



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 Fr Renato for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

"Being Rich in the Sight of God vs Greed"

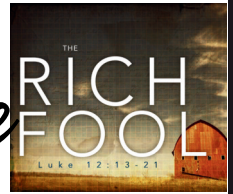
Our attitude to material things is the subject of today's readings. It is about the things that we really regard important in our lives. The readings also suggest that what we are is of far greater importance than what we have. We read in the Book of Ecclesiastes this is a book preoccupied not with God and the heavenly, but with earthly or temporal things in this life. "the vanities of vanities." But the author is interested in them only because he wishes to highlight the emptiness of them, the 'vanity' at the heart of them. Ultimately discontented because he sees through everything. All of it is, fundamentally, for nothing. It's all empty, meaningless. 'Vanity of vanities. This reflection prepares us for the Gospel teaching about the folly of wealth. "A person's life is not made secure by what the person owns." Jesus makes this point about the rich man in the parable who believed his future was secure, and that his good fortune was entirely due to his own merits. It must have come as a shock to learn that his life was God's to give and God's to take away. We might even feel a sneaking admiration for this industrious man. There is in all of us some streak of greed and covetousness, wanting to own things at all costs. Greed the overwhelming desire for more can spring from lack of love, and many people try to fill that void with property and celebrity. And we have the person who asks Jesus to tell his brother to give him a share of their inheritance. Jesus is not interested and sees through what is being asked of him. Perhaps we know people who dispute wills and take family members to court to get more than their share of money. Or claim that they are owed more than what was willed to a person who gave their life caring for a parent or parents when the family home was left to them. And in criminality persons who are drug traffickers they do this because they want to make a big amount of money and other dishonest ways of getting money feeding their greed. Albert Einstein says "Three great forces rule the world: stupidity, fear and greed." Jesus opposes such self-seeking and wants us to face the question: What are my hopes for the life hereafter? We "lay up treasure in heaven", by living with integrity, not only honouring God but also caring for our neighbour. To live a good, honourable life we need to put to death our vices, especially greed which is like worshipping a false god. Nothing can better show the relativity of money than the question, "This pile of yours, when death comes knocking - whose shall it be?" When we die we will be stripped of all material goods, even those legitimately acquired. What remains is the quality of our life and how we have made use of our goods, be they much or little for the greater praise and glory of God and neighbour. St Paul understands Christ's teaching well and declares, "Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on things on earth" (Colossians 3:2). Life in Christ is the only wealth worth having, a wealth that endures for ever. "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." ~ Albert Pike

It makes no sense to accumulate if one day we will die. What we must accumulate is love, and the ability to share, the ability not to remain indifferent when faced with the needs of others.

Pope Francis



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What does a person get from all their toil and strain, their toil under the sun? For their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their mind does not rest. This also is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn human back to dust, and say,
"Turn back, you children of Adam."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night. R.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers. R.

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants! R.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands. R.

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:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmen Barrows

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But Jesus said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And Jesus said to the crowd, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then Jesus told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Prayer After Communion:

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.

Readings for Sunday 10th August, 2025: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9 // \\ 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 // \\ Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48 //

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 26th/27th July 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 763.80
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,996.95

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!

Vinnies Winter Appeal 2025

This winter, help people break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

More than 122,000 people are currently experiencing homelessness in Australia, including 35,000 people in NSW - the most of any state or territory. There's no one face of homelessness with people of all ages and backgrounds susceptible to going from stability to precarity in a short span of time. Homelessness could affect a neighbour, a colleague, a relative - it's never a choice, but sometimes it's the only option.

The Society works with people experiencing and at risk of homelessness every day, providing individual assistance with food, clothing, household bills, counselling, housing and early intervention support to prevent hardship from becoming chronic. We're able to make this impact because of the generosity and goodwill shown by supporters of the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

• You can donate online at www.vinnies.org.au or by phone at 13 18 12

• Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday August 3**

- Holy Family Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- 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)
- PPC Mtg, 4pm-6pm (SICR)

Monday August 4

- Funeral Mass for the late CARMEN BARROWS, 10.30am Viewing, 11am Mass (Church)
- RCIA Process, 4pm-5.30pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday August 5

- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- Mt Druitt & District Reconciliation Group, 5.30pm-8pm (Dining/ Kitchen)

Wednesday August 6 - St VdP Hub Closed

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- First Holy Communion Information Session for Parents/ Carers only, 7pm (Church)

Thursday August 7

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

Friday August 8

- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday August 9

- Mass and Anointing of the Sick, 9am (Church)
- 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
Fri 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times: 9.15am and 6.30pm 
Sat 23 rd / Sun 24 th August	SRE Recruitment Appeal at all Masses.
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
Tue 14 th October	Mass for Seniors at 11.30am Followed by light lunch in the church.
20 th - 22 nd October	Jesuit Parishes Conference (Melbourne)
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) Last chance to express interest. Please scan the QR code to complete the form online. 
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)

CURIOUS ABOUT THE BIBLE? WANT TO PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE BUT UNSURE OF WHERE AND HOW TO START?

Holy Family Young Adults invite you to an introduction night around the fire.

Get to know us and each other as we begin the journey through our new series,

"Praying with the Bible" lead by Fr Cao

Date: Wednesday, AUG 13th

Time: 7pm-9:30pm

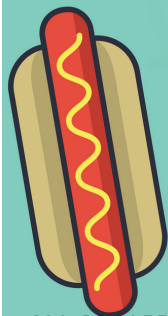
Place: Holy Family Centre in the Courtyard
(11 Emert Pde, Emerton)



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ACYF SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER



\$3.00 SAUSAGE SANDWICH
\$4.00 COMBO
\$1.50 DRINKS

SELLING NEXT SUNDAY 10th AUGUST

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR PATRONS ATTENDING
THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025

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ART & MUSIC PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 7PM

HOSTED AT ST JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC PARISH GLENWOOD-STANHOPE GARDENS
160 PERFECTION AVENUE STANHOPE GARDENS

ECHOING THE GOD WHO WORKS IN US, AMONG US AND AROUND US
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM WITH LIVE MUSIC FOR 7:00PM START

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.

17 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

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage

As of this Sunday, our young adult pilgrims were in their final days of the Jubilee of Youth in Rome (July 28 – August 3, 2025), a powerful week of faith, community, and encounter with thousands of Catholic youth from around the world. They return home on August 5. Throughout the week, they:

- Venerated the relics of soon-to-be saints – Blessed Carlo Acutis, digital missionary and promoter of Eucharistic devotion
- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, devoted to prayer, service, and the poor
- Entered the Holy Door during the Jubilee Year of Hope
- Walked in the footsteps of saints across the Eternal City
- Joined in prayer, catechesis, adoration, and pilgrimage
- Celebrated with youth from around the world in joyful liturgies
- Experienced the living, universal Church in a profound and personal way

Thank you for your prayers. May this pilgrimage continue to bear fruit in their lives as they return home renewed in faith and hope.

#JubileeOfYouth #RomePilgrimage
#DioceseofParramatta #CarloAcutis #PierGiorgioFrassati
#PrayForOurPilgrims #CatholicYouth #HolyYear2025
#VivalFuturiSanti

