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**Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph
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Holy Family

Gina Reinhart's dispute in her business world attracts particular media attention, because it is more than just a business story; it is a dispute between different family members. Families are important for the society. The relationship between

the parents and the children is of particular interest in a family. 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 God's own Son baby Jesus, it was no different. Today we celebrate a feast that reminds of the humility of God who shared the lowliness of human existence.

Just like any human child, baby Jesus also needed parental protection of Joseph and Mary to survive and grow. His life 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 such an agony even for his own only Son. When there was persecution in the land of 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 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 the society has become more complex. We have schools and universities to educate and equip people for various specialised occupation. We have religious education in the 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 families apart. Yet when it comes to the fundamental beliefs and formation of the persons, 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 parish as a wider family, in the faith formation of 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 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 choose 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.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday-Friday:6.45AM; Tuesday 7PM Novena & Mass;
Wednesday - Friday 9.15 AM Saturday 8 AM Lord's Day: Saturday 5 PM (Vigil), Sunday 10 AM.
Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tuesday 9 AM (school term only); The Lord's Day Sunday 8 AM.
Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.30 AM

Christmas Luncheon

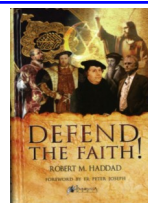
A big thank you to Arthur Doumit and the team of over 20 volunteers for a job very well done in organising and providing the first ever Christmas Luncheon at the Parish.

on Holidays

Parish Secretary, Marie Caldereri, and the Samoan Choir of the parish will be on her annual leave during the month of January.

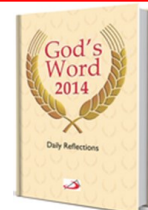
DEFEND THE FAITH

DEFEND THE FAITH is one of the special works of Robert Haddad. Now it is available in our piety stall at a concessional rate. It retail price is \$34.95. But we are selling it for \$25. Stock is limited – only 8 copies. It will make a good Christmas gift for someone who likes to read faith matters.



GOD'S WORD 2014: DAILY REFLECTIONS LITURGICAL DIARY

Now available in the Piety Stall, Berala for \$15
Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life.
Pray with it, share it and make your life a daily celebration with the word of God.
Grow in God's love, being nourished daily by His word, the bread of life.



SPC Altar Society Roster

The new SPC Altar Society Roster for 2014 is now available in the Sacristy at St Peter Chanel Church. A copy may also be accessed on our website.

Feasts of the Week

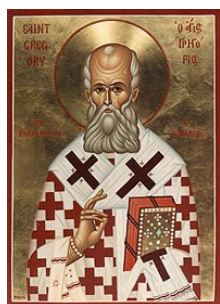


1 January: **Mary the Mother of God**

Like the Churches of the East, Rome wished to honour the Virgin Mother of God during the days after Christmas. As a result the *Marian Feast* made its appearance on January 1 in the seventh century

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life"

January 2: **Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen: Doctors of the Church**



On January 2, the Roman Catholic Church honors the memory of two friends from an area of what is now Turkey that was called Cappadocia. These men began their friendship while away at school and later became bishops who were the backbone of CatholicOrthodoxy during a period of doctrinal struggle and confusion. Gregory presided over the 2nd ecumenical council, held at Constantinople, whose great achievement was the completion of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed that the Catholic Church recites each Sunday and the definition of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. These Cappadocian Fathers, both Doctors of the Church, proved to be some of the greatest and most influential teachers of all time, honored by both East and West, Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Stephen Ross

Anniversary: Siobhan Morris, Francis Kong

Deceased: Nicola Conte, Ted Duffy, John William Smith, Mary Della Smith, John Anthony Smith, Michael John Smith, Mullins family, O'Connor family, Willoughby family, Ross & Mitchell families.

Sick: Adam Lynch.

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45AM Mass.	
Tuesday	6.45AM Mass. 7.00 PM Novena followed by Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
Thursday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass. Memorial of Sts Basil the great and Gregory Nazianzen	
Friday	6.45AM Mass, 9.15 AM Mass.	
Saturday	8.00AM Mass, 5.00PM Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10AM Mass	8.00AM

Alcohol and Drug Information Service: (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats:

Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E cottageretreats@bigpond.com

Carmelites Varroville E retreats@carmelite.com;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E clary.antaogmail.com T: 0434099088

Sacraments at Home

Anyone requiring Confession, Holy Communion, or Anointing of the Sick at home, please contact Fr Thomas to arrange it.

Beach Day Out

On the 20th January 2014, Catholic Youth Services are inviting kids from years 7-12 to "Beach Day Out" We will travel from Catholic Youth Services office in Homebush West to Bronte Beach (via train and bus) where we will have a BBQ, music, swimming and games! Date: Monday 20th Jan 2014
Cost: \$20 Time: 8:30am – 5:30pm RSVP: 13th of Jan 2014. If you have any questions or would like to register to come along please email emma@catholicyouthservices.org for a registration form.

A missionary priest works in rural India among the poor. The monsoons come and the Villagers warn him that the river is rising and he must come with them to the shelters in the hills, but the missionary refuses to go, saying "God will rescue me so that you may have faith." The river keeps rising, the priest climbs on a local roof to stay dry and a rescue boat crew comes, telling him to get in and they will bring him to safety. The priest refuses, saying "God will rescue me so that you may have faith." The river rises and the priest is perched on the building chimney. A rescue helicopter comes to save him, but he says "God will rescue me so that you may have faith."

The priest drowns and stands before God at judgement and says "Lord, I don't understand! I had such faith that you would save me, why am I here so young?"

God says "What? I sent you smart Villagers, a rescue boat and a helicopter. What did you expect, an engraved invitation?"



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 NoEmail 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.

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.**

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

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 our hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

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

Today's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



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

5TH JANUARY 2014

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS

ACOLYTE

ORGANIST

CANTOR

LECTOR/S

COMMENTATOR

GIFTS

PIETY STALL

SP. MINISTER

SP. MINISTER

VIGIL (SPC)

Edward DUFFY

Ann HOWSON

Lawrence LOPEZ

Patricia DUFFY

Moya LEWIS & Helen LE MOTTEE

Moya LEWIS

Ann DUFFY

Kay SCULLY

8AM (SJW)

William ANDREWS

Joe MOSES

Maris MARSH

10AM (SPC)

Robert JAKSIC

(Samoan Group on holidays)

Carmel MARTIN

Margaret NGUYEN

April RIGNEY

Robert JAKSIC Family

John SHANLEY

Rita JAKSIC

Romaine CHEEMA

HOSPITAL Warren & Janet Ryan

ALTAR Group 3: – C Estrada; Helen Le Mottee; J Rockliff.
COUNTERS Group 1: – John Le Mottee; John Shanley .
SPC CHILDREN'S LITURGY - None during school holidays.

Church Cleaners: Jan 4 - SPC: Samoan Group. **SJW:** Maronite Group

Volunteers

The HEART Of The
COMMUNITY



“Family that pray together stay together”

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Montfort home, 16 Smith Street,
REGENTS PARK. Please join them any evening at **7.30pm** for the Rosary.

To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

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