



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

NO MASSES AT WILLMOT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mass and Anointing

2nd Saturday of every month:
9.00am

Holy Hour - Emerton

Wednesday: 5.30pm - 6.00pm
Saturdays from 9.30am - 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9.30am - 10.00am
OR by appointment.

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Reflection from Fr Renato for the Solemnity of

All Saints - A Program for Holiness

The Solemn Blessing prayed during the Mass for today's Feast of All Saints is:

*God's holy Church rejoices that her children
are one with the saints in lasting peace.*

Today we celebrate this great feast of All Saints. It is important to emphasise from the beginning what we mean here by 'saints'. Normally, we apply the word to people of extraordinary holiness who have been canonised or beatified by the Church. Among them, we each have our favourites: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, St Francis of Assisi, St Therese of Lisieux, St Anthony, St Joseph, St Jude and so on.

But today's feast uses the word 'saints' in a much wider sense. It refers to all those baptised Christians who have died and are now with God in glory. It also certainly includes all non-Christians who lived a good life sincerely, in accordance with the convictions of their conscience. While we do not know how many people we are talking about, we know it is a very large number. Putting it another way, there is no way we can decide which people have made an irrevocable choice to reject what is true and good and have chosen to be alienated from God forever. But hopefully, their number is much smaller.

There is a third group whom we will remember tomorrow, All Souls' Day. They are those who have died but still need a process of purification before they can come face to face with the all-holy God.

THE CALL TO HOLINESS

Pope Francis, in '*Gaudete et Exsultate*' (Rejoice and Be Glad), says that the call to holiness is addressed personally to each of us through living a life of love, charity and witness in everyday circumstances. The Second Reading reminds us today:

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are.*

Saints are not self-made people. They are people who have responded generously to the love of God showered on them. And the completion of that love is to be invited to share life with God forever in the life to come.

The Gospel chosen for today's feast is interesting. It gives us what we know as the Eight Beatitudes from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. It is, in fact, a charter for holiness. When many people think of holiness, they think of keeping the Ten Commandments and perhaps some other requirements of the Church, like going to Mass on Sundays or fasting during Lent. What we often tend to forget is that the Ten Commandments really belong to the Old Testament and are part of the Jewish law. Of course, they are still valid, and Jesus said clearly:

*Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. (Matt 5:17)*

We might say that the Beatitudes are an example of that fulfilment. The Beatitudes go far beyond the Ten Commandments in what they expect of a follower of Christ, and yet the sad thing is that one hears of relatively few Christians saying that they base their lives on the Beatitudes. When we go to confession, it is the Ten Commandments we normally refer to, rather than the Beatitudes. And this is sad because it is clear from their position in Matthew's Gospel that the Beatitudes have a central place. They are a kind of mission statement describing what kind of person the good Christian will be.

The general message is that those who embody the qualities expressed in the Beatitudes are truly blessed. Gentleness, mourning, thirsting for what is right, mercy, purity of heart and peacemaking are signs of the reign of God in our lives. In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our lives. In turn, the Beatitudes are our identity card as Christians.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR A

Solemnity: All Saints

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw an Angel ascending from the rising sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four Angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel. After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the Angels stood around the throne, around the elders and the four living creatures; they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Responsorial Psalm - Ps. 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**R: Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the river. R.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Someone who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up their soul to what is false. R.

That person will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

Readings for Sunday 8th November, 2026 -**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A****|| 1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16 ||****|| 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 ||****|| Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13 ||****Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-3**

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this; when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And ask who have this hope in God purify themselves. just as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive their mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

Prayer After Communion:

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER
FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH**

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**BAPTISM:**

LIST OF THE SICK: Richard Ward, Reg Murray, Therese Walz, Palesete Fa'ulua, Katalina Tatafu, Claire East, Joseph Macayan, Jean Marie Federic, Pierre Pepin, Leonie Stout, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Grace Tinker, Maria Barbara, Leonie Pike, Pat Phelan, Makasini Vave, Loretta Josephine Seupule, Leue Dunlop, Lino Dunlop, Cheryl Barrell, Lisimoa Hufanga, Norah Gibson, Sabrina Ellingsworth, John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, Sylvia Greene, Mayda Attachian, Tim Meagher, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Lorraine Phelan, Marie Purcell, Patrick Nolan Costa

Collection for the weekend of the 24th/25th October, 2026:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 723.75
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,926.55

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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be up in the church from next weekend!

Parishioners are invited to take a gift tag from the tree, featuring the details of a child, and purchase a Christmas gift especially for them.

Help us bring joy to children and families in need this Christmas through your kindness and generosity.
 More details to come!

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our children preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation have now begun their preparation sessions.

We ask our parish community to keep these children, their families and our Sacramental Team in your prayers as they journey together in faith and prepare to experience God's love, mercy and forgiveness through this beautiful sacrament.

The FaithFeed ECHO: 6 November

Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations?

Searching for a place where gifts among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered?

Register for TFF ECHO - an experience from The FaithFeed.
 Food, drink and live music provided!

Doors open at 7pm with live music from a 7:30pm start.

Register via parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-echo

Serving at the Altar Workshop: 14 November

A day of ongoing formation for acolytes and ministers of the altar will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre on Saturday 14 November, 2026 from 9:30am-3pm.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Topics covered: Basic structure of the Mass: including how various rites can be inserted into the Mass, practical scenarios of planning celebrations, the use of incense, benediction, planning Mass with the Bishop and time for all your questions. Please register by 9 November at parracatholic.org/events/ofw

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday November 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY**

- St Ignatius Tongan Mass, 2pm-4pm (Church)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3.30pm-6.30pm (SSR)

Monday November 2 - ALL SOULS' DAY

- RCIA Gathering, 4pm-5.30pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm-8pm (MMR)

Tuesday November 3

- Staff prayer & mtg, 3.45pm-5pm (SICR)
- Mt Druitt & District Reconciliation mtg, 5.30-7.30 (Dining/Kitchen)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8.30pm (MMR)
- HF Young Adults, 7.30pm-9.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday November 4

- Sacramental Process: First Reconciliation Session 3, 7pm-8pm (Church)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday November 5

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

Friday November 6

- Samoan Divine Mercy First Friday Adoration, 8pm-Midnight (Chapel)
- Samoan Community, 6.30pm-8.30pm (SSR)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm - 8.30pm (MMR)

Saturday November 7

- 'Tima Talks' Podcast, 2pm-4pm (MMR)
- Mass for All Souls', 3pm (North Chapel, Pinegrove Cemetery, Michinbury)
- AA mtg, 6.30-7.30pm (MMR)

Meeting Rooms:

SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;

MMR - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,

HFC - Holy Family Centre (All rooms)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 10 November** - Mass for Seniors & Anointing of the Sick, 11.30am - Church
- **Saturday 14 November** - Parish Working Bee, 8am-3pm
- **Tuesday 17 November** - Risk Management Committee meeting, 6.45pm-8pm (SICR)
- **Friday 20 November** - Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner for our Volunteers (CathWest Loyola)
- **Sunday 22 November** - Shared Lunch for Fr Renato's 80th Birthday, 12pm-3pm (School Hall)
- **Saturday 28 November** - Parish Choir sings at 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Lavender Bay Parish for the Feast of St Francis Xavier
- **Sunday 29 November** - First Sunday of Advent Yr B
- **Saturday 5 December** - Parish Christmas Carols
- **Friday 11 December** - Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation, 7.30pm
- **Sunday 27 December** - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Feast Day - Parish Celebration

PARISH VOLUNTEERS' THANKSGIVING MASS & DINNER

All parish volunteers are warmly invited to join us on **Friday 20 November** as we give thanks for your dedication and service.

Mass: 6pm at CathWest Loyola Chapel
BBO dinner: Following Mass at La Cova

Please scan the QR code to RSVP for catering purposes.
 We look forward to celebrating with you!





Holy Family, Emerton Early Learning Preschool

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2027

**8.15am – 3.45pm Mon to Fri
3-5 years**

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254 Luxford Rd Emerton NSW 2770**



Holy Family Parish Working Bee

Join us on **Saturday 14th November, 8am-3pm**, for our **Parish Working Bee** as we care for and beautify our grounds.

If you haven't collected your free plants from Blacktown Council, and would like to donate them to the parish, please complete the form at the back of the church.

Thank you! **All Are Welcome and Encouraged!**

FR RENATO'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Join us for a shared lunch to celebrate Fr Renato's 80th birthday on **Sunday 22 November**, immediately following the 10.30am Mass, in the Holy Family Primary School Hall.

All are welcome! Please bring a plate of food to share as we celebrate this special milestone together.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

Christmas Carols

Bring the family for a joyful evening!

- Carol singing • Live entertainment • Raffles •
- Free sausage sizzle & drinks • A special visit from Santa •

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2026

7pm – 9.30pm

Holy Family Primary School Grounds



**EVENT
PAGE**

Scan to view event details and updates.



**VOLUNTEER
SIGN UP**

Scan to express your interest in volunteering.



**PERFORMER
APPLICATION**

Scan to apply to perform at our Christmas Carols.



"COME AND SEE"

- ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLORE WITH US THE PLACE OF GOD
 - IN OUR OWN LIVES,
 - IN AND THROUGH THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you can respond with a YES to any of these questions, please contact Sr Carlene personally, or phone 02 9628 7272.

MASS FOR SENIORS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Join us on **Tuesday 10 November at 11.30am** in Holy Family Church, followed by a light lunch. A lovely opportunity to reconnect and share fellowship. Please RSVP to the Parish Office.

MASS FOR ALL SOULS – PINEGROVE CEMETERY

Join us on **Saturday 7 November at 3pm** in the North Chapel, Pinegrove Cemetery, as we remember our departed loved ones and pray for their eternal rest. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers to help distribute Christmas hampers to families in our community. If you can assist, please contact Malia at the Parish Office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling All Volunteers!
Can you help make our Christmas

Day lunch successful?

We are looking for volunteers leading up to Christmas, Christmas Day and after Christmas.

if you wish to express your interest in volunteering please scan the QR code.



Combined Churches of Mt Druitt



combined Churches of Mt Druitt Christmas Lunch



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