



# 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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Friday: 9.00am - 3.30pm

Closed on weekends & public holidays.

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**Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt**

<https://fb.me/HFPMtDruitt>

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## Mass Times at Holy Family, Emerton

Monday, Friday & Saturday:  
9.00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:  
6.00pm

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

## Mass at Willmot

Sunday: 7.30am  
(8 Carteret Ave, Willmot 2770)

## Mass and Anointing

2nd Saturday of every month:  
9.00am

## Holy Hour - Emerton

Wednesdays from 5.00pm  
Saturdays from 9.30am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9.30am - 10.00am OR  
by appointment.

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Reflection from Sr Carlene for the

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:*

THEME: HUMAN-KIND

As many of us know, in the Liturgy of the Word (the first part of Mass) the Responsorial Psalm forms a kind of bridge between the First Reading and the Gospel. Hence, today's First Reading is the second creation story (Gen 2:18-24) which focuses on the coming-to-be of man and woman. It is followed by Psalms 127/128 which extolls family life, and then we have the Gospel (Mk 10: 2-16) which is Jesus' reflection on marriage, and on identification as children.

## A Few Thoughts About Today's Psalm:

Firstly, it may be useful to refer to the Book of Psalms. There we find a collection of hymns (110-133) called Pilgrimage Psalms or Songs of Ascent. Most of these psalms were composed during or after the Exile, and, in all likelihood, they were used by the Jews as liturgical chants during their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. They were prayers from the heart expressing joy and trust in God and sung by the worshipping groups.

In today's Liturgy of the Word we have one of these Pilgrimage Psalms... Ps 127/128... which in contemporary times be often used in Christian weddings. Recounted from the male perspective, it describes the God-fearing man supporting his family, having healthy children, and being blessed with happiness, peace, prosperity, and grandchildren.

*What meaning do we girls and women, boys and men glean from this psalm today? How does it apply to our lives?*

Upon reflection, we may deduce that if we live life according to God's plan, striving to "fear the Lord and walk in his ways" (Ps 127/128), we will be blessed in this life and the life to come. Blessings will also ripple through our families, communities, societies and nations... so let it begin with me!!

## A Final Comment:

The Response to Ps 127/128 is "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives." It has been adapted from lines in the third stanza. Broad in scope and more inclusive of all people at all times, it is a wonderful little prayer or mantra which we can weave into our minds and hearts as we go about our daily chores.

*Carlene Allen RSM*

- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October -  
- For a Shared Mission -

*We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.*





## SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR B

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24**

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."

So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creatures, that was its name.

The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**Responsorial psalm : Ps 127: R.v.5****R: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,  
who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. R.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots around your table. R.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.  
The Lord bless you from Zion.  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. R.

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Margaret Carter, 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:** Deirdre McCullough

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11**

We do indeed see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the Angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many sons and daughters to glory should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one. For this reason he is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife? Jesus answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."

But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

Jesus said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

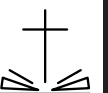
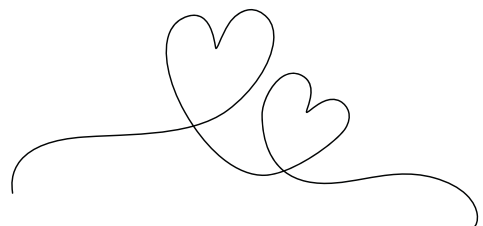
People were bringing little children to him in order that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**Prayer After Communion:**

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





**Parish Collection for the weekend of the 28th/29th September 2024:**

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 791.70  
 2nd Collection: (for parish expenses) \$1,956.45

**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.

**Thank you to the St Ignatius Tongan Community for your great generosity, raising \$13,455.00 for the parish last Saturday 28th September 2024.**



We value all that you do to serve the community. Thanks be to God, and may He continue to bless you all.

***"Prayer is a conversation with God... it is relational. It is dialogue, therefore requires moments of talking and deep listening..."***

The Young Adults gathered last Sunday to listen and share about 'prayer'.

The young people were encouraged by the presence and support of our priests, and especially in the talk and workshop, facilitated by Fr Cao, on prayer: the different modes of prayer and how we can apply it in our lives.

We hope to see more of our young adults at our next gathering. To keep up-to-date with events, follow @hfyamtdruitt on Instagram

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:****Sunday October 6**

- Baptism, 11.30am (church)
- Holy Family Tongan Community, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- Parramatta Diocese Tongan Mass, 1pm-4.30pm (church)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3pm-6pm (SSR)
- Mt Druitt/ Blacktown Lataki choir practice, 7pm-9pm (SSR)

**Monday October 7**

- Labour Day Public Holiday - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday October 8**

- Staff Meeting, 9.15am-11.30am (SICR)
- Mt Druitt & District Reconciliation Mtg, 6pm-8pm (HFC Dining)
- St Vincent De Paul Emerton Conference, 7pm-8.30pm (SSR)

**Wednesday October 9**

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

**Thursday October 10****Friday October 11**

- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School dance prac, 7pm-9pm (SSR)

**Saturday October 12**

- Legion of Mary, 10am - 2pm (MMR)
- Samoan choir, 3pm-4.30pm (church)
- Holy Family Tongan choir, 2pm-5pm (SSR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School dance prac, 3pm-6pm (HFC)

**Meeting Rooms:**

**SSR** - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

**SICR** - St Ignatius Conference Room;

**MMR** - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,

**HFC** - Holy Family Centre

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	DETAILS
<b>Saturday 28th/Sunday 29th September</b>	MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY
<b>Sunday 29th September</b>	Holy Family Young Adults Gathering 6pm - 8.30pm (HFC)
<b>Monday 7th October</b>	LABOUR DAY Public Holiday
<b>Wednesday 9th &amp; 16th October</b>	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Sat 19th/Sun 20th October</b>	Catholic Mission Appeal

**Parish Pastoral Council Information Day - Saturday 28th September**

Last Saturday, a few of our parishioners attended the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) information day, that was facilitated by Alison Ryan from the Parramatta Diocese Mission Enhancement Team (MET).

In Alison's presentation, we were reminded of our role as Church to be vessels of and advocates of God's mission.

A PPC is important to help the parish continue to develop, to nourish our faith community, and reach out to others. PPC's are the functional structure of Catholic communities; they are supportive, visioning, advisory, consultative and planning bodies to help articulate God's mission. This requires careful listening and dialogue to understand and attend to the needs of the parish.

We were then given a workshop on 'project management'. Alison shared practical tools to assist us with project management and planning.

Overall, it was a great day of learning something new or in a different light, and to discern where and how God is calling us to serve in the parish.





## October is the Month of the Holy Rosary!

In October, we will have a special focus on the prayer of the Holy Rosary.



**Can you commit to leading the Rosary 30 mins before Mass in October?**  
(not including Wednesdays & Saturday morning)  
**Please put your name on the roster.**  
(at the back of the church)

## Monday 7th October: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Join us on this special feast day, where we will pray the rosary at 8.30am, and celebrate Mass at 9.00am!

## Glimmers of Grace



Journey with Our Lady this month with "Glimmers of Grace" and receive daily emails.

Throughout October, you'll receive a daily reflection featuring one of 31 beautiful images of Mary, each deeply meaningful to St. Ignatius.

Along with these images, we'll share insights into their significance, inviting you into a deeper connection with Mary through prayer.

These reflections have been thoughtfully curated by Michael Hansen SJ, currently on sabbatical.

Scan the QR code to register online to receive a daily moment of grace and prayer with Mary.



Glimmers of Grace - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (jsa.org.au)

## Melbourne Cup Trifecta Tickets

There can only be 1 winner!



You gotta be in it, to win it!

**Tickets = \$1 each**  
**Prize = \$1,000.00**

Tickets will be sold at our weekend Masses, and from the Parish Office.

Melbourne Cup Day: 3pm Tuesday 5th November 2024

## Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

## A Parish HSC Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
we bring before you our HSC students.

Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage.

Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams.

May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them.

We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability.

May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.