



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 - Saturday
9.00am only

Saturday: Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

Mass at Willmot
No Masses at Willmot over the
Christmas Break.

7.30am Sunday Masses to continue
on Sunday 26th January, 2025.

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

Feast of the Holy Family: Year C

Children are full of surprises! This is indeed the observation and experience of many parents, grandparents, neighbours and teachers as they recall particular incidents or memories. Such is the case in today's Gospel where we hear about a childhood incident in the life of Jesus.

Previously Luke the evangelist has told us that the child to be born to Mary would be called "Son of God" (1:35). In today's episode (2:41-52), Luke recounts how twelve year old Jesus stays behind in the Temple at Jerusalem. The child seems to have abandoned his parents. Imagine the panic and anxiety!

Three days later the parents find Jesus "in the Temple... among the doctors... listening to them... asking them questions", and astounding them (surprise!) Luke then discloses Mary and Joseph's feelings, and Jesus' reply (a further surprise!!) "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?"

- *Paramount in Jesus' life is obedience to his divine Fater.*
- *What are our PRIORITIES in life?*

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM: We welcome in the church, Asher Kumarasinghe, who was baptised last Sunday 22nd December, 2024.

LIST OF THE SICK: John Murray, Lemisio Fa'ulua, 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:

HOLY FAMILY SERVICES CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR CLOSURE DATES

Holy Family Parish Office: 24/12/2024 - 07/01/2025

Holy Family Primary School: 19/12/2024-31/01/2025

Holy Family Pre-School: 20/12/2024-30/01/2025

Ignite Food Store & Clothing Shop:

20/12/2024-15/01/2025

St Vincent De Paul Hub: 17/12/2024 - 15/01/2025

The Shed: 24/12/2024-02/01/2025

Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation:

20/12/2024-13/01/2025

Aboriginal Catholic Services:

20/12/2024-29/01/2025

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Presbytery: (02) 9628 7272
Emergency Food Relief: (13 18 12 select option 3)
Mt Druitt Police: (02) 8805 8399
Lifeline Australia: (13 11 14)

Parish Collections: 21/22 December 2024

1st Collection
(for the priests of the diocese)
\$ 919.85

2nd Collection:
(for parish expenses)
\$ 2,188.00

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Join us in welcoming the
new year with a special
Mass of Thanksgiving at
9 a.m. on Wednesday:
January 1st, 2025.



- Pope Francis' Prayer
Intention for December -
- For Pilgrims of Hope -

We pray that this Jubilee
Year strengthen our faith,
helping us to recognise the
Risen Christ in our daily
lives, and that it may
transform us into pilgrims of
Christian hope.



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

Feast of the Holy Family



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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: Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow.

But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will forever him as a nazirite for all time."

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, a measure of flour, and a skin of wine.

She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child do Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." She left him there for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 83 (84): 2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R.v.5

R: Blessed are those who live in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. R.

Blessed are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion. R.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!
Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed. R.

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness. R.

Readings for Sunday 5th January, 2025:

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

// 1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 //

// 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 //

// Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12 //

**Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24**

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.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Whoever obeys his commandments abides in him, and he abides in them.

And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?!"

But they did not understand what he said to them.

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them.

His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in favour with God and human beings.

Prayer After Communion:

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.