
that everyone may have equal access to it.**

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Katalina Tatafu, Claire East, Joseph Macayan, Jean Marie Federic, Pierre Pepin, Leonie Stout, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Grace Tinker, Maria Barbara, Leonie Pike, Marie Purcell, Pat Phelan, Makasini Vave, Loretta Josephine Seupule, Leue Dunlop, Lino Dunlop, Cheryl Barrell, Lisimoa Hufanga, Norah Gibson, Sabrina Ellingsworth, John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, Sylvia Greene, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ross Lombo.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, then make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,* who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "What do think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I am going, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Prayer After Communion:

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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Readings for Sunday 4th October, 2026 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

II 1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1–7 II 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6–9 II Gospel: Matthew 21: 33–43 II



Collection for the weekend of the 19th /20th September, 2026:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 768.90
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,968.90

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.

LEAVING COLLECTION 26/27 SEPTEMBER

We will have a special leaving collection at all Masses this weekend, for the victims of the natural disasters in Nepal and Tibet.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

"COME AND SEE"

- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLORE WITH US THE PLACE OF GOD**
 - **IN OUR OWN LIVES,**
 - **IN AND THROUGH THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**



If you can respond with a YES to any of these questions, please contact Sr Carlene personally, or phone 02 9628 7272.

PAPAL BLESSING FOR MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

As part of our Feast of the Holy Family celebration on Sunday, 27 December, couples celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2026 are invited to apply for a Papal Blessing Parchment.

Cost: \$130. Applications close 25 September, 2026.

Forms are available at the back of the church, or scan the QR code to apply online.

**✠ Sacramental Enrolments Now Open**

Enroll now for the Sacramental Program. Preparation for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation begins with Parent/ Carer Information Session:**

Wednesday 21 October, 7pm in the church.

Looking ahead:

First Communion: 2027
Confirmation: 2028

For more information or to enroll, please contact the parish office or see Marissa Logronio.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday September 27**

- Baptisms, 11.45am (Church)
- St Ignatius Tongan Mass, 2pm (Church)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)
- Samoan Laulii Village, 5pm-8pm (SSR)

Monday September 28

- AA mtg, 7pm-8pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Community Dance Prac, 7pm-9pm (SSR & Courtyard)

Tuesday September 29

- Planning meeting: 40th Anniversary of Pope St John Paul II's address at Alice Springs, 1.30pm-3pm (SICR)
- Staff meeting, 3.45pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8.30pm (MMR)
- HF Young Adults, 7.30pm-9.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday September 30

- Holiday Program: Bobbin Head Picnic Park (Office Closed)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Community Dance Prac, 7pm-9pm (SSR & Courtyard)

Thursday October 1

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

Friday October 2

- Samoan Divine Mercy First Friday Adoration (8pm-Midnight) (Chapel)
- Samoan Community, 6pm-8pm (SSR)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm - 8.30pm (MMR)

Saturday October 3

- 'Tima Talks' Podcast, 2pm-4pm (MMR)
- Samoan choir prac, 4pm (Church)
- AA mtg, 6.30-7.30pm (MMR)

Meeting Rooms:

SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;

MMR - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,

HFC - Holy Family Centre (All rooms)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday 7th October** - Holiday Program Activity #2: Blaxland Riverside Park
- **Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 October** - Jesuit Parishes Conference - West HQ & Holy Family
- **Sunday 1 November** - All Saints Day
- **Monday 2 November** - All Soul' Day - Mass times: 9.00am and 6.00pm
- **Saturday 7 November** - Parish Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove North Chapel)
- **Tuesday 10 November** - Mass for Seniors & Anointing of the Sick, 11.30am - Church
- **Saturday 14 November** - Parish Working Bee, 8am-3pm
- **Tuesday 17 November** - Risk Management Committee meeting, 6.45pm-8pm (SICR)
- **Friday 20 November** - Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner for our Volunteers (CathWest Loyola)
- **Saturday 28 November** - Parish Choir sings at 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Lavender Bay Parish for the Feast of St Francis Xavier
- **Sunday 29 November** - First Sunday of Advent Yr B
- **Saturday 5 December** - Parish Christmas Carols
- **Friday 11 December** - Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation, 7.30pm
- **Sunday 27 December** - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Feast Day - Parish Celebration

DO YOU HAVE ONE HOUR TO GIVE TO OUR PARISH?

Have you thought about sharing your love of God with Catholic students in public schools in our Parish?

These students deserve the opportunity to encounter Jesus through scripture classes in their school. It takes only 30 minutes of lesson preparation and 30 minutes teaching the lesson.

Resources and training are provided to give you the skills to share your faith with children who want to know Jesus, in the local public schools in our Parish.

There will be SRE volunteers at each Mass on the weekend of September 26 and 27.

You may wish to speak with them and/or contact the parish office if you are interested.

HOLY FAMILY YOUNG ADULTS

All young adults aged 18years+ are welcome to join our Holy Family Young Adults group.

Current programs:

- Singing at the 10.30am Mass on the 2nd Sundays of each month,
- Choir practice,
- Bible Studies,
- Monthly Adoration,
- Women's Prayer Group
- Monthly Fundraiser

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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SPRING FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join us for two family picnic days with games and activities for children!

- **Wednesday 30 September – Bobbin Head Picnic Park:**
 - Bus leaves Holy Family Centre at 9:00am and the park at 3:00pm.
- **Wednesday 7 October – Blaxland Riverside Park:**
 - Bus leaves Holy Family Centre at 9:30am and the park at 3:00pm.

Cost: \$5 per person, per trip.
Children aged 0–2 travel free.

Bring food and drinks, water, hats, sunscreen and a picnic rug. For Blaxland's water play area, bring a towel and change of clothes.

PLACES ARE LIMITED. TO JOIN:

1. Scan the QR code to register your family.
2. Complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the picnic day you'd like to attend.
3. If offered places, confirm them when you receive the offer.

For help, email enquiry@hollyfamily.org.au or call the Parish Office on 02 9628 7272.



112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



*O God, source of all life,
Open our eyes and hearts to the needs of migrants,
refugees, and people separated from their loved ones.*

*Help us to reach out especially to migrant and refugee
CHILDREN, the vulnerable, and the voiceless.*

*Guide us in accompanying and supporting them to live
safe and dignified lives.*

*Enable us to build a world together where all may
flourish under your loving care.*



AMEN.

2026 - MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV: "EVEN JUST ONE OF THESE CHILDREN" (CF. MT 18:10)

"... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). ..."

Scan the QR code
to read the full message








Please join us for a
**special Mass to celebrate
the Feast of
Our Lady of the Rosary**
on
**Wednesday, 7 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.

Holy Family Parish Working Bee

Join us on **Saturday 14th 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!**

