



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 Sr Carlene for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

Cost of Discipleship: Luke 12: 44-53

In the beginning of Luke's Gospel John the Baptist says that Jesus will "baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Lk 3:16). This prediction comes to pass in today's reading (L 12: 44-53) where we find Jesus addressing an issue that has been plaguing his disciples, namely, loyalty to one's family.

"Honour your father and mother" was and still is a most important commandment. For the disciples and Jesus' Judean audience, "honour" involved being obedient to parental authority, accepting family traditions and customs, and respecting the elderly. Furthermore, families were the unique source of emotional and economic support, the very locus of identity, and the provider of social services.

Given this background knowledge, we can imagine mixed reactions from the Judean audience when Jesus declares he has "come to bring fire to the earth", and "division" to households. The latter will be shattered by the break up of relationships within families.

Taken in isolation, these words about "division" are startling, and, at face value, shocking. However, we need to be aware of their context: they are part of a collection of Jesus' sayings inserted by Luke in his account of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and ultimately to Calvary. Along the way Jesus has already encountered some stiff opposition, so here we see he is very determined to fulfil his mission, come what may.

In due course, we learn that those who choose to follow and remain loyal and faithful to Jesus will be challenged to their very core. Such is the cost of discipleship... total allegiance to God, and no place for complacency! Thus, we pause and ask:

- What place do we give to God in our network of relationships?
- Are we merely FANS of Jesus, or real DISCIPLES of Jesus?
- What causes "divisions" in families, communities and parishes today? How do we deal with these situations?

May we take heart and put into action these words:

*We are your people, Lord,
Chosen by you,
Called to be holy,
Called to be true.
We are your people, Lord!*



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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

The officials said to the king, "This man ought to be put to death, because he is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." King Zedekiah said, "Here he is; he is in your hands; for the king is powerless against you." So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. So Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, an officer in the king's house, left the king's house and spoke to the king, "My lord king, these men have acted wickedly in all they did to the Prophet Jeremiah by throwing him into the cistern to die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city." Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, "Take three men with you from here, and pull the Prophet Jeremiah up from the cistern before he dies."

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 39: 2-4, 18**R: Lord, come to my aid!**

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry. R.

He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure. R.

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord. R.

As for me, I am poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my God. R.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the Cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Jesus who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Prayer After Communion:

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**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: Dennis Francis.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Cutajar, Gerardo S. Nicolas, Patrick O'Flynn, Paulo Mau'u

Readings for Sunday 24th August, 2025: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21 // \\ 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 // \\ Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 9th / 10th August 2025:
 1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 877.15
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 2,139.40

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: 23/24 August 2025

5.30pm Vigil Mass

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

9am Sunday Mass

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

10.30am Sunday Mass

Minister at the Altar: J. Petelo / P. Loloa
 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday August 17

- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (HFC)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3.30pm-6.30pm (SSR)

Monday August 18

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday August 19

- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- Family Service for Paulo Mau'u, 6.30pm-10.30pm (Church)

Wednesday August 20

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- First Holy Communion Preparation Session, 7pm (Church)
- Free Community Podiatry, 10am-3pm (SSR)

Thursday August 21

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

Friday August 22

- Funeral Mass for the late Paulo Mau'u, 9.30am (Church)
- Hampers Planning mtg, 10am (SICR)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday August 23

- HF Tongan Choir prac, 2pm-4.30pm (SSR)
- SRE Recruitment Appeal, during 5.30pm Vigil Mass
- 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 • Melbourne Cup Trifecta Tickets go on sale!
14 th September	HF Young Adults ACYF Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
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
20 th - 22 nd October	Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne)
Wed 22 nd October	First Reconciliation Information Session for Parents/ Carers, 7pm
Tue 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Sat 8 th November	TBC - Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa
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)
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing) Rochford Place, 12 Avoca St Ropes Crossing 2760

Thank You – Vinnies Winter Appeal

A warm thank you to all our parishioners for your generous support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Thanks to your kindness and contributions during our recent bucket collection, we were able to raise **\$947.35** to support the vital work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity will help provide warmth, food, and essential support to individuals and families facing hardship this winter.

Your compassion truly reflects the spirit of our parish community. On behalf of Vinnies and those who will benefit from your support – thank you!

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 27th August at 7.30pm**

 **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 young adults are welcome!

Contact us:  @hfy_mtd

Sacramental Program – Enrolments Now Open

Parents wishing to enrol their child/ren in the Parish Sacramental Program are invited to do so now until the end of September 2025.

This program will prepare children to receive the sacraments over the coming years:

First Reconciliation – November 2025

First Holy Communion – 2026

Confirmation – 2027

To be eligible for enrolment, children must:

- ✓ Be baptised
- ✓ Be at least 8 years of age

Enrolment forms and further information are available from the Parish Office.

We look forward to supporting your family on this important journey of faith.

FaithLIFE Spirituality Short Course w/Donnie Velasco: Starting 20 August

Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality?
Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing your faith?
Wanting to further discern God's call in your life? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Spirituality short course with Donnie Velasco on Wednesday 20 AUG + 27 AUG + 3 SEP! Registration and more dates and details via <https://tr.ee/OkHbjm0Fq1> or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

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.

Support Denise & Patrick's Jubilee Pilgrimage

Denise and Patrick have successfully completed their Walkathon, covering an impressive 27.6 km and conquering approximately 4,000 sandstone stairs along the way.

With just under a month remaining before their departure on 7 September, let us continue to hold them in prayer.

♥ Support their journey through a donation or sponsorship.

As a parish family, let's come together in prayer and generosity to lift them up and walk beside them in spirit.

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

Welcome Back, Monica!

We joyfully welcome back Monica, who recently journeyed in the footsteps of St. Paul the Apostle and attended the Jubilee for Youth in Rome with Pope Leo.

Monica will share highlights from this inspiring pilgrimage and the graces received along the way.

We thank God for the safe return and renewed spirit of Monica, and all our young adult pilgrims!



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.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 1-3 September

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre:

- **Monday 1 September for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 9.30am to 2.30pm**
- **Tuesday 2 September for Renewal training (Modules 4 and 5) from 10am to 1.39pm**
- **Wednesday 3 September for Refresher training (Module 6) from 10am to 12noon.**

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