



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

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## Office Hours:

Parish Office is now closed for the Christmas holiday.  
Parish Office reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

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Reflection from Fr Cao for the

## The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Today is a day of joy. Let us

**"Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders...  
The Lord has made known his salvation. Acclaim the King the Lord . . .  
Sing psalms to the Lord with harp, with the sound of music...  
acclaim the Lord" who is with us..." (Ps 98:1-5).**

Today is the day we have long awaited, for which we have prepared. Christmas is a milestone in our salvation history, so it is beautiful to know that "God is with us" to save us. Today, God proved the depth of his love for us by allowing his son to be born of a virgin. The Word prophesied long ago has finally taken flesh.

Isaiah proclaims: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the one who brings Good News." Indeed, the Good News himself is here with and among us. The responsibility now lies on us to become "partners in progress" by spreading the good news. It is the Good News of love, peace, charity, hope, happiness, and above all, it is the Good News of salvation. The call of the prophet today is a call to celebrate Emmanuel, God with us. It is a call to adore and worship the newborn king and prince of peace. It is a call to be joyful and take the message about the Messiah's birth to all and sundry.

It is the time for celebrating the incarnation and revelation of Jesus Christ. "The Word was made flesh, He lived among us, and we saw His glory." The Word, which was with the Father as Spirit, is now with us as flesh. . . in a poor, humble, willing, and lovely virgin. It takes love to do this. What we celebrate today is love because: "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son (Jn 3:16).

We must be ready to share this love. God sent Christ out of love, Christ accepted to come out of love; the messengers and prophets announced his coming out of love, and of course, out of love, Mary and Joseph cooperated with God to bring Him forth. So, we must not snap the silver chain of love. Instead, let us extend it to others. So, throughout the Christmas Season, let us celebrate the new born King and be ready to offer ourselves to others with love. This season, as Christ has reached out to us, we too must reach out to others.

May the glory of the new born King fill your heart with love. May His love bring you comfort and peace. May His grace be with you and your family throughout the year.



- Pope Francis' Prayer  
Intention for December -  
- For Pilgrims of Hope -

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

 PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Homeless young mothers and their children desperately need your help this Christmas

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will provide practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home.



[parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal)

**Mass Times at Holy Family, Emerton**  
Monday - Saturday  
9.00am only  
Saturday: Vigil 5.30pm  
Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am  
**Mass at Willmot**  
No Masses at Willmot over the Christmas Break.  
7.30am Sunday Masses to continue on Sunday 26th January, 2025.

**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.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

# The Nativity of the Lord

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



## Collect:

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

## First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

## Responsorial Psalm 97 (98) 1-6, R.v.3

**R: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought him victory. R.

the Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love  
and faithfulness to the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises. R.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. R.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the Prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by the Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the ages.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to Angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the Angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's Angels worship him."

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations and adore the Lord.  
Today a great light has come upon the earth.  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not on thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of the human race. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only-begotten son, full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

## Prayer After Communion:

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**LIST OF THE SICK:** John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, Lourdes Bustamante, Antony Pepin, Pippa O'Neal, Maureen Clements, Mathew Sieders, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Tualau Vave, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Zarouf Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

## RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Susan Hoong.

