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Holy Family of Jesus
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Holy Family



It is with horror that we read or listened to the news of a mother killing her many children, or a mother throwing the fruit her womb into a drain. That is not the kind of relationship we expect from parents with their children. Families are places where the relationship between the parents and the children is nurtured. It is the parents who influence the personal development of the children. That is the natural order God has created for us human beings. When it came to baby Jesus, God became human, it was no different. Today we celebrate a feast that reminds us of the humility of God to share in the lowliness of human existence.

Just like any human child, baby Jesus also needed the protection of Joseph and Mary to survive and grow. His life also was threatened like millions of children around the world today. Like the agonising parents in every age, Mary and Joseph also agonised over the safety of baby Jesus. God did not spare it even for his own only Son. When there was persecution in the land of his birth, the Holy Family migrated to Egypt for safety and returned home after the terrorising ruler died. Truly the Word became flesh and dwelt among us in our lowliness.

Jesus' human nature was very much shaped by Joseph and Mary as they lived in Nazareth as an ordinary family. In times of peace as well as in times of atrocities, nothing should interrupt the business of family – growing up and formation of children.

Families used to be the place where people learned their occupation, received medical attention, received faith formation, and cared for in their old age. Now society has become more complex. We have schools and universities to educate and equip people for various specialised occupations. We have religious education in our schools. There is a big industry running to look after the aged. In addition to these specialisations and compartmentalisation, the influence of social media and technologies are pulling apart family unity. Yet when it comes to the fundamental beliefs and formation of the personalities, nothing can substitute families. Therefore it is important to work on being a family.

One of my main tasks is to emphasise the importance of families and the parish as a wider family in the faith formation of the children. In the case of sacramental preparations, the schools do the teaching of the religious truths. But it is in your family and in the parish where faith is imparted and nurtured.

Few families are perfect. Yet families today, big or small, in struggle or in pain, are all places where love can still be shared. It is families that can primarily help us understand the formative value of pain and rejection, when that occurs from the rest of the world. If God chose to have a family for the full human realisation of his only Son, there is a good reason for us to root ourselves in families in our growth towards the divine.

Christmas Luncheon

A big thank you to Arthur Doumit and the team of many volunteers who gave up their valuable time to organise food and drink for the Christmas Luncheon in the Jubilee Hall on Christmas day. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

Other Notices

Hunter Valley Christmas Lights with wine and chocolate tasting: Sat, 3rd Jan by bus. Cost is \$65 which includes entry to Hunter Valley Garden worth \$25/adult. See Sydney's biggest Christmas Lights Display (1.5million lights), 2 wine tours and chocolate tasting. Bus departs at 11am at Church St, Lidcombe (across Dooleys). Book on or before 27 Dec. Call or text Joy 0422245447."

Notre Dame Info Day in Auburn: Unsure what to study or where to go in 2015? Drop in to our Auburn Course Info Day and discover why Notre Dame has received five stars, eight years in a row, for overall graduate satisfaction! When: 9am – 3pm, Wednesday 7 January 2015 Where: Notre Dame Clinical School, 88 – 90 Water St, Auburn Applications are still open for 2015! Visit www.nd.edu.au/applynow or for more information call 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Start the New Year off with a bang! Spend a weekend with your spouse in this peaceful setting. This weekend of enrichment is a great way to rekindle the romance in your marriage. Weekend date: 6-8 March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW To apply contact Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

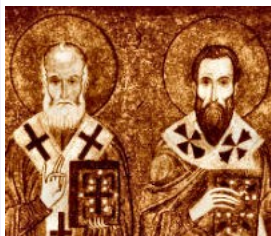
Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1: This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader, offers the Gospel for every day of this present Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year1), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It contains the Gospel passages not only for this present year but for any B-1 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their respective reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of the Archbishop of Sydney. Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1 may be accessed at the following address: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

Feasts of the Week.

1 January - Mary the Holy Mother of God Venerated as Mother of God from ancient times, the Virgin Mary was acclaimed Theotokos (God-bearer) in 431 by the Council of Ephesus, and commemorated on this day in Rome in the seventh century. Soon eclipsed by other feasts of Mary. Restored to the liturgical calendar in 1931, and to this day in 1969. Celebrates Mary's role in the mystery of the incarnation, enriches the octave of Christmas with a Marian perspective, and provides a solemn beginning to the New Year.



2 January - St Basil the Great & St Gregory Basil was Born about 330 at Caesarea (Turkey). Died there on 1 January 379. First a hermit, then bishop of his native city. Remembered for his pioneering monastic rule, and for writings which developed the doctrines of the incarnation and of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Gregory was Born at Nazianzus (Turkey) in 329. Died there in 389. Also a hermit before becoming bishop of Constantinople. Remembered as the "Theologian" because of his wisdom and acumen in maintaining orthodox doctrine against the Arians. Basil and Gregory are commemorated together because of their friendship in life and their enduring influence on the Church, especially in the East.



4 January - The Epiphany of the Lord The earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. Celebrates the divine "manifestation" or "coming". In the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi. The mystery of the incarnation is now revealed to everyone in the world, represented by these wise men from foreign lands.



Parish Diary This Week!

| | St Peter Chanel | St Joseph the Worker |
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| Monday | 6.45 AM Mass. | |
| Tuesday | 6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass | No Mass |
| Wednesday | 6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass | |
| Thursday | 6.45 AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass | |
| Friday | 6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass | |
| Saturday | 8.00AM Mass 9 -10 AM Adoration & Novena & Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass The Epiphany of the Lord | |
| Sunday | 10.00 AM The Epiphany of the Lord | 8.00 AM The Epiphany of the Lord |

Mass Intentions - May They Rest In Peace

Anniversaries: Albino & Caterina Bertuzzi,

Deceased: Nora Blake, Ada Mary Cullen, Sr Frances Rita Cullen, Joe Cicuto, Giovanni & Amabile Cicuto, Ted Duffy, Boey Kong Wah , Vincent Boyd, Leonard Gabrielle, Tony, Claire & Walter Phillips, Jean & Ted Hulston

Deceased members and friends of the following families: Ross & Mitchell Family, Cullen Family, Barrett Family; Willoughby Family, Mullins Family, O'Connor Family .



Prayer for Family

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Saviour,
you have made us
your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your
love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Planned Giving Program Request Form

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name:

Telephone No Email ID

Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.
(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! (R.)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Today's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

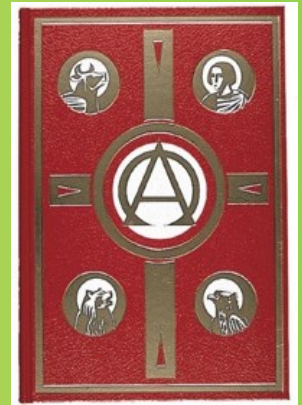
Lk 2:22-40

Next Sunday's Readings

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3.5-6

Mt 2:1-12



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week

| 4 JANUARY 2015 | | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | |
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| MASS | VIGIL (SPC) | 8AM (SJW) | 10AM (SPC) |
| ACOLYTE | Bob KENSEY | Joseph MARMAN | Robert JAKSIC |
| ORGANIST | Maureen HYNES | | SAMOAN |
| CANTOR | GROUP 2 | | CHOIR |
| LECTOR/S | William ANDREWS | Ken HARTMAN | Hilary NGUYEN |
| | Lawrence LOPEZ | Joe MOSES | Sharon IACONO |
| COMMENTATOR | Patricia DUFFY | Maris MARSH | Carmel MARTIN |
| GIFTS | Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE | | Robert JAKSIC Family |
| PIETY STALL | Moya LEWIS | | Margaret THAM |
| SP. MINISTER | Christine KENSEY | | Jenny MICHAEL |
| SP. MINISTER | Phirum DUCH | | Romaine CHEEMA |
| HOSPITAL: : Roland Javier & Romaine Cheema | | ALTAR: Group 1 G De Alkstrand; M Lewis;;N Mann | |
| SPC CLEANERS: Samoan Youth Group | | COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley | |
| SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group | | CHILDRENS LITURGY: None during school holidays | |
| HOSPITALITY: This week Micheline Botham will be hosting morning tea after 10.00am Mass. Next week Pam Snell will be hosting .Thank you to our hospitality team for providing this very important ministry | | | |

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Ryan home, 206 Harrow Rd Berala

Please join them any evening at **7.00pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker To host the Rosary Statue contact the Legion of Mary.



Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM. Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday 8 AM, 9 AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8 AM.

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00 AM - 10 AM.