



# 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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**Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt**

<https://fb.me/HFPMtDruitt>

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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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

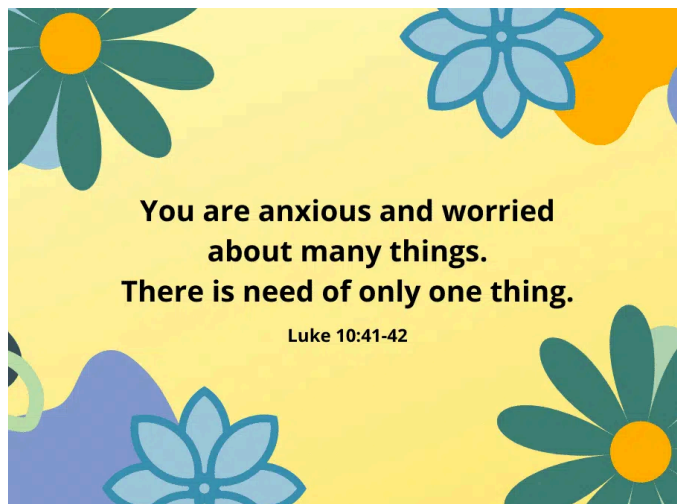
*"You worry about so many things, and yet, few are needed. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her"* challenges us to set our priorities in life right. There is a strong tendency to think that Jesus was against taking care of the material needs. However, Jesus accepts the offering of food from Martha for physical growth but he prefers to have more attention on spiritual things.

This is a call to set our priorities right. Perhaps, Jesus felt that it was not enough for Martha to have welcomed him to her house. Maybe, she should have first paid more attention to His message before any other thing. An essential part of hospitality is paying attention to people. At times, what people need from us are not just material things but our attention.

Today, it is obvious that most Christians have misplaced their priorities in life. There is a saying: "One has time for the work of God, but no time for God the owner of the work." Many of us are so distracted today by too many social and material activities that we hardly have time for ourselves, our family, and particularly for any spiritual reflection.

In some of our families, we pay attention to every mundane issue and need. For example, many parents don't bother to spend time with their children. In their mind, what their children need is money and materials. We pay little or no attention to the spiritual growth of the members of our families. We have time for social and sport activities but little or no time for praying together or studying the word of God together.

We need to cement our relationship with Christ by sitting close to him as a family, and by paying attention to what he has to say to us. Christ needs our attention because he has something new to teach us every day. He wants to spend some quality time with us each day. So, we must not allow anything to prevent us from welcoming him or taking away our attention from his presence. He wants us to live in his presence all the time as the psalmist reminds us today: *"The just will live in the presence of the Lord!"*



**You are anxious and worried  
about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.**

Luke 10:41-42



**Mary has chosen the  
better part and it  
will not be taken  
from her."**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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: Genesis 18:1-10a**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as Abraham sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps 14: 2-5****R: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Whoever walks blamelessly, and does what is right,  
and speaks the truth from their heart;  
whoever does not slander with their tongue. R.

Whoever does no evil to a friend,  
nor takes up a reproach against a neighbour;  
in whose eyes the wicked one is despised,  
but who honours those who fear the Lord. R.

Whoever stands by their oath even to their hurt;  
who does not lend money at interest,  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.  
One who does these things shall never be moved. R.

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Cheryl Barrell, Lisimoa Hufanga, Jenny Gillman, Chris Wilson, Norah Gibson, Sabrina Ellingsworth, Jean Mari Frederic, Brian Russel, Toss Van den Berg, Marjorie Ritchie, 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:** Frederick Warwick-Smith, Anthony Aupaau.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28**

Brothers and sisters: I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is Christ whom we proclaim, warning every person and teaching every person in all wisdom, so that we may present every person mature in Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.*

Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

**Prayer After Communion:**

Graciously be present to your people, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR: JULY 2025****For formation in discernment.**

*Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.*

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 27th July, 2025: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32// \\ 2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14// \\ Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13 //



## 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.

### Calling All Altar Servers!

### Boys and girls, we need you!

If your child has already received their First Holy Communion and attends Sunday Mass regularly, pick up a registration form at the back of the church. This is for children aged 8 years or older.

## Saints of the Week: 20 – 26 July 2025

### 20 July – St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

A 1st-century bishop and missionary, St Apollinaris was known for his courage in preaching the Gospel in the face of persecution. He is remembered as a witness to the faith during times of trial.

✠ *St Apollinaris, pray for us.*

### 22 July – St Mary Magdalene

A devoted follower of Jesus, Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the Resurrection. The Church honours her as the "Apostle to the Apostles" for proclaiming the risen Lord to the disciples.

✠ *St Mary Magdalene, teach us to seek Jesus with a faithful heart.*

### 23 July – St Bridget of Sweden, Religious

A wife, mother, mystic, and founder of a religious order, St Bridget lived a life of deep prayer and service. She is one of Europe's patron saints and a powerful example of holiness in daily life.

✠ *St Bridget, help us to live with courage and compassion.*

### 24 July – St Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

A Maronite monk from Lebanon, St Sharbel lived a quiet life of prayer, humility, and sacrifice. Many miracles have been attributed to his intercession, both during and after his life.

✠ *St Sharbel, intercede for those in need of healing and peace.*

### 25 July – St James, Apostle

St James the Greater was one of Jesus' closest disciples and the first Apostle to be martyred. He reminds us of the call to serve Christ with boldness and devotion.

✠ *St James, strengthen our faith and walk with us on our journey.*

### 26 July – Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We honour the grandparents of Jesus and thank God for the gift of family. This day is also a beautiful moment to give thanks and pray for all grandparents in our community.

✠ *Sts Joachim and Anne, pray for all families and grandparents.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### Sunday July 20

- Baptisms, 11.45am (Church)
- Holy Family Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Community Mtg, 12pm-3pm (HFC)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3.30pm-6.30pm (SSR)

### Monday July 21

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

### Tuesday July 22

- Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

### Wednesday July 23

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

### Thursday July 24

- Parish Choir, 7pm-9pm (Church)
- Liturgy Committee Mtg, 6.45pm (SICR)

### Friday July 25

- Funeral Mass for the late ANTHONY AUPAAU, 11.30am (Church)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

### Saturday July 26

- 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                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July                              | Grandparents Day                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August   | St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal                                                                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August                          | Parents/ Carers Information Session for First Holy Communion<br>7.00pm in the church<br>(For parents/carers of children who completed preparations for First Reconciliation in 2024.) |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> /Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August  | 19km for 19days Walkathon Fundraiser for Denise and Patrick Carroll                                                                                                                   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August                            | Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times: 9.15am and 6pm                                                                                                        |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> /Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August | SRE Recruitment Appeal at all Masses.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August                            | St Vincent De Paul - Greater Western Sydney Community Sleepout (Parra)<br>To register, scan QR code:                                                                                  |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September                          | FATHER'S DAY<br>Father's Day Raffle to be drawn                                                                                                                                       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> September              | First Holy Communion at all Masses                                                                                                                                                    |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                          | Mass for Seniors at 11.30am<br>Followed by light lunch in the church.                                                                                                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> October               | Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne)                                                                                                                                                |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove Cemetery)                                                                                                                                          |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Thanksgiving Dinner for Parish Volunteers                                                                                                                                             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec                | Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne)                                                                                                                                        |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Parish Choir singing at Nth Sydney Parish Mass                                                                                                                                        |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec                              | Parish Christmas Carols, 7pm-10pm (School Grounds)                                                                                                                                    |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                            | Second Rite of Reconciliation, 6.45pm (Chapel)                                                                                                                                        |







## Expressions of Interest – ACYF 2025



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national event bringing together thousands of young Catholics to grow in faith, connect with others, and celebrate the life of the Church in Australia.

**When: 30 November – 2 December 2025**

**Where: Melbourne**

**Scan QR code to express interest online OR Contact the Parish Office**

## ♥ Caring as a Holy Family

We ask for your prayers for Cheryl, a cherished member of our parish community, who will be undergoing major surgery for cancer in the coming weeks.

Earlier this week, Cheryl was able to share a meal with fellow parishioners—a beautiful reminder of the care and connection within our community.

As she prepares for what lies ahead, may God surround Cheryl with strength, courage, and peace.

We also hold in prayer all our parishioners who are grappling with illness, that they may know the comfort of Christ's healing presence and the love of their parish family.

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."*  
— 1 Peter 5:7



## Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat – a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God.

Registrations are now open.

For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

**- 16 August:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

**- 15 November:**

<https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

## 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](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795 before Monday 4 August.

## 🙏 Pray for our Youth on Pilgrimage

Monica flew out on Saturday, 19th July to join 31 other young people from the Diocese of Parramatta on a special Jubilee for Youth pilgrimage. They'll be travelling through Greece, following in the footsteps of St Paul, before heading to Rome for the Jubilee celebrations.

We pray this is a joyful and faith-filled journey – and that Monica feels the love and support of our whole parish while she's away.

✚ #JubileeOfYouth #ParramattaPilgrims



## Rome from Home

Pilgrimage is more than travel – it's the journey of our lives, with all its ups and downs, guided by Christ.

As young people from our Diocese travel to Rome and Greece, we're invited to join them in spirit on Saturday 2 August – living as Pilgrims of Hope here in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

*Rome for Home is for people between 13-35 (those under 18 need parental consent).*

## Walkathon Fundraiser – Supporting Denise & Patrick's Jubilee Pilgrimage

Parishioners Denise and Patrick will be undertaking a 2-day, 19km walk through the stunning Blue Mountains as part of a Walkathon Fundraiser to support their upcoming Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage with the Diocese of Parramatta.

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 August**

**10:00am start (both days)**

**From Wilson Park, Wentworth Falls to Scenic World, Katoomba**

This sacred 19-day journey through Greece and Italy will take them in the footsteps of St Paul and the early Church, culminating in a visit to the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome during the Jubilee Year.

## 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