



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 Fr Renato for the

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus story of the Pharisee and the tax collector in the Temple."

In our first reading from the Book of Sirach, we read: *"The prayer of the humble reaches the clouds."*

At the end of today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus concludes his story about the two men who went to the Temple to pray by saying, *"For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."*

Jesus introduces his story "to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt." Jesus knew that some of the Pharisees—the religious leaders—did not like the tax collectors because they saw them as sinners and collaborators with the Roman occupiers.

Both men came to talk with God — the God of Jesus, his Father. The Pharisee relates to God from his heart, saying arrogantly, *"I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector."* Then he goes on to boast about his religious observances: *"I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."*

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less." — C. S. Lewis

This quality was missing in the prayer of the Pharisee. His prayer was that of a self-centred person. There was real effort and a commitment to holiness within his tradition, but his virtues made him forget that he remained weak and sinful, like other people. His sense of precise holiness took the place of true prayer. He went so far as to despise others while giving thanks for his own merits. By this attitude, he undermined his other virtues.

Pride is like a worm, destroying the apple at its core. Indeed, it turned him from speaking to God to talking about himself. His prayer died.

The tax collector, a sinner, prayed from the heart. While beating his breast, he said, *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."* Before God, the tax collector expressed his need in a humble way and sought what God is — *merciful*.

Genuine humility is simply recognizing the essential truth about ourselves. It is honest self-appraisal in God's presence, with no pretences, masks, or poses. In the presence of the all-holy, all-powerful God, each of us knows ourselves as weak, imperfect, and indeed sinful — and with this, we recognize our need for mercy.

There is no bribe we can offer to blot out our guilt. There is no pressure we can exert (as we might among ourselves) to gain credit we do not deserve. Our best recourse is a humble spirit; this attitude will draw down on us divine mercy and grace.

The tax collector felt this need for complete honesty as he stood in the Temple of God. *"Lord, be merciful,"* he said — and went home with his sins forgiven and with relief in his heart.

Let us ponder the two ways of knowing God and knowing ourselves as we ask: *What is my way — the way of the Pharisee or the way of the tax collector?*

"Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real." — Thomas Merton

The virtue of humility: *"Humility is in fact nothing other than the love of God; but to call this love 'humility' is to pinpoint especially the quality of other-directness in love — love as handing oneself over in trust, letting God be the Lord of one's being."*

As the tax collector did — letting God *"be the Lord of his being"* — mercy. Humility is a virtue rooted in the truth of who we are and in the giftedness of our lives.

Mother Mary models the meaning of humility through her absolute dependence on God and trust in God's fidelity.

***"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* — Micah 6:8**



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"God, be
MERCIFUL
to me,
a sinner!"

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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: Sirach 35: 12-14

The Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. The Lord will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint. The person whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and their prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds and does justice for the righteous, and executes judgment. Indeed, the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm - 33: 2-3, 17-19, 23
R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Il will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. R.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles. R.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. R.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR OCTOBER 2025**

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

*Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.
Amen.*

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**BAPTISMS:**

LIST OF THE SICK: Richard Ward, Marie Purcell, 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: Clara Pizzi, Margaret Carter, Jamie Adamantidis

RECENTLY DECEASED: Don McKechnie

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Prayer After Communion:

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**In Loving Memory of Gerry Greene**

We mourn the passing of our dear brother in faith, Gerry, a devoted parishioner since the late 1960s. Gerry was a man of deep faith and quiet service — devoted to God, his family, and the wider community. For decades he served as acolyte, sacristan, and minister to the sick, always generous with his time, wisdom, and care for others. We thank God for the gift of Gerry's life and faithful witness among us.

May he rest in eternal peace in the loving embrace of our Lord.

Funeral Mass:
Monday, 27 October, 2025
at 10:30am
here in Holy Family Church.

Readings for Sunday 2nd November, 2025: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

\\ 1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9 // \\ 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 5-11 // \\ Gospel: Luke 7: 11-17 //

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 18th / 19th October 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 766.65
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	\$ 2,196.55
Catholic Mission Appeal	\$ 408.30

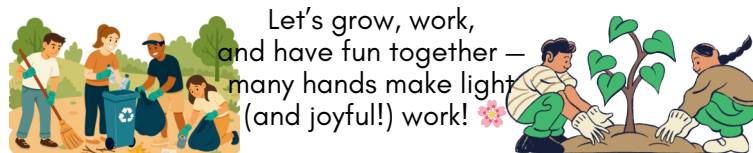
DIRECT PARISH DONATIONSOnline contributions for the **Priests of the Diocese** (1st collection)**Acc Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy****BSB: 067 950 Acc No: 004265****Make sure to Reference: 6024 and Your Name**Online contributions for **Parish Expenses** (2nd collection)**Acc Name: Mount Druitt Catholic 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.

Holy Family Parish Working Bee

Join us on **Saturday 15th November, 8am-3pm**, for a great day of teamwork, laughter, and community spirit as we care for and beautify our parish grounds together! Bring the family, roll up your sleeves, and help make our parish shine.

If you haven't collected your free plants from Blacktown Council (or don't plan to), you're welcome to donate them to the parish – just fill out the form at the back of the church.



Let's grow, work,
and have fun together –
many hands make light
(and joyful!) work!

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.

If you can assist with selling tickets, please see our fundraising team (sellers).
Thank you for your support!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ROSTER**for next week: 1st/2nd NOVEMBER 2025**

5.30pm Vigil Mass	Minister at the Altar: J. Gillman / P. Morrell Minister of the Word: F. Hinder / G. Bruton Eucharistic Minister: R. Murray 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: D. Mullins / P. Tuimavave Eucharistic Minister: AV Operator:

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 October 26**

- Baptism, 11.45am (Church)
- Tongan Catholic Chaplain - Diocese of Parramatta Mass 2pm (Rosary from 1pm)
- HF Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Community, 12pm-3pm (SSR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)

Monday October 27

- Funeral Mass for the late **GERRY GREENE**, 10.30am (Church)
- Prep for Sacraments - Adults, 4pm (SICR)
- Baptism Prep - Infant, 5.30pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday October 28

- Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
- Wedding, 2pm (Church)
- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- HF Young Adults, 6.30pm (Church)

Wednesday October 29

- Free Community Podiatry, 10am-3pm, (SSR)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- Children's Preparation Session for First Reconciliation, 7pm (Church)

Thursday October 30

- SRE Meeting, 9.30am-11am (SICR)
- Baptism Prep - School Age, 3pm (SICR)
- Parish Choir, 7pm-9pm (Church)

Friday October 31

- Baptism Prep, 10am (SICR)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday November 1

- HF Tongan Choir, 2pm - 4.30pm (Church)
- 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
Tue 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Sat 8 th November	Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa & Holy Shrine of Innocents, Kellyville
Sun 9 th November	Mass for All Souls, 3pm (Pinegrove Cemetery)
Fri 14 th November	The FaithFeed Echo - Night of Praise and Worship Led by our Holy Family Young Adults, 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.
Sat 15 th November	Parish Working Bee 8am-3pm
Tue 25 th November	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
Fri 21 st 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 St Mary's Parish, Nth Sydney, 6.00pm
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
Wed 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve Mass Times: 6.00pm (Children & Family Mass) 8.30pm (Mass at Willmot) 12.00am Midnight Mass
Thur 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Mass: 9.00am - Christmas Day Lunch, Doors open 11.00am (School Hall)

Walking Together in Healing – Share Your Ideas for the Apology Commemoration

Each year the Mt. Druitt and Districts Reconciliation Group holds an event on February 13th to Commemorate The Apology to The Stolen Generations. This event acknowledges the pain felt by thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because of the forced removal of children, the loss of connection to family, language, land, culture and tradition.

Our group is conscious that whilst the Apology was genuine and honest, the removal of children is continuing at a very high rate. We are seeking suggestions about how we should mark the date of the Apology in the future.

If you are interested in how we should proceed please join us at Baabayn next Tuesday October 28th at 10.30am.

Any questions – ring John Spradbrow 0400 429 951.

Parish Christmas Carols – Saturday 6th December!

Time: 6:30pm-10:00pm

Location: School Grounds (Basketball Court)

Join us for a joyful evening of music, community, and Christmas cheer as we gather for our Parish Christmas Carols under the stars!

Bring your family, friends, picnic rugs, and festive spirit for a night of celebration and togetherness. ✨

We're now calling for volunteers and performers to help make this wonderful night come alive!

★ **Volunteers** – We need helping hands for:

- Setup and pack-up
- Cooking and serving at the BBQ
- Welcoming guests
- Children's activities and general assistance

🎵 **Performers** – Do you love to sing, dance, or play music?

We'd love to feature parishioners and community groups who can share their talents and spread the joy of Christmas through music and performance.

To sign up, please complete the form at the back of the church, scan the QR code, or contact the parish office.

Let's make this year's Carols a night to remember – a celebration of faith, joy, and community! ✨

🚗 Mt Druitt Transport Assembly – 5 November

The Sydney Alliance and 2770 Collective are hosting a Transport Assembly to discuss public transport issues in Mt Druitt. Community members will share concerns and ideas, with NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Transport Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP attending.

When: Wednesday, 5 Nov, 11 AM-1 PM at Bidwill Uniting Church, 26 Bidwill Square, Bidwill.

Scan the QR code for more info and registration.



✨ Parish Pilgrimage – Holy Doors of Hope ✨

All parishioners are warmly invited to join our Parish Pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year of Hope, as we journey together through the Holy Doors.



Saturday, 8th November

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa

Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville



The day begins with prayer at Holy Family Parish, followed by travel to the shrines.

The pilgrimage will include time for quiet reflection, Stations of the Cross, and will conclude with Mass.

✚ Confession available

🏰 Mass will be celebrated

👉 Please RSVP via the QR code or by contacting the Parish Office to help us plan transport and logistics.



Come walk with us through the Holy Doors and experience Christ's hope and mercy with our parish family!

Parish Mass for All Souls

at Pinegrove Cemetery.

Sunday 9th November at 3:00pm

[Nth Chapel, Pinegrove, Minchinbury]



We warmly invite you to join us in prayer and remembrance at our All Souls Mass, as we gather to honour and give thanks for the lives of our dearly departed.

You are welcome to bring flowers, which will be blessed during the Mass and can then be taken to the resting places of your loved ones as a sign of love, hope, and ongoing connection.

Let us come together in faith, comfort, and quiet remembrance.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."



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FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 7PM

HOSTED AT EMERTON PARISH: 252-254 LUXFORD RD, EMERTON NSW 2770

ECHOING THE GOD WHO WORKS IN US, AMONG US AND AROUND US

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM WITH LIVE MUSIC FOR 7:00PM START



SCAN TO RSVP OR CONTACT MET@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG