



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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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 Sr Carlene for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LUKE 16: 19-31

~ AWARENESS OF OTHERS' NEEDS and OUR CALL TO RESPOND ~

In today's readings we have a parable pointing out the damning effects of wealth. Found only in the Gospel of Luke [16:19-31], it probably had a specific meaning for the early Christian community. Nevertheless, in our own present-day society of "haves" and "have nots" where the rich become richer and the poor becomes poorer, it still has a clear message for each one of us.

Luke succinctly sets the scene: Jesus is addressing the Pharisees (v19). We note that the rich man is unnamed: he is defined by his position and possessions. The poor man, however, is the only person ever named in Jesus' parables... a detail that "rings bells" for the Lucan audience and readers became naming a person acknowledges their unique identity and emphasises the teaching inherent in the parable.

Right from the start, today's Gospel vividly unfolds as stark contrasts emerge. We hear about the rich man enmeshed in his own world of finery and feasting. We then learn that the poor man Lazarus (whose name means "God will help") is covered with sores. He is hungry, unattended, and left to beg outside the very gates of the estate.

Both men die and their fortunes are completely reversed. Lazarus is honoured with a place of glory alongside Abraham but the rich man is tormented by suffering in hell. Ironically, the rich man, who had been totally self-centred and stingy in life, now wants to help his siblings avoid a similar agonising fate. Abraham refuses this request and explains that people ignoring the wisdom and warnings of Moses and the prophets "will not be convinced over if someone should rise from the dead" (v31).

In essence, the parable of the rich man and Lazarus challenges us to review our focus and ask ourselves:

- Do we value wealth over love of God and neighbour?
- Do we have eyes, ears, and hearts that recognise and respond to the needs of others?
- How do we react and respond to those who prick our consciences and refuse to let us off the hook?

Called to be disciples of Christ, let us be more attentive in prayer and action to opportunities around us to live out a sense of "connectedness" with all humans and with all of creation.



Congratulations - Deacon Matthew Pinson SJ

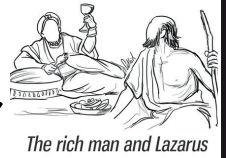
We joyfully congratulate Matthew Pinson SJ on his ordination to the diaconate on Saturday 20th September in Boston. We pray for God's blessings as he begins this new chapter of ministry, and we celebrate with him and the Australian Jesuits present on the day.

From left, Julian Butler SJ, Fr Paul Mullins SJ (representing Fr Provincial), Deacon Matthew Pinson SJ, Fr Joshua Choong SJ, and Fr Isaac Demase SJ.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The rich man and Lazarus

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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: Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: "Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of those who lie in ease shall pass away."

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 145: 6-10

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free. R.

The Lord opens eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches over the strangers. R.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. R.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

As for you, man of God; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no human being has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR:
SEPTEMBER 2025**

For our relationship with all of creation.
*Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,
we might experience our interdependence
with all creatures who are loved by God
and worthy of love and respect. Amen.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.*
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the Angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' The man who had been rich said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send Lazarus to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Prayer After Communion:

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the church, Elijah Hufanga; Jensen, Baylee, and Ashtyn Doyle; and Lucinda Collette - who were baptised last Sunday 21st September, 2025

LIST OF THE SICK: Soane Quensell, Pam Picart-Manalac, Katea 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, Gloria Cutcliffe, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Readings for Sunday 5th October, 2025: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2:2-4 // \\ 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 // \\ Gospel: Luke 17: 5-9 //

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 20th/21st September 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 1,000.75
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	\$ 1,696.55
Pakistan Flood Victims Bucket Appeal	\$ 1,115.00

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONSOnline 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 - Pakistan Flood Victims

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to last weekend's bucket appeal for the Pakistan flood victims. With your support, we raised **\$1,115** to assist those affected by this devastating disaster.

Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Mass and Anointing for Seniors

All parishioners are warmly invited to a **Mass and Anointing for Seniors on Tuesday 15th October at 11:30am**. Please RSVP to the parish office. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta Tickets - On Sale Now!

Try your luck in our Melbourne Cup Trifecta Fundraiser - tickets are just **\$2 each!**

- Each ticket has 3 random horse numbers.
- To win, all 3 winning horses' numbers must appear on one ticket (any order).
- Only one winner - **prize is \$1000 cash!**
- Winner must claim prize by 30 November 2025 and present the winning ticket to the Parish Office.

All proceeds go towards parish expenses.
Thank you for your support!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS ROSTER
for next week: 4/5 OCTOBER 2025****5.30pm Vigil Mass**

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

9am Sunday Mass

Minister at the Altar: S. Watt / M. Mealamu
Minister of the Word: M. Clements / E. Villanueva
Eucharistic Minister: C. Payne
AV Operator: -

10.30am Sunday Mass

Minister at the Altar: G. Eberl / J. Petelo
Minister of the Word: P. Tuimavave / D. Mullins
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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday September 28**

- Baptisms, 11.45am (Church)
- HF Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)

Monday September 29

- HF Young Adults Planning Mtg, 6.30pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday September 30

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

Wednesday October 1

- Free Community Podiatry, 10am-3pm (SSR)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday October 2

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

Friday October 3

- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy First Friday Adoration, 8pm-Midnight, (Chapel)

Saturday October 4

- 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**† Sacramental Enrolments Now Open**

Enrol now for the Sacramental Program. Preparation for the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation begins with Parent/ Carer Information Session:**
Wednesday 22 October, 7pm in the church.

Looking ahead:**First Communion: 2026****Confirmation: 2027**

For more information or to enrol, please contact the parish office or see Lorraine Gordon.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	DETAILS
Tue 14th October	Mass for Seniors at 11.30am Followed by light lunch in the church. Contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Friday 10 Oct.
20th - 22nd October	Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne)
Wed 22nd October	First Reconciliation Information Session for Parents/ Carers, 7pm
Tue 28th October	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Tue 4th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Sat 8th November	Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa & Holy Shrine of Innocents, Kellyville
Sun 9th November	Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove Cemetery)
Sat 15th November	Parish Working Bee
Tue 25th November	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Fri 21st November	Thanksgiving Dinner for Parish Volunteers
30th Nov - 2nd Dec	Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne)
Sun 30th November	Parish Choir singing at Nth Sydney Parish Mass
Sat 6th Dec	Parish Christmas Carols, 7pm-10pm (School Grounds)
Wed 10th Dec	Second Rite of Reconciliation, 6.45pm (Chapel)
Tuesday 16th Dec	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing) Rochford Place, 12 Avoca St Ropes Crossing 2760
Wed 24/Thur 25 December	Christmas Eve/ Day Masses

Mary's Rosary Chain – Rosary Devotion in October

We warmly welcome Mary's Rosary Chain to our Masses this weekend (27 & 28 September).

Free rosary cards and rosary beads will be available after all Masses, to encourage and spread this beautiful devotion.

We will also celebrate a **special Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Tuesday, 7 October at 6:00pm.**

Throughout October, there will be a special focus on the Rosary, with the Rosary prayed before all weekday Masses. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Young Adults – Praying with the Bible

Are you a young adult looking to deepen your faith and connect with Scripture in a meaningful way?

Join us for "Praying with the Bible" – a space to reflect, pray, and share together through the Word of God.

 **Next session: Wednesday 8th of October at 7.00pm**

 **Where: Parish Centre**

 **What to bring: A Bible (if you have one), a journal, and a pen**

Come along and be part of a welcoming and faith-filled group. No prior experience needed – just an open heart. All are welcome!

Contact us:  @hfy_mtd

Daylight Savings Reminder

Daylight savings begins next Sunday, 5th October 2025. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



Welcome Home – Denise and Patrick

We warmly welcome Denise and Patrick back to the parish after their inspiring pilgrimage following in the footsteps of St Paul through Greece, Turkey, and Rome, celebrating the Jubilee of Hope.

We rejoice with them on this spiritual journey and look forward to hearing about their reflections and experiences.



Parish Christmas Carols

Join us for our **Parish Christmas Carols on Saturday 6th December!** We are **looking for volunteers and performers** to help make this celebration special.

If you are interested, please contact the parish office. More details will be provided closer to the event.

We Want Your Stories!

Help us make the parish bulletin inspiring and community-focused!

 Share "good news" stories, acts of kindness, celebrations, or faith moments.

 Email your ideas to enquiry@holyfamily.org.au or contact the Parish Office.

Let's celebrate the hope, faith, and connection in Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt!

Spring Family Holiday Program – Join the Fun!

Holy Family Parish invites families to two exciting outings during the spring school holidays. Come along, connect with others, and enjoy a day out!

Activity 1: Sydney Observatory

 **Wednesday 1st October**

Explore the stars, planets, and the wonders of space at the historic Sydney Observatory! Families can enjoy the interactive exhibits, telescopes, and learn about our night sky.

 *Nearby: Relax at Observatory Hill Park, enjoy a picnic with harbour views, or take a short stroll to Barangaroo Reserve.*

Activity 2: Australian Museum

 **Friday 10th October**

Discover dinosaurs, ancient cultures, and amazing wildlife at the Australian Museum. Perfect for all ages!

 *Nearby: Visit St Mary's Cathedral, wander through Hyde Park, or enjoy a treat at a nearby café.*

Bus Details:

Leaves Holy Family Church: 10:00am for 1st October, and 9:00am for 10th October.

Departs destination: 3:00pm

\$ Cost: \$5 per person (transport only)

Note: Food, drinks, and any entry/exhibition costs are not included.

 Limited tickets still available from the parish only.

 For more information, call 02 9628 7272.

Parish Pilgrimage – Holy Doors of Mercy

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

 **Date: Saturday, 8th November**

 **Locations:**

- **Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa**
- **Holy Shrine of Innocents, Kellyville**



 Mass Celebrated
 Confession Available
RSVP to assist with planning
 More details to come.



Come, walk through the Holy Doors and experience the hope and mercy of Christ with our parish family!

Back to Basics Serving at the Altar Workshop:

11 October

Back by popular demand!

We have decided to repeat the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last sessions and those who would like to attend again. This seminar will occur on **Saturday 11 October from 9:30am to 3pm** at the **Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.**

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

RSVP by 7 October via

<https://parracatholic.org/events/serving-at-the-altar-workshop/>.

Contact the Office for Worship team for more info: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.