



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.

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Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt

<https://fb.me/HFPMtDruitt>

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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 First Sunday of Advent in Year A

"AWAKE FROM YOUR SLUMBER, ARISE FROM YOUR SLEEP!"

Happy New Year! It's Advent and today we begin a new liturgical year. We begin a four-week season during which we ponder:

- the FIRST COMING of Jesus in the Incarnation;
- His CONTINUED COMING into our hearts and into our world today;
- His FUTURE COMING in glory.

We take time to remember who we are as God's Chosen People. We reflect on our present relationship with God, and we repent and rejoice as we strive to look forward rather than back, endeavouring to be "awake" and "ready" at all times.

We live in hope as we listen to our First Reading (Isa 2: 1-5). This prophet survived turbulent times. Here he presents us with a glorious vision of what it will be like when the Lord comes. We, too, live in a world badly scarred by violence and war, and, heeding Isaiah's message, we need "to go to the mountain of the Lord", PRAY, AND "walk" God's path each day of our lives.

This message is continued in our Second Reading (Rom 13: 11-14). St Paul is writing to new Christians who expected Christ's return in glory to happen in their own life time. He uses contrasting images of night and day to remind them to abandon works of "darkness" and let their "armour be the Lord Jesus Christ." Following to review our lives frequently, to "wake up now".

Finally, in today's Gospel (Mt 24: 37-44) this call to "stay awake" and be "ready" is paramount. Jesus reminds his followers to be vigilant and to be prepared for the coming of the Lord. We are to do likewise, recognising His "advents" in our present-day lives and seeking His grace to move forward.





SCRIPTURE READINGS - YEAR A

First Sunday of Advent

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



STAY
AWAKE

Collect:

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 122: 1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David. R.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers." R.

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
"Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good. R.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

BAPTISMS:

LIST OF THE SICK: Richard Ward, Marie Purcell, Soane Quensell, Pam Picart-Manalac, Ketea Vave, Kim Ahmad, Vivian Masters, Makasini Vave, Fifita Sitani, Loretta Josephine Seupule, Leue Dunlop, Lino Dunlop, Cheryl Barrell, Lismoa 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:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Evangeline Aban

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "As the days of Noah were so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Prayer After Communion:

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. Amen.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONNA MULLINS



We remember in prayer our much-loved and faithful parishioner, Donna, who faithfully served our parish as a Reader at the 10:30am Mass.

May the Lord, whom they proclaimed in Word and faith, now welcome her into eternal peace.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 4th December at 10:30am at Holy Family Church, followed by burial at St Mary's General Cemetery.



Readings for Sunday 7th December, 2025: Second Sunday of Advent in Year A
\\ 1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 // \\ 2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-9 // \\ Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12 //



Parish Collection for the weekend of the 22nd /23rd November 2025:

1st Collection (for the priests of the diocese)	\$ 653.60
2nd Collection (for parish expenses)	\$ 1,815.30
Tongan Chaplaincy Mass (Parramatta Diocese)	\$ 314.65

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.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal - supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling 29/30 November

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now.

Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty - wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.

**Special Appeal for the Philippines - Weekend of 6/7 December**

In recent weeks, severe natural disasters have struck the Philippines, leaving many families without homes, food, and essential supplies.

To support those most affected, our parish will hold a Special Appeal on the weekend of 6/7 December.

There will be a leaving bucket collection at all Masses.

Your donation—no matter the size—will help provide emergency shelter, clean water, medical assistance, and vital support to communities struggling to rebuild.

Let us reach out with compassion to our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you for your generous response.

LITURGICAL 6th/7th December 2025

5.30pm Vigil Mass Minister at the Altar: J. Gillman / P. Morrell
Minister of the Word: F. Hinder / G. Bruton
Eucharistic Minister: M. Freeburn
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: M. Abad

10.30am Sunday Mass Minister at the Altar: L. Tuuhetoka / -
Minister of the Word: P. Tatuila / P. Tuimavave
Eucharistic Minister: V. Setefano
AV Operator: V. Setefano

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**Sunday November 30**

- Baptisms, 11.45am (Church)
- HF Tongan Catholic Communion, 12pm-3pm (MMR)
- St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (SSR)
- Diocese of Parramatta Tongan Chaplaincy Mass, 2pm-4pm (Church)
- Samoan Divine Mercy, 3.30pm-6.30pm (MMR)
- Jesus the True Vine, 3.30pm-6.40pm (SSR)
- Samoan Laulii Village, 7pm-9pm (SSR)

Monday December 1

- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)

Tuesday December 2

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

Wednesday December 3

- Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 7pm (Church)

Thursday December 4

- Requiem Mass: Donna Mullins, 10.30am (Church)
- Parish Choir, 7pm-9pm (Church)

Friday December 5

- HF Site Mtg, 3.30pm (SICR)
- Samoan Divine Mercy First Friday Adoration, 8pm - Midnight (Chapel)
- AA mtg, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)

Saturday December 6

- HF Tongan Choir, 2pm - 4.30pm (Church)
- AA mtg, 7pm (MMR)
- **PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS, 7PM-10PM (SCHOOL GROUNDS)**

Meeting Rooms:

SSR - Schoenstatt Sisters Room;

SICR - St Ignatius Conference Room;

MMR - Mary Mackillop Meeting Room,

HFC - Holy Family Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	DETAILS
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 th Dec	Christmas Eve Mass Times: 6.00pm (Children & Family Mass) 8.30pm (Mass at Willmot) 12.00am Midnight Mass
Thur 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Mass: 9.00am Christmas Day Lunch, Doors open 11.00am (School Hall) To volunteer at this event, scan QR code:

NOTICE - HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that from Friday 26 December 2025 until Friday 16 January 2026, weekday Masses will be held at 9:00am only, and there is NO SUNDAY MASS at WILLMOT.

- The weekend Mass schedule at Emerton will remain unchanged.
- 7.30am Mass at Willmot will resume on Sunday 18 January 2026.
- Our normal weekday Mass schedule will resume on Monday 19 January 2026.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised that the parish office will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Wednesday, December 24, 2025, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Parish Christmas Carols – Saturday 6th December! 🎵

Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

Location: School Grounds (Basketball Court)

Join us for a joyful evening of music, community, and Christmas cheer as we gather for our Parish Christmas Carols under the stars!

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE / DRINKS / AND MORE!!!

Bring your family, friends, picnic rugs, and festive spirit for a night of celebration and togetherness! 🌟

We're now calling for volunteers and performers to help make this wonderful night come alive!

⭐ **Volunteers** - We need helping hands for:

- Setup and pack-up
- Cooking and serving at the BBQ
- Welcoming guests
- Children's activities and general assistance

⭐ **Performers** -

Do you love to sing, dance, or play music?



We'd love to feature parishioners and community groups who can share their talents and spread the joy of Christmas through music and performance.

To sign up, please scan the QR code OR contact the parish office.

Let's make this year's Carols a night to remember – a celebration of faith, joy, and community! 🌟

THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF MOUNT DRUITT INVITES YOU TO

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

- LUNCH
- LIVE MUSIC
- FACE PAINTING

FREE!

THURSDAY
25
DECEMBER
AT 11:00AM

REGISTER NOW!



SCAN ME

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL
11 EMERT PARADE
EMERTON, 2770

CONTACT US:

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Christmas Giving Tree – Gifts & Volunteers

Our Christmas Giving Tree is now in place. Tags on the tree show a child's gender and age. Please take a tag and return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached by 7 December at Mass or the Parish Office.

We also need volunteers to help collect, load, and unload hampers on 30 Nov, 1 Dec, 5 Dec, and 7 Dec.

If you can help, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for helping bring joy to children and families this Christmas!

Second Rite of Reconciliation Wednesday, 10th December | 6:45 pm

As we journey through Advent, we are called to open our hearts to God's love and mercy. Join us for the Second Rite of Reconciliation—a gentle, prayerful celebration of forgiveness and renewal.

Take this special opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. Everyone is warmly welcome to come, reflect, and experience the peace and joy of God's mercy this Advent.

SERVE THE LORD IN HIS WORD AND SACRAMENT

Our parish invites parishioners to discern a call to serve as Readers or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is a beautiful way to support the liturgy and build up our parish community.

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.

Mt Schoenstatt Advent and Christmas Carols: 13 December

Come and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ at the Advent and Christmas Carols at Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall, 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa on Saturday 13 December from 7pm. All children are encouraged to arrive by 6.45pm dressed as angels or shepherds. Contact Sr. M. Rita for more details: 0493 026 628 rrita@schoenstatt.org.au

⭐ "Five Waiting Prayers" – Weekly Advent Prayer Series

As Advent begins, our parish invites you to join a special prayer opportunity: "Five Waiting Prayers."

Starting soon, this online series offers families and individuals a chance to enter into Advent with prayerful reflection.

By registering at the link below OR QR code, you will receive weekly prayers and reflections designed to help you wait in hope and prepare your heart for Christmas.

To join: visit book.venue.life – Five Waiting Prayers and complete the simple registration form.

Why join?

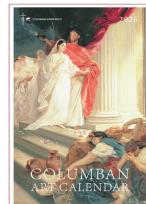
Share in a sacred rhythm of prayer and waiting during Advent.

Deepen your personal or family prayer life.

Grow in hope, peace, joy and love as we journey together toward Christmas.

All are welcome – individuals, couples, families. Let this Advent be a time of quiet waiting, prayer and preparation.

2026



2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

NOW AVAILABLE

\$10 EACH

Please see Sr Carlene to get your copy after Mass, or available from the parish office.