



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.

Parish Office:

Located in the Holy Family Centre
(via 11 Emert Pde, Emerton NSW 2770)

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Monday - Thursday: 9.00am - 4.30pm
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Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt
<https://fb.me/HFPMtDruitt>

Or visit our website:
www.holyfamily.org.au

PARISH TEAM

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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 7.30am

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 Cao for the

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

In today's Gospel John the Baptist invites us to "look" at Jesus who is "coming towards us". He is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We have become so accustomed to these words in every Mass that they no longer strike us. The "Lamb" gives an impression of someone who is passive, someone "meek and mild". Jesus is not that 'kind of person', but a "lamb" who is powerful and energetic and effectively "takes away" sin from our community.

Jesus is the model, the lamb whose blood was sprinkled on the door posts on the night of the Exodus. Disciples of Jesus are also "lambs" to the extent that they are ready to accept suffering. This is not to say that suffering is a value in itself. It tells us that true disciples do not stand aloof and are not afraid to make themselves vulnerable: being criticised unfairly, being disappointed in people, and being the occasional failure.

"takes away the sin of the world" is the purpose of the Lamb. It tells us that Jesus is an activist; he does not merely oppose sin in theory, he "takes it away". He does not accept sin as inevitable; he wages war against it. Jesus has a distinctive way of "taking away sin". He does it by being the "lamb of God".

As individuals and as a community we have tended to water down this aspect of Jesus' mission and our mission. For example, we resign ourselves to accepting evil on the grounds that it is inevitable and, in any case, we are powerless to do anything about it; we say to ourselves - and to others - that this is how life is and we must accept it. Sometimes, we "spiritualise" sin, saying things like "we must hate sin but love the sinner", "we pray for sinners", "we are all sinners in our own way", etc. These are all important, Christian sentiments, but in practice they are used all too often to cover up the fact that we are not "taking away" some evil in our community.

Let us be ready to accept suffering and follow the footstep of the "Lamb", and testify that Jesus, "the lamb of God takes away the sin of the world."



Source: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Jan 18, 2026) Free Resources and Reflections - Young Catholics



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR A

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength. He says, "It is too small a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God. R.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required. R.

Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart." R.

I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord. R.

Mass & Parish Schedule Announcement -
Willmot & Emerton

Following the Christmas holiday period, our regular parish schedule has now resumed.

Willmot Sunday Mass:

7:30am

Emerton - Mass Schedule**Weekend Masses:**

- Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
- Sunday: 9:00am & 10:30am

Weekday Masses:

- Monday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00am
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 6:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration (Emerton):

- Wednesday: 5:30pm - 6:00pm
- Saturday: 9:30am - 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

- Saturday: 9:30am - 10:00am, or by appointment

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

From Paul, called to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and from our brother Sosthenes. To the Church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and remain on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

Prayer After Communion:

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 25th January 2026:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

\\ 1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 - 9: 3 //

\\ 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17 //

\\ Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23 //

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026****For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. Amen.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

LIST OF THE SICK: Richard Ward, Marie Purcell, Soane Quensell, Pam Picart-Manalac, Katea Vave, Kim Ahmad, Vivian Masters, Makasini Vave, Fifita Sitanu, Loretta Josephine Seupule, Leue Dunlop, Lino Dunlop, Cheryl Barrell, Lisiomoa 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, Emma Lawrence, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Julianne Santos

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kay Weston, Antonio Badua.

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 10th / 11th January:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 693.75
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	\$ 1,806.35
Tongan Mass	\$ 187.30

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.

Expression of Interest – Catechists (SRE)

Our parish is seeking volunteers to serve as **Catechists for Special Religious Education (SRE)** in local state schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to share faith with children and support our parish mission.

We need your help.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Volunteer with St Vincent de Paul – Emerton Conference

Our parish St Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for volunteers to help support those in need in our community.

If you can give some time and heart to this important work, please contact Georg: Georg.Eberlevinnies.org.au OR contact the Parish Office for more information.

Your help makes a real difference!**Volunteer in the Parish Office – Expression of Interest**

We are seeking volunteers to assist with administrative tasks in the parish office.

If you can offer your time and help keep our parish running smoothly, please contact the Parish Office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Parish Office Notice

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday 23 January.

The office will also be closed / unattended from Monday 26 January to Friday 30 January.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday January 18

Monday January 19

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday January 20

- Staff Meeting, 3pm-5pm (SICR)

Wednesday January 21

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday January 22

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

Friday January 23

- Holiday Program: Austinmer Beach (Office Closed)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Saturday January 24

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Meeting Rooms:

SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;

MMR - Mary MacKillop Meeting Room,

HFC - Holy Family Centre

SUMMER FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2026

Fun, family-friendly outings for local families this summer! 

Austinmer Beach Day – Fri 23 Jan

Tickets: \$5 pp/ per trip (0-2 years old is free)

Tickets & full flyer: www.holyfamily.org.au
Tickets still available from the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – ROSTER AVAILABILITY

To assist with preparing the roster for our weekend Masses, all liturgical ministers are asked to please submit their availability.



Kindly scan the QR code and complete the form by 31st January 2026.

Thank you for your ongoing service and support of our parish liturgy.

SERVE THE LORD IN HIS WORD AND SACRAMENT

The next **Liturgical Ministry Training Course** will be held in Blacktown and Penrith in 2026.

Enrolments close Friday, 23rd January 2026
(or earlier if full).

Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church.

Please return the signed form as soon as possible to secure your place.

Notice of Works on Front Pavement – Church Access

Please be advised that the concrete on the front pavement has now been poured and is currently drying.

During this time:

- The front stairs and ramp remain closed
- Disabled parking is unavailable for safety reasons
- Access to the church is via the driveway near the disabled parking area only

The temporary fencing will be removed next week once the concrete has fully set.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation as these essential works are completed.



SING A NEW SONG! SCHOOL HOLIDAY MUSIC WORKSHOP

COME ALONG FOR A FUN DAY OF SINGING AND
EXPLORATION OF SACRED MUSIC

SESSION DATE & TIME

Primary & High School
Years 4 - 12

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

9:30am - 2pm

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, CLOISTER HALL
MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

STUDENTS WILL FORM A CHOIR TO LEAD THE
SINGING AT THE 11AM SOLEMN MASS
WITH BISHOP VINCENT
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
SUNDAY 25 JANUARY



FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
SCAN THE QR CODE
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY

HOLY FAMILY PARISH - ON-SITE SERVICES Christmas & Summer Closure Dates 2025-2026

Parish Office:

Open Mon - Thur: 9am - 4.30pm; Fri: 9am - 3.30pm.
Closed on weekends and public holidays.

Holy Family Primary School:
18/12/2025 - 27/01/2026

Life Start: 19/12/2025 - 05/01/2026

Holy Family Pre-School: 19/12/2025 - 27/01/2026

Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation:
19/12/2025 - 16/01/2026

Heart icon
Programs recommence February 2026

Willmot Community Hub & JSS:
Contact: 02 9628 2288

Ignite Food Store: Open Mon-Fri: 8.00am - 3.15pm

St Vincent de Paul Hub(Vinnies):
10/12/2025 - 21/01/2026

Aboriginal Catholic Services:
18/12/2025 - 05/01/2026

• OzHarvest Hampers resume: 8 January 2026

The Shed
17 Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.
Closed on weekends and public holidays.

For urgent matters, please contact:
(02) 9628 7272

Safeguarding Training for Parishes of the Blacktown Deanery:

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in Ministry at Parishes in the Blacktown Deanery are now due to update their Safeguarding Training Modules.

If you are new to Ministry and have not begun any Safeguarding Training? Complete Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).

Face-to-Face Cycle 1 opportunities are available on:

- Wednesday 11th February at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown (9.30am-2.30pm)

Did you complete Cycle 1 Modules two years ago? Complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2).

Face-to-Face Cycle 2 opportunities are available on:

- Mondays evenings 16th (Mod 4) and 23rd February (Mod 5) at St Andrew's Marayong (7.00pm-8.30pm)
- Monday 23rd February at St Andrew's Marayong (10.00am-1.30pm)
- Wednesday 11th March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown (9.30am-1.00pm)

Did you renew your Cycle 2 Modules 4 & 5 two years ago? Complete Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3).

Face-to-Face Cycle 3 opportunity is available on:

- Monday 10th February at St Andrew's Marayong (10.00am-12.00noon)

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed independently online at:
<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

You can register for the Face to Face Training opportunities at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For further inquiries please contact your Parish Office or email the Office for Safeguarding at:
safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Ash Wednesday - 18th February
Mass time: 8.30am & 6.00pm
- Mass for Seniors: - Tuesdays 10th March, 4th August, 10th November, at 11.30am
- Lenten Second Rite of Reconciliation - Wednesday 11th March, 6.45pm
- Easter Sunday - 5th April
- Virtual Marian Pilgrimage - Saturday 2nd May
- Reconciliation Walk, Saturday 23rd May
- Sacrament of Confirmation, Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm
- Matthew Pinson's First Mass Celebration after Ordination to the Priesthood, Sunday 9th August
- Parish Working Bee - Saturday 17th October
- Memorial Mass for All Souls' - Saturday 7th November, 3pm at Nth Chapel, Pinegrove Cemetery
- Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation - Wednesday 9th December, 6.45pm
- Christmas Carols - Saturday 5th December, 7pm-10pm