



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.



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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

Mass at Willmot

Sunday at 7.30am

8 Carteret Ave, Willmot NSW 2770

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.

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Reflection from Fr Cao for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us of the grave dangers about laying up money, and indeed laying up any treasures, whatever they may be: "... where your treasure is, there also will your heart be". Let us reflect on and prioritise what we value most in life so as to focus our thoughts, desires, and actions accordingly.

St Ignatius guides us in the "First Principle and Foundation"

"The human person is created to praise, reverence and serve God our Lord, and by doing so to save his or her soul; and it is for the human person that the other things on the face of the earth are created, as helps to the pursuit of this end. It follows from this that the person has to use these things insofar as they help towards this end, and to be free of them insofar as they stand in the way of it." (Spiritual Exercises #23, translated by Michael Ivens, SJ. Understanding the Spiritual Exercises)

St Matthew (6:19-20) describes further in Jesus' teachings:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."

We need to set our heart on the goal: "to praise, reverence and serve God our Lord, and by doing so to save our soul". All things are created to help us pursue our goal. Abraham, the father of faith in the second reading, is an example. The ancestors of Israel, in the first reading, is another example. They trusted in God, set their heart on praising, reverencing and serving God. Despite difficulties and challenges they became great figures of salvation history - "the faithful and prudent stewards whom the master will put in charge of his servants". They are truly the people as the Psalmist says:

"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own." (Psalm 33:1)

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will teach us, lead us and guide us to recognise our own treasure and where it is. Lord, help us review our values. Help us to relocate our heart, to refocus our vision and to reinstate our Lord. Amen.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us in celebrating this Holy Day of Obligation

 **Friday, 15th August**

 **Mass Times:**

9:15 AM - Led by our Primary School students

6:30 PM - Evening Mass

"My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior." — Luke 1:46-47 

All are warmly welcome!





SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



for the Son of Man

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 18: 6-9

The night of the deliverance from Egypt was made known beforehand to our ancestors, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices, and with one accord agreed to the divine law, so that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the ancestors.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 32 (33): 1, 12, 18-20, 22

R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. R.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. R.

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WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: 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, Gloria Cutcliffe, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Chris Riley, Carmen Barrows, Pepito Awayan

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-12

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For Abraham looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself, though barren, received power to conceive, even when she was too old, because she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12: 35-40 (shorter version)

Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Prayer After Communion:

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR:

AUGUST 2025

For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Amen.



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Readings for Sunday 17th August, 2025: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 // \\ 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-4 // \\ Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 2nd / 3rd August 2025:
 1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 961.10
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,966.95

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.

Father's Day Raffle

Celebrate Dad and support a great cause, with amazing prizes to be won.

 **Tickets: \$5 each**

 **Draw Date: Father's Day - Sunday, 7th September**
 **After the 10:30am Mass**

★ Prizes:

-  **1st Prize: Round-trip travel voucher to Fiji for 1**
-  **2nd Prize: 2 Tickets to the NRL Grand Final**
-  **3rd Prize: Dinner for 4 + Premium Family Hamper - the perfect family treat!**

 Proceeds will go toward improving drainage and creating safe pavements for our parish and community. Help us make our grounds safer for everyone! Tickets available after all weekend Masses.

 If you can assist with selling tickets to help raise funds for the parish, please see Judy or contact the parish office.

Thank you for your support!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ROSTER for next week: 16/17 August 2025

5.30pm Vigil Mass

Minister at the Altar: P. Morrell
 Minister of the Word: G. Bruton / F. Hinder
 Eucharistic Minister: J. Macayan
 AV Operator: P. Gillman

9am Sunday Mass

Minister at the Altar: S. Watt
 Minister of the Word: M. Clements / -
 Eucharistic Minister: -
 AV Operator: -

10.30am Sunday Mass

Minister at the Altar: G. Eberl / J. Petelo
 Minister of the Word: P. Tuimavave / K. Loloa
 Eucharistic Minister: -
 AV Operator: P. Setefano

If you would like to be a part of the roster, please see Sr Carlene OR contact the Parish Office.

You will need a valid NSW WWCC & Safeguarding credentials complete.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday August 10

- Young Adults Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for ACYF
- Holy Family Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR), Tongan Mass, 2pm (Church)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (HFC)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)

Monday August 11

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday August 12

- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- St VdP Emerton Conference Mtg, 7pm-8.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday August 13

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- First Holy Communion Preparation Session, 7pm (Church)
- HF Young Adults Bonfire - 'Praying with the Bible' introduction night, 7-9pm (HFC - Courtyard)

Thursday August 14

- Funeral Mass for the late JOSEPH CUTAJAR, 10.30am (Church)
- HF Primary Choir Prac, 2pm- (Church)
- Parish Choir, 7pm-9pm (Church)

Friday August 15 - Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass times 9.15am and 6.30pm

- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday August 16

- HF Tongan Choir prac, 2pm-4.30pm (SSR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Meeting Rooms:

SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;

MMR - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,

HFC - Holy Family Centre



UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	DETAILS
Sat 23 rd / Sun 24 th August	SRE Recruitment Appeal at all Masses.
Tue 26 th August	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing) Rochford Place, 12 Avoca St Ropes Crossing 2760
Fri 29 th August	St Vincent De Paul - Greater Western Sydney Community Sleepout (Parra) To register, scan QR code: 
Sun 7 th September	FATHER'S DAY Father's Day Raffle to be drawn
13 th /14 th September	First Holy Communion at all Masses
Tue 14 th October	Mass for Seniors at 11.30am Followed by light lunch in the church.
Thur 16 th October	Liturgy Committee Meeting 6.45pm
Sat 18 th October	Parish Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa
20 th - 22 nd October	Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne)
Sun 9 th November	Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove Cemetery)
Sat 15 th November	Parish Working Bee
Fri 28 th November	Thanksgiving Dinner for Parish Volunteers
30 th Nov - 2 nd Dec	Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne)
Sun 30 th November	Parish Choir singing at Nth Sydney Parish Mass
Sat 6 th Dec	Parish Christmas Carols, 7pm-10pm (School Grounds)
Wed 10 th Dec	Second Rite of Reconciliation, 6.45pm (Chapel)

CURIOUS ABOUT THE BIBLE? WANT TO PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE BUT UNSURE OF WHERE AND HOW TO START?

Holy Family Young Adults invite you to an introduction night around the fire.

Get to know us and each other as we begin the journey through our new series,

"Praying with the Bible" lead by Fr Cao

Date: Wednesday, AUG 13th

Time: 7pm-9:30pm

Place: Holy Family Centre in the Courtyard
(11 Emert Pde, Emerton)



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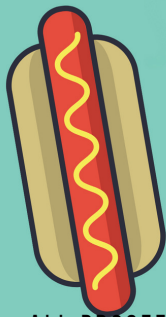
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\$3.00 SAUSAGE SANDWICH
\$4.00 COMBO
\$1.50 DRINKS



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR PATRONS ATTENDING
THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025

National Social Justice Statement Launch - Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health: 13 August

You are invited to the online launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2025-2026 on 13 August 2025, 12pm-1:30pm AEST. The new statement will focus on "Signs of Hope on the Edge - Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health".

Please register at tinyurl.com/sjslaunch25-26

Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray for Gaza

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

**Every year, when we light our Easter candle,
we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'**

**We pray today that all people may work with you
to dispel the darkness of violence and war.**

**May this fragile light be a sign of our hope
for the people of Gaza.**

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online or phone 1800 024 413.

Walkathon Fundraiser - Supporting Denise & Patrick's Jubilee Pilgrimage

They're Walking - Let's Walk With Them in Spirit!

This weekend, Denise and Patrick begin their "19 Kilometres for 19 Days" Walkathon through the Blue Mountains - a symbolic journey of faith and endurance in support of their upcoming Jubilee Pilgrimage through Greece and Italy with the Diocese of Parramatta.

Their walk echoes the footsteps of St Paul and the early Church - and every step they take brings them closer to this once-in-a-lifetime spiritual journey.

♥ Support their cause with a donation or sponsorship. Let's rally behind them as a parish family and help carry them forward through prayer and generosity.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Sponsor or Donate:

PayID: 0418 767 025 OR

Transfer to Acc Name:

Mount Druitt Catholic Church

BSB: 067 950 Acc No: 0000 0446

Ref: Walkathon Fundraiser



🙏 Keep them in your prayers

Your support will help cover pilgrimage costs and bless their journey of spiritual renewal as Catholic educators and parish leaders. Contact: Denise - 0418 767 025

👦 Calling All Young People - Become an Altar Server!

Are you interested in serving at the altar during Mass?

We are inviting any young members of our parish (minimum age 8) who would like to become altar servers to join this rewarding ministry.

No experience is necessary—just a willing heart and a desire to serve God and our parish community.

For more information, please speak to Fr. Renato after Mass or contact the parish office.

Volunteers needed at Catholic Care Emerton!

Catholic Care is looking for volunteers to help at their Walk-In Centre in Emerton on Tuesdays to Thursdays. Volunteers would assist welcoming people into the drop-in centre, greeting clients for counselling appointments, assisting the local Aunties' yarnning and art gatherings, reception of the OzHarvest food delivery and overall assistance with Catholic Care projects and programs. For more information, please contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500.

Adult Confirmation 2025: 23 & 26 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9.30am - 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enrol, please contact the Office for Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings - 2025-26 Social Justice Statement: 13 August

"Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. The next gathering on Wednesday 13 August from 6.30pm to 8pm will break open the 2025-2026 ACBC Social Justice Statement: "Signs of Hope on the Edge - Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health", which will be launched on the same day. To receive a Zoom link, please RSVP to met@parracatholic.org