



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:

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Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt

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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 Sr Carlene for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 18: 1-8

"PRAY ALWAYS and STAY STRONG IN THE FAITH"

Today we pray together the psalm response: *"Our help is in the name of the Lord"*. Do we really mean it? If so, what do we mean by it?

Moving on to the Gospel (Lk 18: 1-8) we have a timely reminder in the opening words; "Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart". The ensuing story about the persistent widow and the unjust judge is then followed by those arresting questions and a pertinent instruction from Jesus.

As with most parables, we have some of our values and perceptions turned upside down. The widow in the story wanted justice. She had no husband or family to support and defend her, and no benefits of social security payments yet she never gave up. This feisty woman pestered the self-centred judge so incessantly that he ended up doing the right thing for the wrong reason. It was in his best interests not just in the sense of getting her off his back, but also in moving him a tiny step toward the possibility of understanding the value of justice and coming to appreciate it.

At this point we are asked "to notice what the unjust judge has to say" and we are reassured that God will see justice done to his chosen... and done speedily." God is not like a heartless, unjust judge; God welcomes us as God's own children.

We are called to be constantly aware of our relationship with God and to persist in our practice of faith. God knows our hearts and thoughts, our wants and needs. God hears our prayers. The difficulty lies with us; so often we don't know our own needs. We pray then not to change God's mind but to change ourselves so that we can see more clearly what it is that God wants from us.

"Our help is in the name of the Lord."

🌟 Congratulations, Sr Carlene Allen! 🌟

On Tuesday 14th October, at the 14th Annual Chifley Coral McLean Awards, our very own Sr Carlene Allen, Pastoral Associate at Holy Family Parish Mount Druitt, was honoured as this year's award recipient – and we couldn't be prouder! 🌸

For nearly 18 years, Sr Carlene has been a quiet but powerful force in our parish and wider community – walking alongside families, supporting new mothers, advocating for women, visiting the elderly, and strengthening faith in countless homes. 🧡

She's also played a key role in promoting reconciliation through her involvement in the Mount Druitt and District Reconciliation Committee, helping organise the Reconciliation Walk and the Apology Event commemorations.

Described by many as a "pillar of support", Sr Carlene leads with deep spirituality, compassion, and unwavering commitment to social justice. This award is a beautiful recognition of a lifetime of selfless service and love in action.

Please join us in congratulating Sr Carlene on this well-earned honour. Your parish family is so proud of you! 🙌🙌



SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR C

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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: Exodus 17: 8-13

Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hands, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

Responsorial Psalm - 120

R. Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills-
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. R.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep. R.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night. R.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore. 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.

Parish Office Closure

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 20 October to Wednesday 22 October, as staff will be attending the Jesuit Parishes Conference in Melbourne. The office will reopen on Thursday 23 October. Thank you for your understanding.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the one who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for any human being. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for any human being, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'"

Prayer After Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS: We welcomed into the church, Carter Bonnici-Weir, who was baptised last Sunday 12th October, 2025

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:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gerald (Gerry) Greene, Colleen Sense, Dennis Holmes

Readings for Sunday 26th October, 2025: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C

\\ 1st Reading: Sirach 35: 12-14 // \\ 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 // \\ Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 11th / 12th October 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 698.70
 2nd Collection (for parish expenses) \$ 1,439.80

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 our **Parish Working Bee** as we care for and beautify our grounds.

If you haven't collected your free plants from Blacktown Council, and would like to donate them to the parish, please complete the form at the back of the church.

Thank you!

**All Are Welcome and Encouraged!****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!

World Mission Sunday - Support Zambia Catholic Mission Appeal

This World Mission Sunday, you're invited to support the Church's mission in Zambia.

Your help can:

- Empower women through training and support at the Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane
- Ensure safe and dignified births at Chilonga Mission Hospital

Let us be Missionaries of Hope by extending Christ's love to those in need.



A leaving bucket collection will be held after Mass.

If you would like a tax receipt, please use the appeal envelopes.



You can also donate online at

catholicmission.org.au/mission or scan the QR code.

Your generosity will support vital Church programs around the world.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday October 19**

- HF Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Community, 12pm-3pm (SSR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3.30pm-6.30pm (SSR)

Monday October 20

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday October 21

- NA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- HF Young Adults, 6.30pm (Church)

Wednesday October 22

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

Thursday October 23

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

Friday October 24

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

Saturday October 25

- 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 28 th October	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing)
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 church.
Sat 15 th November	Parish Working Bee
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 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)
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (Ropes Crossing) Rochford Place, 12 Avoca St Ropes Crossing 2760
Wed 24/ Thur 25 December	Christmas Eve/ Day Masses

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ROSTER**for next week: 25/26 OCTOBER 2025****5.30pm****Vigil Mass**

Minister at the Altar: J. Gillman / P. Morrell
 Minister of the Word: G. Bruton / F. Hinder
 Eucharistic Minister: L. Macayan
 AV Operator: P. Gillman

9am**Sunday Mass**

Minister at the Altar: S. Watt / M. Mealamu
 Minister of the Word: M. Clements / L. Gordon
 Eucharistic Minister: C. Payne
 AV Operator: -

10.30am**Sunday Mass**

Minister at the Altar: M. Funaki / P. Loloa
 Minister of the Word: P. Mafi / K. Loloa
 Eucharistic Minister: K. Kiteau
 AV Operator: -

If you would like to be a part of the roster, please see Sr Carlene OR contact the Parish Office.

† **Reminder: Sacramental Program – First Reconciliation**

A reminder that the Parent/Carer Information Session for children preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation is on:

**17 This Wednesday, 22 October at 7:00 PM
in the church.**

Looking ahead:

First Communion: 2026

Confirmation: 2027

For any questions or to confirm attendance, please contact the Parish Office or speak with Lorraine Gordon.

Safeguarding training opportunities for October

The next sessions of face-to-face Initial safeguarding training (Modules 1-3) will be held on the following days from 10 am to 3pm:

**Saturday 25 October at Corpus Christi Parish,
Cranebrook**

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea.

Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome.

RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0408 233 478 by 20 October.

LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 25 October

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of **LIFTED Live in the Forecourt** on **Saturday 25 October at St Patrick's Cathedral.**

All are welcome to attend **Youth Mass at 6pm**, with festivities kicking off at 7pm. Coinciding with Parramatta Lanes, we invite everyone for an exciting night of Catholic worship and prayer, friendship and community, showcasing the talent and passion of the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

For more information, visit

<https://parracatholic.org/events/lifted-live-in-the-forecourt/>

✠ **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.



**17 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."

CALL OUT

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to volunteer with us?

Register today by scanning the QR code

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



TFF ECHO

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