



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, Friday & Saturday:
9.00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
6.00pm

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

Mass at Willmot

Sunday: 7.30am
(8 Carteret Ave, Willmot 2770)

Mass and Anointing

2nd Saturday of every month:
9.00am

Holy Hour - Emerton

Wednesdays from 5.00pm
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 Solemnity of

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Bearing witness to the truth. Jesus Christ is the faithful witness. His role as king is to bear witness to the truth that God is love (1 Jn 4:8, 16). He does this through his words but most especially through his death on the cross.

By listening to his voice and participating in the Eucharistic banquet we are drawn closer to Him. Then, as sharers in his Kingship, we are commissioned to go out and promote the Kingdom of God in our world.

Anything we do for the relief of the deprived and underprivileged is a service to Christ, because He identifies Himself personally with people in need. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of comfortably keeping myself to myself or "Well I do harm to noone." To be deaf to the cries of the neighbour in need is to close our ears to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to shut our eyes to Him. If we follow Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king we must in some way be shepherds ourselves, for His sake.

"Jesus' truth is not something that you have, but something that you are."

Renato SJ

Thank you!

Last week unfolded like a beautiful tapestry woven with community spirit and heartfelt events!

On Friday, we came together for the Mass for Seniors and Anointing of the Sick, enveloping everyone in warmth and positive energy.

Then, Saturday arrived with our Working Bee, where families and our friends from North Sydney, collaborated to enhance our shared space, concluding with a communal BBQ that transformed neighbors into friends!

A heartfelt thank you to our Young Adults who led the Mass for the Deceased at Pinegrove last Sunday. Their beautiful singing uplifted our hearts in prayer for all our loved ones who have passed away.

Overall, we are filled with immense gratitude for everyone's contributions, with hopes for even more joyful moments in the future!

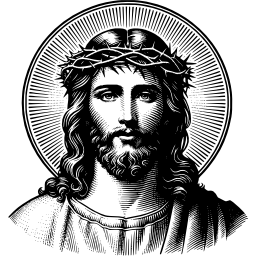




SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR B

Solemnity: Christ the King

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

**Collect:**

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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: Daniel 7: 13-14

I had a dream and visions as I lay in bed. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the One who is Ancient of Day and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Responsorial psalm : Ps 93. 1ab, 1c -2,5. R. 1a**R: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed,
he is girded with strength. R.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting. R.

Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore. R.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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: Anna Vella

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and make us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will lament. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David;
blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

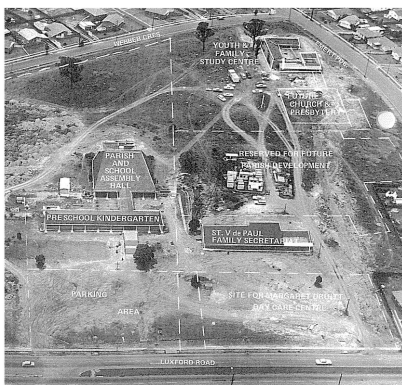
Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Prayer After Communion:

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorifying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**HOLY FAMILY 60th ANNIVERSARY in 2025!**

Next year, Holy Family Parish turns 60!

We are looking to form a committee to gather the history, stories, and present realities of the parish, in preparation for our celebration next year.

If you are interested, please see Sr Carlene or contact the parish office.

Readings for Sunday 1st December, 2024: First Sunday of Advent in Year C

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 // 2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2 // Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Parish Collection for the weekend of the 16th/17th November 2024:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese) \$ 899.20

2nd Collection: (for parish expenses) \$1,760.00

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday November 24

- Holy Family Tongan Community, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (SSR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3pm-6pm (SSR)
- Laulii Samoan Village, 5pm-8pm (SSR)

Monday November 25

- Sacramental Process for older children, 5pm (SICR)
- RCIA Process, 6.45pm (SICR)

Tuesday November 26

- Holy Family Primary 20 Year Anniversary Mass, 9.30am (Church)
- Staff Meeting, 4pm-5pm (SICR)
- St Vincent De Paul Emerton Conference, 7pm-8.30pm (SSR)

Wednesday November 27 (Note: Parish Office closed)

- Diocesan Christmas Reflection Day (Mulgoa)
- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 7pm (Church)

Thursday November 28

Friday November 29

- Riverview College Working Bee, 9am-5pm (Courtyard)
- Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass & Dinner, 6pm (CathWest Loyola Campus)

Saturday November 30

- Legion of Mary, 10am - 2pm (MMR)
- Samoan choir, 3pm-4.30pm (church)
- Holy Family Tongan choir, 2pm-5pm (SSR)

Meeting Rooms:

SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;

MMR - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,

HFC - Holy Family Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	DETAILS
Saturday 30th November/ Sunday 1st December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bishop's Christmas Appeal Nth Sydney Visits 10.30am
Wednesday 4th & 11th December	Advent Program after the 6pm Mass
Saturday 7th December	Parish Christmas Carols 7pm - 10pm
Tuesday 10th December	Mass and Anointing, 11.30am (12 Avoca St Ropes Crossing NSW 2760)
Wednesday 18th December	Second Rite of Reconciliation 6.30pm
Tuesday 24th December	Christmas Eve Masses: 6pm (Children's Mass) 8.30pm (Mass at Willmot) 12am Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25th December	Christmas Day Mass: 9.00am

Note: Weekday Masses (Mon-Fri) from the 26th of December, 2024 until the 13th January, 2025, will be at 9.00am only. Our weekend Mass times will remain as normal.

The Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas break from: Tuesday 24th December 2024 until Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Holy Family Parish Christmas Carols

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2024

7PM - 10PM

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

Everyone is welcome!

Carol singing // Free Sausage Sizzle //

Raffles // Dancing // Santa Visit //

WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to:

- **perform at the Carols: song, dance, or tell a story,**
- **help decorate the stage area,**
- **help cook and serve the food,**
- **... and some other light duties.**

If you can assist, please see any of the Parish Pastoral Council members OR contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Advent Retreat

Wednesday 4th and 11th December

6.30pm in the chapel.



Let us prepare a room in our hearts, to welcome the birth of Our Lord and Saviour at Christmas.
Bring a friend!

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code to give your gift of a new beginning today. Thank you.



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- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November -
- For Anyone Who Has Lost a Child -

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



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FREE CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

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25 DECEMBER, 2024

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