



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

Monday & Thursday: 8.30am
Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00pm
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

Mass at Willmot

Sunday: 7.30am
(8 Carteret Ave, Willmot 2770)
No 7.30am Mass on the 4th August

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 Fr Cao for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings of this Sunday remind us that God's choice and purpose for us as his disciples is not a product of chance, but a deliberate one.

St Ignatius of Loyola, in the First Principle and Foundation – the very first meditation prayer in the 30-day Spiritual Exercises, goes further to remind the retreatant about his/her own purpose in life:

Human beings are created to praise, reverence, and serve God our Lord, and by this means to save their souls. And other things on the face of the earth are created for them and may help them in procuring the end for which they created. From this, it follows that we are to use these things as much as they help us to the end, and we ought to rid ourselves of things which hinder us.

In the first reading, God chose a poor farmer Amos to be the prophet among other prophets who were corrupt and misused God's created things. These prophets did not deliver justice or speak the truth. Although there was opposition and challenge, Amos fulfilled God's purpose. Amos was not tainted by the corruption and materialism of his time.

In the second reading, St Paul writes to the Ephesians saying that God chose us in Christ "to be holy, and spotless, and to live through love in his presence... that we should become his adopted sons and daughters." We are chosen "for the praise of the glory of his grace," and in the end, "we have redemption . . . [and] the forgiveness of our sins" in Christ. Therefore we know how to act when time has run its course to the end.

The Gospel highlights Jesus' choice and his purpose for his disciples. Jesus called his disciples and strengthened their faith through his teachings and miracles. He further instructed them on how to go about their mission. He knew the power and influence of materialism and worldly honour. He knew that any soul trapped by these things will lose focus on his mission. In other words, Jesus wanted to remind them that all created things were for their use if they helped to fulfill their purpose.

Disciples particularly must take nothing for the journey "except a staff". This means that we must bring something of ourselves to the people we meet in the world – our own opinions, our own view of the world – but this must not be something for ourselves and against others.

Furthermore, disciples must have "nothing extra"; nothing they can claim as their own, nothing that they can draw on to demand a special sacrifice from themselves; nothing they can store for the next day in case things got rough. They must go as they are with no special requirements, nothing that can be put in place for their personal source of sustenance; and nothing extra to keep for the future when things may be different.

Obedying Christ's instruction therefore is a sure means of fulfilling God's purpose for choosing us as his disciples. At the same time, neglecting Christ's instruction is the easiest way of losing focus. So, we must continually remind ourselves that God chose us for a purpose, and we must strive to achieve it.

Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ



- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July - - For the Pastoral Care of the Sick -

'We pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is conferred to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.'

SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR B



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



Collect:

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 7: 12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "O see, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no Prophet, nor a Prophet's son; but I am a herdman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Responsorial psalm : Ps 85

R: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. R.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky. R.

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps. R.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the community, Zapri Aumua and Gabriel Weston, who were baptised last Sunday 7th July 2024.

LIST OF THE SICK: 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: Sr Elaine Wainwright, Fr Pat Kenna, Greg McDonald, Maria Nguyen.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption to sonship as his own through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. This is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may know the hope to which we are called.

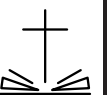
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. Jesus said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So the twelve went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Prayer after Communion:

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 6th/7th July 2024:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 790.50
 2nd Collection: (for parish expenses) \$1,758.15

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

Online contributions for the Diocesan Priests (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

Please use the account details for the 2nd collection, if you would like to make financial contribution towards:

- Parish Insurance
- Upgrading the lights in the church.
 - There are also envelopes available at the back of the church.

If you would like a tax deductible receipt for your Planned Giving envelopes OR specific donation, please contact the parish office.

FR CAO'S INSTALLATION MASS - 4TH AUGUST

Bishop Vincent will be here on Sunday 4th August, at the 10.30am Mass, to celebrate the Installation of Fr Cao as our Parish Priest.

- This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to **join the choir** for this special parish celebration.
 - Choir practice times have been scheduled for Friday the 26th of July, and the 2nd of August, from 7pm-9pm in the church.
 - If you have any questions, please contact Eddie 0401 748 644.
- Following the Mass, we will have a **shared lunch**. We ask that everyone brings a dish or drinks to share with one other.
 - If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Marissa Logronio or see one of the Parish Pastoral Council members.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 July

You are invited to a Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening with keynote speaker John Lochowiak, Chair of NATSICC.

The event will reflect on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People", and is hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney: 25 July 2024, 6pm, The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping).

Please register by 17 July at trybooking.com/ctcfo

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday July 14**

- Parish Pastoral Council Mtg, 12pm-2pm (SICR)
- Holy Family Tongan Community, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)

Monday July 15**Tuesday July 16**

- Staff Meeting, 9.15am-11.15am (SICR)

Wednesday July 17

- Free Community Podiatry, 10am-2pm (SSR)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday July 18**Friday July 19**

- Funeral Service for URSULA DOOLE, 12pm (church)

Saturday July 20

- Legion of Mary, 10am - 2pm (MMR)
- Holy Family Tongan choir, 2pm-5pm (SSR)

Meeting Rooms:

SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;

MMR - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Tuesday 23rd July** - Mass, Anointing of the Sick at Rochford Place (12 Avoca St, Ropes Crossing)
- **Sunday 28th July** - Nth Sydney Parishioners visit Holy Family. Fr Sacha will celebrate Mass at 10.30am.
- **Sunday 4th August** - Fr Cao's Installation Mass at 10.30am, fellowship afterwards.
- **Wednesday 7th August** - Initial Parents/Carers Information Meeting for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, 7pm in the church.

Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2025



You're invited to join our community!

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY

Enquire, enrol or take a tour

11 Emert Parade, Emerton

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KEEP THE FIRE BURNING **BLAK, LOUD & PROUD!**

For NAIDOC Week last Thursday, we had a wonderful day celebrating our First Nations Peoples.

We were blessed with great weather, with more than 1000 people in attendance, rides, entertainment, and lots of stall-holders either sharing information about their services/programs available for the community OR selling indigenous arts and crafts. It was a wonderful showcase of community turning up and supporting one another.

An event such as this is not an easy feat! We offer a special thank you to our staff, all the services who worked together to make it happen, and particularly our key organisers: Br Lawrie and Cassandra from Baabayn, and to Ray from Holy Family site.



Willmot NAIDOC

19th July 2024

**Keep the Fire Burning !
Blak , Loud & Proud**

**10:30 am
until
2pm**

Celebrate NAIDOC with Our community
Performances
Food and Kids Activities

**ALL WELCOME
Free Event**

**Willmot Community Hub
8 Carteret Ave , Willmot 2770**

PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

To the Parents/Carers of the children who made their First Reconciliation in November 2023:

- There is an information session for First Holy Communion on Wednesday 7th of August, at 7pm in the church. This is for Parents/Carers only.
- Preparation sessions with children will continue from Wednesday 14th of August.

Enrolments are open for the Sacramental Process to commence with First Reconciliation (Nov 2024), First Holy Communion (2025), and Confirmation (2026).

If you have any questions, please see Lorraine Gordon or contact the Parish Office 02 9628 7272.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 19 July

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown with Fr Tom Green on Friday 19 July from 6.30pm, followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email galbert.albino@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September.

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

MET Worship Serving at the Altar Seminar: 3 August

The Office for Worship are hosting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) on "Back to Basics of Serving at the Altar" on Saturday 3 August from 9.30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Chris Ohlsen will present the seminar, which will revisit some of the basic principles in serving at the altar. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 31 July, please contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.