



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.



Parish Office:

Located in the Holy Family Centre
(via 11 Emert Pde, Emerton NSW 2770)

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Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday: 9.00am-4.30pm

Friday: 9.00am - 3.30pm

Closed on weekends & public holidays.

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<https://fb.me/HFPMtdruitt>

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Mass Times at

Holy Family, Emerton

Monday & Thursday: 8.30am

Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00pm

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 9.00am & Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

Mass at Willmot

NOTE: There is NO 7.30AM

**MASS at WILLMOT from Sunday
21st April until Sunday 9th June!**

Mass and Anointing

2nd Saturday of every month:
9.00am

Holy Hour - Emerton

Wednesdays from 5.00pm

Saturdays from 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9.30am - 10.00am OR
by appointment.

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A Message of Peace - Reflection on the Gospel

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning "fiftieth") was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God had made with Israel on Mt Sinai. In the decades following the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading, Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence and of the strength we need to refrain from vengeance. Sadly, the desire for vengeance often inhibits healing in those who have suffered violence or abuse, and even in those who endeavour to support them, so that the cycle of transgression continues. With much of our world in the grip of mindless conflict and our entire planet threatened by the climate crisis, we must work ceaselessly as a global community to address the causes of violence and destruction and search together for lasting solutions. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us gather into our hearts all the distressed members of our Earth community and pray with greater urgency than ever before: "Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth."

- by Veronica Lawson RSM



- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May -

- For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians -

'Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.'



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR B

Pentecost Sunday

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their own language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is that we hear, each of us, in our own language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

Responsorial psalm : Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34. Rv. 30
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

The earth is full of your creatures. R.

When you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. R.

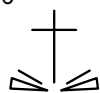
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord. R.

Readings for Sunday 26th May, 2024:**Trinity Sunday**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel: Matthew 18: 16-20

**Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25**

Brothers and sisters: Live by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.

I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

Jesus spoke to the disciples: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You are also to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. "All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Prayer after Communion:

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Antony Pepin, Pippa O'Neal, Finau Kautai, Maureen Clements, Mathew Sieders, Emma Datoc, Val Polkamp, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Tualau Vave, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Judith Carney, Bobbie Strickland.

RECENT DEATHS: John Gordon, Tokafa Fifita.

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 11th/12th May 2024:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 815.00
2nd Collection: (for parish expenses)	\$ 1,862.45

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

Online contributions for the Diocesan Priests (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**

If you would like a tax deductible receipt for your Planned Giving envelopes OR specific donation, please contact the parish office.

PARISH INSURANCE APPEAL**Goal:**
\$49,000.00**\$7,141.10**

raised so far.

Thank you for your generous contributions towards our goal of paying our insurance premiums in one lump sum. We will continue this appeal until the end of June, 2024. If you would like to make a donation, please refer to the details below.

For online transfers:**Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic Church****BSB: 067 950 Acc No: 0000 0446****Reference: Your Name + Appeal****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**

Note: All donations of \$2.00 or more is tax deductible. Please send a remittance advice notice with your contact information to enquiry@holyfamily.org.au to request a tax receipt.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday May 19**

- Holy Family Tongan Community, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (SSR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)
- Young Adults Bonfire Night, 6.30pm (HFC - Courtyard)

Monday May 20

- Sacramental Process for High School students, 5.15pm (SSR)

Tuesday May 21

- Staff prayer and meeting, 9.15am-10.00am (SICR)

Wednesday May 22:

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- Sacramental Process - Session 4, 7.00pm (church)

Thursday May 23:**Friday May 24:**

- St Ignatius Tongan Community, Rosary & choir, 7pm-9pm (church)

Saturday May 25:

- Holy Family Tongan choir, 2pm-5pm (SSR)
- Samoan choir, 3pm-4.30pm (church)

Meeting Rooms:**SSR** - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;**SICR** - St Ignatius Conference Room;**MMR** - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Sacrament of Confirmation** - Wednesday 5th June
- **Catholic Foundation - Good Samaritan Appeal** - 8th/9th June
- **20th Anniversary of The Shed** - Wednesday 12th June
- **Diocesan Synod - Parish 'Think-Tank'** - Saturday 15th June
- **Mass for Seniors & Anointing of the Sick** - Friday 21st June



Our Lady, Help of Christians

Thursday 24th May

The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

DIOCESAN SYNOD 'THINK TANK' SESSIONS

The people of God in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to contribute to the development of our 'Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church'.

Local faith communities are encouraged to engage in dialogue, offer valuable insights to the Plan's development, and to continue nurturing leaders through synodal practices through a series of Think Tank Sessions.

Think Tank sessions will gather feedback for implementing the Diocesan Plan and Synod resolutions locally.

The Diocesan Think Tank sessions will supplement local sessions, focusing on one of the six Synod themes to ensure comprehensive community input.

The next Diocesan Think Tank sessions will be on:

- **Wednesday 22nd May (6.30pm - 9.00pm)**
Theme 4: A Church Renewed in Spirit and Prayer
The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton
- **Wednesday 29th May (6.30pm-9.00pm)**
Theme 5: A Church that Reaches to the Margins
St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith
- **Wednesday 5th June (6.30pm-9.00pm)**
Theme 6: A Church Walking Together
St Olive Plunkett Parish, Harris Park

If you would like to attend any or all of the Diocesan Think Tank sessions, please contact synod2023@parracatholic.org OR register online via parracatholic.org/synod

NOTE: We will also be having our own Parish Think Tank Session, and invite you all to participate:

Saturday 15th June,
2.00pm - 4.30pm

Holy Family Primary School Hall
11 Emert Parade, Emerton NSW 2770

HEY YOUNG ADULTS OF HOLY FAMILY,
WE'RE HAVING A BONFIRE NIGHT!!
COME JOIN US FOR SOME FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND MUSIC!



WHEN? MAY 19TH - PENTECOST SUNDAY
TIME? 6:30PM
PLACE? HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTRE
COURTYARD
AGES? 18+
DON'T FORGET YOUR WARM CLOTHES!

Oh, Great Spirit,
whose voice I hear in the winds
and whose breath gives life to all the world,
hear me.
I am small and weak.
I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes
ever behold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may understand
the things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.'
I seek strength,
not to be superior to my sisters or brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.
Make me always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes,
so when life fades, as the fading sunset,
my spirit will come to you
without shame.
Amen.
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Image ~ Karel K Hendee

Mission Enhancement Team

PEACE JUSTICE ECOLOGY

TABLE TALK

THEME: Laudato Si' Week: Seeds of Hope

Monday 20th May 2024
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

St Finbar's Catholic Parish
Parish Hall
52 Levy Street, Glenbrook

To register please click on the link provided in the description.



Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)

Come, Holy Spirit, come
Shed a ray of light divine
Come, carer of the poor
Come, source of all our store.
Come, You of comforters the best
You, the soul's most welcome guest
Refreshment in our labour, rest most sweet
Grateful coolness in the heat
Most blessed Light divine
Shine within these hearts of yours
Where you are not, we have naught
Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness, pour your dew
Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray
In your sevenfold gift descend
Give them joys that never end.
Amen.

LAUDATO SI' GOAL 1: RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

WE ARE CALLED TO BE STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION.
IN OUR TIME, THIS MEANS ADDRESSING:

• THE CLIMATE CRISIS • BIODIVERSITY LOSS • ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

WHAT CAN I DO?

Protect the climate:
Switch to renewable energy

Protect biodiversity:
Create habitat stepping stones

Protect our waterways:
Keep pollution out of stormwater

LAUDATO SI' WEEK
"SEEDS OF HOPE"
16 – 24 MAY 2024



RESPONSE TO
THE CRY OF
THE EARTH



Expression of Interest: Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster.

For more information, please contact
bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au by
15 June 2024.

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace." – Pope Francis