

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

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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

MASSES AT WILLMOT TO CONTINUE ON SUNDAY 15 NOV AT 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.

Reflection from Sr Carlene for the

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

STEWARDSHIP

As we approach the end of the church year, our liturgy presents us with texts inviting us to ponder questions of life and death, including our day of final reckoning. Last Sunday's Gospel reading (Mt 25:1-13) about the wise and foolish bridesmaids introduces us to this train of thought, and today's Gospel (Mt 25: 14-30) about talents develops it even further.

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS:

In this story "a man going on a journey" entrusts his property to three slaves. "To each according to his ability", the man gives a large sum of money: ten talents, five talents, and one talent respectively (a talent being the equivalent of 1000 days' wages for an ordinary labourer). The man does not give any instructions about what to do with the unds so each of the slaves handles the wealth in a different way.

When the man returns, he demands an audit. Learning that two of the slaves have doubled their given amounts, he praises and rewards them (v.19-23). However, when he finds out that the fear-ridden third slave hoarded his talent and did nothing with it, he condemns that slave and deals harshly with him.

The story concludes with these words: *"For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away" (v.29)*

THE MEANING OF THIS PARABLE TODAY:

The parable of the talents is open to many interpretations. It may help us think "outside the box", turn our expectations upside down, and provoke us into some form of action. Therefore, let us ask ourselves:

- Of the three "slaves" in the story, with whom do we identify?
- How have we used our gifts and talents? For personal gain only? For enriching the lives of others?
- Do we regard ourselves as stewards of God's gifts?
- Our neighbours, parish, country and planet have all been entrusted to us. How do we care for these gifts?

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM: We welcomed into the community Isaac Smith and Michael Taateo, who were baptised last Sunday 8 November, 2026.

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, Tim Meagher, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Fara Vargas, Fe Llave, Stella Edwards, Boyet Llave.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES: Donna Mullins, Robert Bobby Pike

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Hanh

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

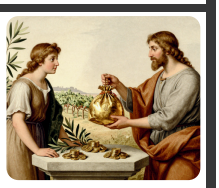
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Amen.

The Parable of the Talents

SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR A

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A capable wife, who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps. 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.
You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. R.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table. R.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life. R.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief. You are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you have handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Prayer After Communion:

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Collection for the weekend of the 7th/8th November, 2026:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	**$ 974.70**
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	**$ 2,216.30**

DIRECT PARISH DONATIONS

Online contributions for the **Priests of the Diocese** (1st collection)

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BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL - HELP A YOUNG MOTHER BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS.

This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story.
Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children.
Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code.
Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGY: 11 NOVEMBER

An online information session is being held on Wednesday 11 November at 8pm, for all those interested in the Undergraduate Certificate of Theology being offered by BBI Taite in partnership with the Diocese of Parramatta. Learn more about the course structure, delivery modes and assessment from Profession Gerard Moore, BBI Taite Principal and Course Coordinator. Register here: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=theology

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday November 15
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (HFC)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)

Monday November 16
- RCIA Gathering, 4pm-5.30pm (SICR)
- AA mtg, 7pm-8pm (MMR)

Tuesday November 17
- Staff prayer & mtg, 3.45pm-5pm (SICR)
- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8.30pm (MMR)
- Risk Mgmt Committee mtg, 6.45pm-8pm (SICR)
- HF Young Adults, 7.30pm-9.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday November 18
- Sacramental Process: First Reconciliation Session #4, 7pm-8pm (Church)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

Thursday November 19
- Renovation works to commence in the chapel (Chapel)
- Parish Choir, 7pm-9pm (SSR)

Friday November 20
- Renovation works in the chapel (Chapel)
- Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner, 6pm-9.30pm (CathWest College, Loyola campus, Mt Druitt)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm - 8.30pm (MMR)

Saturday November 21
- 'Tima Talks' Podcast, 2pm-4pm (MMR)
- Samoan Choir, 4-5pm (Church)
- 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

- **Sunday 22 November** - 80th Birthday Party for Fr Renato, after the 10.30am Mass in the School Hall.
- **Tuesday 24 November** - Ordination to the Presbyterate of Rev Mr Jeff Hood, Rev Mr Paul Tran and Rev Mr Luke Huynh, 7.30pm Mass (St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta)
- **Wednesday 25 November** - Sacramental Process: First Reconciliation, 7pm
- **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

CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

Renovation works will take place in the chapel from Thursday 19 to Tuesday 24 November. During this time, Mass will be celebrated in the main area of the church. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

"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.

World Day of the Poor — Sunday 15 November 2026
"The Lord is the refuge of the poor." (cf. Ps 14:6)



Loving God,
you are the refuge of the poor.
Open our eyes to those in need
and our hearts to respond with compassion.
May those facing poverty, hunger or loneliness
find hope, dignity and friendship among us.
Teach us to share generously
and recognise Christ in every person we meet.
Amen.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

SENIORS' MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thank you to everyone who attended our Seniors' Mass and Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday 10 November, and to all who contributed, volunteered and served during the liturgy and refreshments afterwards. Though our numbers were small, our hearts were full as we gathered in faith and friendship. The Prayers of Intercession were especially moving as we remembered our loved ones who have passed away. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next time—and hopefully a few more familiar and new faces!

PARISH WORKING BEE

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped at our Working Bee on Saturday 14 November and donated plants to beautify our church grounds. We are very grateful for your time, effort and generosity. We hope even more parishioners can join us next time as we care for our parish home, build friendships and grow together as a parish family.



CELEBRATE FR RENATO'S 80TH BIRTHDAY!

Join us on **Sunday 22 November**, after the **10:30am Mass, in the school hall** for a potluck shared lunch to celebrate **Fr Renato's 80th birthday.**

Please bring a dish to share as we gather in thanksgiving for his life and ministry.
All are welcome!
Fr Renato has requested no presents.
If you wish, please consider a donation towards the Jesuits' Pakistan Mission instead.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Help bring Christmas joy to a child!

Take a tag from our Giving Tree and purchase a gift suitable for the child's age and gender.

Please return your gift to the church or parish office by Sunday 6 December, with the original tag attached. The family number on the tag helps us ensure your gift reaches the allocated family.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Christmas Hamper Appeal!

FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM – REGISTER YOUR FAMILY

Our 2027 Summer Holiday Program will be released soon! Register your family online to receive updates and details on upcoming activities.
Please note: family registration does not secure a place in an activity.
Expressions of interest will open once the program is released.

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 you interest in volunteering please scan the QR code.

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