



# 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.

## Parish Office:

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

Postal Address:

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Ph: (02) 9628 7272 OR 0497 966 277

## Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9.00am - 4.30pm

Friday: 9.00am - 3.30pm

**Find us on**

**Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt**

<https://fb.me/HFPMtDruitt>

Or visit our website:

[www.holyfamily.org.au](http://www.holyfamily.org.au)

## PARISH TEAM

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**Chairperson & Children's Liturgy**

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**Sacramental Coordinator:**  
Lorraine Gordon

**SRE Co-ordinators:**  
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**Finance Committee Chairperson:**  
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**Holy Family Young Adult Leaders:**  
Monica Vave, Fololina Mafi, Burt Tukala  
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## Mass Times at Holy Family, Emerton

**WEEKDAY:**

Monday - Saturday: 9.00am

**WEEKEND:**

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm  
Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

**NO MASSES AT WILLMOT  
UNTIL SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**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.

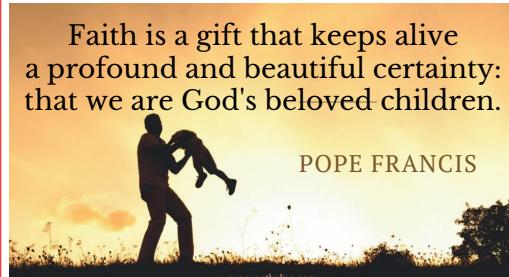
Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord doubles up as the last celebration of the Christmas Season and the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. It directs our focus to Jesus who "came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John" (Matt 3:13) and revealed as God's beloved Son and envoy (Matt 3: 17).

John's baptism is a baptism of repentance from sin. Jesus, who is sinless, submits to this baptism, reminding us that He was one of us and beginning his mission of proclaiming and establishing the reign of God in word and action.

Thus, as we reflect on Jesus' baptism, let us remember our own mission here on earth - to know, love, and serve God. Let us also keep in mind that we, too, are "beloved" sons and daughters of God, and that "God-is-with-us" every step of life's journey.

***The Baptism of the Lord Year A helps us reflect on Jesus' mission and our own call to live as God's children. Spend time reading the Scripture passages and think about what they mean in your life.***

***How does Jesus' example of humility and service inspire you?  
Consider your own baptism and the ways you can share God's love with others.***



## Expression of Interest - Catechists (SRE)

Our parish is seeking volunteers to serve as **Catechists for Special Religious Education (SRE)** in local state schools.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share faith with children and support our parish mission.

### We need your help.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

## Volunteer with St Vincent de Paul - Emerton Conference

Our parish St Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for volunteers to help support those in need in our community.

If you can give some time and heart to this important work, please contact Georg: [Georg.Eberle@vinnies.org.au](mailto:Georg.Eberle@vinnies.org.au) OR contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Your help makes a real difference!**



## In Loving Memory of John Casey

We give thanks for the life of John, a faithful parishioner of over 50 years. A familiar and welcoming presence at the 9.00am Mass, John assisted with collections, brought Holy Communion to the sick, and encouraged others to come (or brought others) to Mass. He will be greatly missed!

## Funeral Mass: Monday 12 January, 11.00am at Holy Family.

We keep John and his family in our prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

## Volunteer in the Parish Office - Expression of Interest

We are seeking volunteers to assist with administrative tasks in the parish office. If you can offer your time and help keep our parish running smoothly, please contact the Parish Office.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



## SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR A

# The Baptism of the Lord

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7**

*Here is my servant, in whom my soul delights.*

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10**

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



Readings for Sunday 18th January 2026:  
 \ 1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 // \ 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 // \ Gospel: John 1:29-34 //

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026****For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. Amen.

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Richard Ward, Marie Purcell, Soane Quensell, Pam Picart-Manalac, Kateda Vave, Kim Ahmad, Vivian Masters, Makasini Vave, Fifita Sitani, 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, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

**RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:** Tualau Vave, Kerrie Donaldson, Fr Peter Unwin.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Casey, June Barker, Bernie McGrath

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN YEAR 4-12?**

Invite them to come along to our 'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop', for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music.



**Who: Primary and High School (Years 4-12)**  
**When: Wed 21 January 2026, 9.30am-2pm**

**Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place Parramatta**

Parking available, or take a short stroll from the Parramatta Light Rail at Prince Alfred Square. Morning tea and lunch provided.

Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 25 January at 11am.

**Parish Collection for the weekend of the 27th/ 28th December 2025:**

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 764.10
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	\$ 2,047.55
Christmas Collection	\$ 3,073.10

**Parish Collection for the weekend of the 3rd / 4th January 2026:**

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 718.10
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	\$ 1,907.25

**Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38**

*God had anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17**

*This is my Son, the Beloved.*

**Prayer After Communion:**

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SUMMER FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2026**

Fun, family-friendly outings for local families this summer!

**Clontarf Beach Day** - Wed 14 Jan

**Austinmer Beach Day** - Fri 23 Jan

**Tickets: \$5 pp/ per trip (0-2 years old is free)**

Tickets & full flyer: [www.holyfamily.org.au](http://www.holyfamily.org.au)  
 Tickets still available from the Parish Office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - ROSTER AVAILABILITY**

To assist with preparing the roster for our weekend Masses, all liturgical ministers are asked to please submit their availability.

Kindly scan the QR code and complete the form by 31st January 2026.



Thank you for your ongoing service and support of our parish liturgy.

**SERVE THE LORD IN HIS WORD AND SACRAMENT**

The next **Liturgical Ministry Training Course** will be held in Blacktown and Penrith in 2026.

**Enrolments close Friday, 23rd January 2026**

*(or earlier if full).*

Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church.

Please return the signed form as soon as possible to secure your place.

**Notice of Works on Front Pavement - Church Access**

Please be advised that concrete works on the front pavement have commenced.

Please note: Due to the very hot weather over the past few days, there has been a slight delay in laying the concrete, which has temporarily slowed progress.

During this time:

- The front stairs and ramp will be closed
- Disabled parking will be unavailable for safety reasons
- Access to the church will be via the driveway to the disabled parking area only

We appreciate your patience and cooperation while these essential works continue.

Thank you for your understanding.