



HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

Under the care of the Australian Jesuit Province

252 -254 Luxford Road, Emerton NSW 2770

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 Sr Carlene for the Sixth Sunday of Easter in Year C

"LORD, WHAT IS ALL THIS ABOUT?"

Today's gospel is an extract (vv 23-29) from chapter 14 of John's gospel. Tender and intimate in tone, it is part of Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. It is Jesus' response to Thaddaeus' question, "Lord, what is all this about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" [Jn 14:22]

In reply, Jesus says: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (v 23).

Jesus' response has overwhelming implications for the disciples, and for us. Our love for Jesus is to be expressed by internalising and living his teachings. It is to be more than the love experienced in friendship or mateship: it is about union with God who reciprocates love by dwelling in us. How awesome!

A little later in this same farewell discourse, we hear Jesus making two promises: the sending of the Holy Spirit (v 26), and the bestowal of the gift of peace (v 27). Thus, through the presence and action of the Holy Spirit, we and the disciples will be empowered to "keep the word" of Jesus, and through being centred in God, we will be freed from fear, and graced with "a peace the world cannot give." (v. 27).

'Make Me A Channel of Your Peace'

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



Welcome Fr Michael CASTORI SJ

Fr Michael entered the Society of Jesus after serving two years as a Jesuit International Volunteer on Guam. Over the course of priestly formation, he returned to Oceania for various ministries in the Marshall Islands, Fiji, and the Kingdom of Tonga. After ordination, he did graduate studies in Biblical Hermeneutics and taught Scripture at Santa Clara University and at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California. For the past ten years, he has had parish and administrative assignments in the Diocese of Oakland (also in California). He is doing his Jesuit Tertianship in Australia and join our parish till 26th June.

Let us welcome him into our community and pray that he has great experiences in ministries at Holy Family Parish.

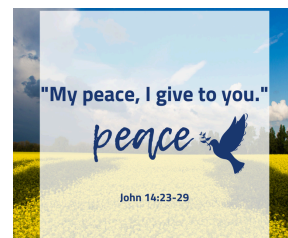




SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

6th Sunday of Easter

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the Apostles and the elders. Then the Apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole Church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter: "The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood and from what is strangled, and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

Responsorial Psalm 67:1-2,4-5,6-7, (R4)

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. R.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. R.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him. R.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit the Angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve Angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, on them are the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Prayer After Communion:

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the community, Tyghe Keating, who was baptised last Sunday 18th May, 2025.

LIST OF THE SICK: Brian Russel, Toss Van den Berg, Marjorie Ritchie, Pat Phelan, John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, Lourdes Bustamante, Antony Pepin, 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: Concetta Sultana, Arnold Byrne.

Parish Sick List Update

Our list of the sick will be refreshed on 1st June. If you would like to add a name or keep a name on the list, please notify the parish office by Wednesday, 28th May.

Readings for Sunday 1st June, 2025: The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 / 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23 OR Hebrews 9: 24-28, 10: 19-23 / Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 17th/18th May 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 886.40
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	\$ 1,731.40
Insurance Appeal & Maintenance appeal	\$ 656.60
Myanmar Mission appeal	\$ 50.00
Mother's Day Raffle	\$ 1,255.00
Caritas Australia - Project Compassion	\$ 3,158.65
Young Adults Dance Fundraiser for Monica Vave:	\$ 6,826.00

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.

Planned Giving 2025/2026

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Envelope Contribution Scheme, please fill out the online form (via the QR Code), or complete the form at the back of the church and place it in the collections basket.

Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office.

**Parish Insurance Appeal**

Continuing Through to End of June 2025

The appeal remains open until the end of June, and envelopes are still available for those who wish to donate.

♥ Insurance Premium (Feb 2025 - Mar 2026):

\$48,440.29

This is a significant annual cost for the parish, and your generosity is essential in helping us meet this important obligation.

🙏 Thank you for your continued support.

Mandatory Risk and Compliance Workshop**Hosted by Holy Family Parish, Emerton****Saturday, 21 June 2025 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM****Holy Family Primary School Hall, 1****1 Emert Parade, Emerton NSW 2770****This workshop is mandatory for all parish groups and community organisations that use any parish facilities.**

The session will cover the basics of understanding risk and include a practical activity on how to complete a Risk Assessment Activity Plan — essential for planning safe and compliant events.

This is a vital opportunity to ensure all parish users are aligned with risk management requirements.

Please ensure at least one representative from your group or organisation attends.

To register or for more information:

📞 02 9628 7272

✉ enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday May 25**

- Baptisms, 11.30am (Church)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (HFC)
- Holy Family Tongan Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-5.30pm (MMR)

Monday May 26

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday May 27

- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Wednesday May 28

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Session 2 Parents/Children, 7.00pm (Church)

Thursday May 29

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

Friday May 30

- NAIDOC Planning mtg, 11am (Whalan Reserve)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday May 31

- Set up for Jubilee Celebration, from 10am (All areas)
- 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
Sunday 1st June	Holy Family Parish 60 Year Anniversary Celebration Mass 10.30am
Wednesday 18th June	Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm Mass with Bishop Vincent
Saturday 21st June	Risk & Compliance Workshop 10am-1.30pm (School Hall)
Sunday 22nd June	Gathering for all Liturgical Ministers 12pm (Church)
Sunday 6th July	First Mass Celebration of Fr Joshua Choong SJ 10.30am (Church). Followed by a shared lunch.
Thursday 10th July	NAIDOC Day Celebration 10am-3pm (Whalan Reserve)

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PARRAMATTA**HELP OUR SEMINARIANS TO BE 'PILGRIMS AND SOWERS OF HOPE'**

Our seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary have heard God's call and now they need your support to answer Him fully.



Scan to give to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

🔍 parracatholic.org/appeal

With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people.

Please give generously to this appeal.



MOUNT DRUITT AND DISTRICT RECONCILIATION GROUP

MOUNT DRUITT AND DISTRICT RECONCILIATION WALK

SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2025

10AM- 1:30PM

WALK STARTS AT 11AM

DAWSON MALL, MOUNT DRUITT, NSW 2770

ENTERTAINMENT 10-11AM AND
RESUMES 12PM- 1:30PM

LUNCH IS PROVIDED AT 12PM



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Pentecost Scripture Reflection with Dr Deborah Snoddy: 28 May

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Deborah Snoddy on Wednesday 28 May at 6:30- 8:30pm. RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Ministry of Care Courses: 4- 25 June

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held every Wednesday evening at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you. Please visit parracatholic.org/events/OFW to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

Calling All Altar Servers!

Boys and girls, we need you!

If your child has already received their First Holy Communion and attends Sunday Mass regularly, pick up a registration form at the back of the church. This is for children aged 8 years or older.

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY EMERTON

We invite you to attend our OPEN DAY

29 May 2:00pm-3:00pm

We're enrolling now for 2025 and 2026!



Let's Celebrate the Richness and Diversity of Our Parish!

Celebrating 60 Years of Faith and Community

17 Sunday, 1st June 2025

Jubilee Mass – 10:30 AM

Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv,
Bishop of Parramatta

Multicultural Festival & Lunch

Immediately following Mass in the Holy Family Primary School Grounds

Please bring a plate of cultural food to share

We encourage everyone to wear traditional or cultural attire!

SPECIAL NOTES FOR THE WEEKEND OF 31ST MAY & 1ST JUNE

Mass Schedule Changes:

To allow the whole parish to come together:

✗ No 7:30 AM Mass at Willmot

✗ No 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Family

✓ Saturday 31st May – Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM

✓ Sunday 1st June – Jubilee Mass at 10:30 AM

Food Delivery Instructions:

Please drop off food for the festival to the school hall between 9:30 AM and 10:15 AM – before Mass.



Volunteers Needed!

We need more helping hands for setup, serving, and clean-up. Please get in touch if you can assist.

Attention All Liturgical Ministers

• Readers • Eucharistic Ministers

• Ministers at the Altar

You are invited to a Gathering for

ALL Liturgical Ministers on

Sunday, 22nd June 2025 at 12:00 PM

in the Church.

This will be a time to meet and greet, update your contact details, and help us prepare the new rotating rosters.

Your presence is important as we continue to serve our parish together in unity and dedication.

We look forward to seeing you there!