

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

Under the care of the Australian Jesuit Province

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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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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

MASSES AT WILLMOT TO CONTINUE ON SUNDAY 15 NOV AT 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.

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Reflection from Fr Cao for the

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

Today our First Reading (Wis 6: 12-16) prepares us for the Gospel story of the wise and foolish virgins. It speaks of personified wisdom, a fine woman worth seeking. Wisdom, does not hide. She meets us if we look for her at the "dawn" of our days and decisions.

God Himself is Wisdom. He offers us a share in his life and helps us "be prepared" for whatever comes. Being wise means we give God priority in our choices rather than treating God as an afterthought.

In our Gospel, the foolish virgins ask the wise ones for some of their oil. They are told to buy their own. The way they ask and the way they respond highlights their kind of relationship with God. This is the essence of the Christian life.

The "oil" we need in our spiritual lamps are prayer, sacraments, and acts of love. It's patience, integrity, charity and so on. These cannot be outsourced or borrowed from our parent, spouse, or friend at the final hour. Waiting for the Lord is not passive sitting. It is active, patient fidelity.

The lamp is the light of love and hope. At its centre is the light of Christ. The light is given to us in many ways in our lives. It shines within as an eternal joy, and outwards to many others. Jesus often advises, 'keep your lamps burning' and 'Let you lights shine.

In our Second Reading, St Paul encourages us not to bother or grieve too much about those who have died before the second coming of Christ (Thes 4:13-18). He tells us to hope in the resurrection of the dead. So, the wise thing to do is to worry about ourselves instead of worrying so much about the dead. It is important to be aware that there is no specified time for the second coming of Christ. St Paul only tells us: "We shall see him when he appears in the sky." Hence, we are always to be prepared. Some people lose their hope because they wait too long. Christ has delayed too long. There is no need to trust him anymore. Nonetheless, the servant must wait patiently for his master to return. Therefore, waiting should not be a weary moment for us. Instead, it should be a moment of grace to be well-prepared. So, we must not become victims of the eleventh hour. Whether we are dead or alive, Christ's promise will be fulfilled. He will surely come.

Jesus is on the way! His "delay" should not be an excuse for us not to be "awake and ready". Instead, it should be an opportunity to be prepared and wait for him. So, our song every moment and time must be: "For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water!" In the meanwhile, we can store "oil" for the lamps to welcome the Lord through prayer, sacraments, patience, integrity, and acts of love.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR A

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Collect:

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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: Wisdom 6.12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps. 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R: My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
My soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. R.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you. R.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. R.

I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. R.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM:

LIST OF THE SICK: Richard Ward, Reg Murray, Therese Walz, Palesete Fa'ulua, Katalina Tatafu, Claire East, Joseph Macayan, Jean Marie Federic, Pierre Pepin, Leonie Stout, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Grace Tinker, Maria Barbara, Leonie Pike, Pat Phelan, Makasini Vave, Loretta Josephine Seupule, Leue Dunlop, Lino Dunlop, Cheryl Barrell, Lisimoa Hufanga, Norah Gibson, Sabrina Ellingsworth, John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, Sylvia Greene, Tim Meagher, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES: Gloria Cutcliffe.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Lorraine Phelan, Mayda Attachian,

Second Reading: Thessalonians 4.13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the Archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciple: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five of them were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But as midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ' Give us some oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! There will not be enough for you and us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Prayer After Communion:

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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Collection for the weekend of the 31st Oct/ 1st Nov, 2026:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	**$ 829.45**
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	**$ 2,010.75**
St Ignatius Tongan Mass	**$ 349.65**

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.

BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL - HELP A YOUNG MOTHER BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS.

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story.
Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children.
Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.
Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGY: 11 NOVEMBER

An online information session is being held on Wednesday 11 November at 8pm, for all those interested in the Undergraduate Certificate of Theology being offered by BBI Taite in partnership with the Diocese of Parramatta. Learn more about the course structure, delivery modes and assessment from Profession Gerard Moore, BBI Taite Principal and Course Coordinator. Register here: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=theology

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday November 8
- Baptisms, 11.45am (Church)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (HFC)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)

Monday November 9
- RCIA Gathering, 4pm-5.30pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm-8pm (MMR)

Tuesday November 10
- Mass for Seniors & Anointing of the Sick, 11.30am (Church)
- Staff prayer & mtg, 3.45pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8.30pm (MMR)
- Liturgy Committee mtg, 6.45pm-8pm (Dining/ Kitchen)
- St VdP Emerton Conference, 7pm-8.30pm (SICR)
- HF Young Adults, 7.30pm-9.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday November 11
- Sacramental Process: First Reconciliation Session #3, 7pm-8pm (Church)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday November 12
- Parish Choir, 7pm-9pm (SSR)

Friday November 13
- Samoan Community, 6.00pm-8.00pm (Church)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm - 8.30pm (MMR)

Saturday November 14
- Parish Working Bee, 8am-3pm (Church Grounds)
- Baptism, 11am (Church)
- 'Tima Talks' Podcast, 2pm-4pm (MMR)
- Samoan Choir, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Church)
- YFC Choir, 4.30pm-5.30pm (Church)
- AA mtg, 6.30-7.30pm (MMR)

Meeting Rooms:
SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;
SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;
MMR - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,
HFC - Holy Family Centre (All rooms)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 17 November** - Risk Management Committee meeting, 6.45pm-8pm (SICR)
- **Friday 20 November** - Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner for our Volunteers (CathWest Loyola)
- **Tuesday 24 November** - Ordination to the Presbyterate of Rev Mr Jeff Hood, Rev Mr Paul Tran and Rev Mr Luke Huynh, 7.30pm Mass (St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta)
- **Wednesday 25 November** - Sacramental Process: First Reconciliation, 7pm
- **Saturday 28 November** - Parish Choir sings at 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Lavender Bay Parish for the Feast of St Francis Xavier
- **Sunday 29 November** - First Sunday of Advent Yr B
- **Saturday 5 December** - Parish Christmas Carols
- **Friday 11 December** - Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation, 7.30pm
- **Sunday 27 December** - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Feast Day - Parish Celebration

PARISH VOLUNTEERS' THANKSGIVING MASS & DINNER

All parish volunteers are warmly invited to join us on **Friday 20 November** as we give thanks for your dedication and service.

Mass: 6pm at CathWest Loyola Chapel
BBQ dinner: Following Mass at La Cova

Please scan the QR code to RSVP for catering purposes. We look forward to celebrating with you!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH WORKING BEE

Everyone is invited to join us on **Saturday 14 November, 8am–3pm**, to help care for and beautify our parish grounds. Whether you can spare an hour or stay longer, your help is welcome!

Thank you to everyone who completed the plant donation forms. With your support, we'll be receiving 70 plants from Blacktown Nursery for our parish gardens.

Come along, lend a hand and enjoy working together.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers to help distribute Christmas hampers to families in our community.
If you can assist, please contact Malia at the Parish Office.
Your support is greatly appreciated!

FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM – REGISTER YOUR FAMILY

Our 2027 Summer Holiday Program will be released soon!

Register your family online to receive updates and details on upcoming activities.

Please note: family registration does not secure a place in an activity.

Expressions of interest will open once the program is released.



"COME AND SEE"

- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLORE WITH US THE PLACE OF GOD**
  - **IN OUR OWN LIVES,**
  - **IN AND THROUGH THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

If you can respond with a YES to any of these questions, please contact Sr Carlene personally, or phone 02 9628 7272.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Help bring Christmas joy to a child!

Take a tag from our Giving Tree and purchase a gift suitable for the child's age and gender.

Please return your gift to the church or parish office by Sunday 6 December, with the original tag attached. The family number on the tag helps us ensure your gift reaches the allocated family.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Christmas Hamper Appeal!

MASS FOR SENIORS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Join us on **Tuesday 10 November at 11.30am** in Holy Family Church, followed by a light lunch. A lovely opportunity to reconnect and share fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED





Calling All Volunteers! Can you help make our Christmas Day lunch successful? We are looking for volunteers leading up to Christmas, Christmas Day and after Christmas.

if you wish to express you interest in volunteering please scan the QR code.

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