



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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<https://fb.me/HFPMtDruitt>

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Mass Times at Holy Family, Emerton (During Lent)

WEEKDAY:

Monday & Saturday: 9.00am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
6.00pm
Friday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

WEEKEND:

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

Mass at Willmot: Sunday 7.30am

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.

Reflection from Sr Carlene for the

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

MT 5: 17 - 37

CALLED TO GO BEYOND THE LAW!

- Why do we do what we do?
- How easy or difficult is it to live an honest and ethical life?

It is worthwhile giving some thought to these questions as we reach the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time in our liturgical year, and turn to today's Gospel (Mt 5: 17-37) which is a continuation of Matthew's version of the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew begins with Jesus declaring that He has come to fulfil, not abolish, the Law and the Prophets. Merely observing the Law is the bare minimum. It is not enough for Jesus! He interprets the Law in a new way, emphasising the SPIRIT, not just the LETTER of the Law.

Jesus gives us insight into the causes of sin which begins in the heart and often finds expression in what we do. Addressing the issues of anger, adultery, divorce, and oath-swearing, He firstly states the Law and then provides a deeper interpretation. He points out how our attitude shapes our whole being. Everything we do or say should arise from and harmonise with our inmost thoughts and feelings. Our "yes" should mean yes, and our "no" mean no!

We all have choices. We are called to be holy, to be people of integrity. As Lent draws near, let us seize the opportunity to examine our own real motives in daily life, to reflect on our approach to sexuality and relationships, and our need to seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

In the words of today's psalm, we pray:

"Teach us to observe your law, to keep it with our hearts."

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Richard Ward, Marie Purcell, Soane Quensell, Pam Picart-Manalac, Katea Vave, 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: Sylvia Carroll

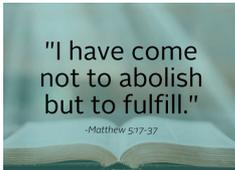
RECENTLY DECEASED:


Ash
Wednesday

Wednesday 18th February

Mass Times:

8.00am & 6.00pm



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR A

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



To fulfill the law...

Collect:

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling 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: Sirach 15: 15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and they will save you. If you trust in God, you too shall live. and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. The Lord has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, good and evil and whichever one chooses, that shall be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart. R.

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes! R.

Deal bountifully with your servant,
so that I may live and observe your word.
Open my eyes, so that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law. R.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart. R.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Brothers and sisters: Among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. As it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that the one who is angry with their brother or sister, will be liable to judgment; and whoever insults their brother or sister, will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while the two of you are on the way to court, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes,' if 'Yes,' or 'No,' if 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR FEBRUARY 2026****For children with incurable diseases.**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. Amen.

Prayer After Communion:

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, so that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 22nd February 2026: First Sunday of Lent in Year A

\\ 1st Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7 // \\ 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-19 // \\ Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 31/01/26 - 01/02/26:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 965.40
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 2,044.50

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 7th/8th February:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 784.40
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 2,149.55

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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the following ministries:

- **Sacramental Team** - supporting children and families preparing for the Sacraments
- **Parish Office (Administration)** - assisting with reception, filing, and general admin tasks
- **St Vincent de Paul - Emerton Conference** - serving those in need within our local community
- **SRE Catechists** - sharing faith with children in local public schools
- **Church Cleaning** - helping care for our worship space
- **Liturgical Ministers** - particularly AV operators, assisting with screens and sound during Mass Whether you can offer time weekly, monthly, or occasionally, your help makes a meaningful difference in the life of our parish.
- **Altar Servers** - young people aged 8 years and over are invited to consider serving God and our community as altar servers.

Training and support are provided where required. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

*"Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts—use it in the service of others."
 (1 Peter 4:10)*

Parish Survey - Weekend of 28 Feb & 1 Mar

We invite all parishioners to take part in our parish survey at all Masses on the weekend of 28 February & 1 March.

Your feedback is important in helping us plan and grow our parish community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday February 15**

- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (SSR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3.30pm-6.40pm (SSR)

Monday February 16

- RCIA Process, 6.15pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday February 17

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

Ash Wednesday February 18

- Ash Wednesday Masses 8am and 6pm (Church)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday February 19

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

Friday February 20

- Stations of the Cross, 5.15pm (Church)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Saturday February 21

- Samoan choir, 4pm-5pm (Church)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Meeting Rooms:

SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;

MMR - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,

HFC - Holy Family Centre

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES – PRAY, FAST, GIVE

As we enter Lent, there are many ways for parishioners to grow in faith, reflection, and service:

Pray

- **Lenten Groups:** Tregear Residence – Thursdays 3pm | Dharruk Residence – Fridays 10.10am

If you would like to join a group, please contact the parish office for details.

- **Meditation on the Stations of the Cross:** Fridays 5.15pm – a quiet time to reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross

- **Parish Lenten Retreat – Lenten Journey:** Wednesday evenings, 25 Feb & 4 Mar at 6.45pm – an inspiring opportunity to deepen your prayer life and prepare your heart for Easter

- **Mass Times:** Monday & Saturday 9am | Tuesday-Thursday 6pm | Friday 9am & 6pm

Fast

Take time this Lent for personal reflection and spiritual growth

Give

- Support Project Compassion (boxes available in the church)
- Give your time to help those less fortunate in our community
- Volunteer in areas of need within the parish

May this Lent be a time of prayer, fasting, and generous giving for all.



LENT

Season of Renewal

Update - Fr Pat Mullins SJ

We wish to let parishioners know that Fr Pat has now moved into residential aged care at St Peter's Aged Care, Lane Cove.

Parishioners are welcome to make contact by phone or to visit. Please contact the facility directly for current visiting arrangements and guidance:

📍 Catholic HealthCare St Peter's Aged Care
(3 Felton Avenue, Lane Cove North)
☎️ (02) 8413 5000

Please continue to keep Fr Pat in your prayers.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course:

FaithLIFE Scripture offers a 3-session Catholic Bible study and faith formation short course on how to engage with the Bible through the Catholic tradition during turbulent times.

The program will run on Tuesday 17 and 24 February at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, from 7pm to 9pm.

The program is facilitated by Scripture scholar Dr Michele Connolly RSJ and is open to adults of all ages and supports ongoing adult faith formation. To register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-scripture-session-1/>

Rosary Making Workshops

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on the following days:

- Thursday 26 February at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, from 7pm.
- Saturday 7 March at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair-Erskine Park, from 2pm.
- Tuesday 10 March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm.

Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Holy Spirit Mission Retreat: 21 February

The **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Parramatta** community is hosting their annual Holy Spirit Mission event on

Saturday 21 February from 12pm to 5pm
at **Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes.**

Join us for prayer and praise, testimonies, talks and prayer ministry as you seek a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit.

Register for this free event via
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIENC>
or the QR code.



We're visiting your community

Do you need help with Medicare, Centrelink and Child Support?

Come and speak with our staff.

We're visiting on Wednesday 18th February 2026

You can find us at:

Aboriginal Catholic Care - From: 10am to 12pm
11 Emert Parade, Emerton NSW 2770

servicesaustralia.gov.au

**LIFTED
LAUNCH**

Catholic Youth Parramatta 2026 Kick-Off: 26 February

Young people from across the Diocese are invited to an evening of celebration as we begin 2026 together. Hear testimonies from local leaders, take part in prayer, connect with others, and discover the vision for Catholic Youth Parramatta in the year ahead.

Join us on Thursday 26 February from 7pm to 9.30pm
at Holy Family Primary School, 11 Emert Parade, Emerton.



Register today:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/>

The Ignatian Examen

St. Ignatius invites us to find God in all things. That means we have to pay careful attention to how the Spirit is moving in each moment of our daily lives. We have to take a magnifying glass to the seemingly ordinary, seeking to encounter the Divine.

That's why the Examen is such a powerful prayer. In it, we're invited to encounter God, express gratitude for the gift and gifts of each day, and to commit to make up for any mistakes we may have made.

The Examen is a flexible prayer, too, responding to the signs of the times. Below, you'll find several variations to meet your need in this moment.

How to Pray the Examen

1. Place yourself in God's presence. With a gesture— bow your head or place the right hand on your heart. Give thanks for God's great love for you.
2. Pray for the grace to understand how God is acting in your life.
3. Review your day — recall specific moments and your feelings at the time.
4. Reflect on what you did, said, or thought in those instances. Were you drawing closer to God, or further away?
5. Look toward tomorrow — think of how you might collaborate more effectively with God's plan. Be specific, and conclude with the "Our Father."