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## THE ✠ HOLY ✠ FAMILY *of* JESUS, MARY *and* JOSEPH

The life of the Holy Family hardly seems to fulfil the words of the Archangel Gabriel at the annunciation: "Mary, you have found favour with God," or of the Blessed Virgin's cousin, St. Elizabeth: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." In fact, for all God's promises of thrones and kingdoms, it seems that it was the old man Simeon, whose words in the Temple to the Blessed Virgin, were the only true thing said: because of this child, "a sword shall pierce your soul."

The Holy Family is a model and example for all Christian families. Their life passed quietly in a little town in Palestine. They underwent trials of poverty, persecution and exile. But we must be careful not to romanticise the Holy Family, lest they become out of reach of reality.

Throughout the the trials of poverty and suffering, this family, found the grace to glorify God in an incomparably exalted and pure way. They embodied the life of which St. Paul would later write: "Be thankful.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." This same grace, the grace given to the Holy Family, is given still today and it cannot but help Christian families in their daily work, to bear patiently, faithfully, and hopefully the anxieties and worries that never seem to go away, to be open and generous to the needs of others, and to fulfil with joy the plan of God for the family.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Holy Rosary

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### Rosters

### Altar Society

### Readers

**8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

### Counters

### Bus Driver

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Traditional Latin Mass

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

### Children's Liturgy

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### Rosters

### Church Cleaning

### Readers

#### Vigil

**10:00 a.m.**

### Children's Liturgy

### Counters

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Samir Gibrine, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Ruth La Rosa, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Anna Saunig, Therese Smeal, Phil Thompson, Ricardo Tognini, Miriam Welangoda, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.

## IN MEMORIAM

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Roberto Arribas, Lorrie Attwill, Badwi Barakat, Marie Beatson, Mary Beatson, Thomas Beatson, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, John Chalhoub, Francis Xavier Chee, Lina Chianese, Christine Derwin, Maria Gambin, Joe Gatt, Frank Gillian, Warren Gillian, Peter Ha, Tony Haynes, Nouhad Khoury, Maryse Mariasson, Charles Micallef, Giovanni Molinaro, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Neville O'Sullivan, Edward James Pidgeon, Boutros (Peter) Rahme, Grace Saliba, Christable Sejarajasinghe, Michael Succar, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Dib Zaiter.

# N O T I C E S

## First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

With the current public health restrictions we are unable to take up our usual collections during Mass. Because of this, we have placed two boxes by the doors of the church for the first collection and the second collection. Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated.

The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish.

Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

You can also financially support the parish by arranging a direct debit. If you would like to set up a regular contribution, or even a one-off contribution, let us know and we will be happy to assist you with this. Or, if you would like to be part of the planned giving programme, we will be pleased to arrange a set of envelopes for you for regular contributions which greatly assist the parish in planning the work we carry out.



## THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

This weekend the first of the three yearly appeals for the Catholic Foundation will be taken.

This particular appeal will support CatholicCare's "Project Elizabeth" pregnancy support services, family and relationships counselling and positive parenting programs.

Project Elizabeth, which operates from CatholicCare Penrith is a service that helps women and families throughout the diocese, who are expecting or have just had babies, with ongoing counselling, practical parenting groups and parenting strategies sessions.

Each parish is assigned a quota which it is required to pay in support of these appeals. Your generous support of this appeal helps the parish to meet the quota we are assigned.

If you would like to make a contribution in support of this appeal, there are envelopes available on the pews and can be left in the specially marked box by the church doors. Contributions can also be made by credit card, either by completing one of the envelopes or by visiting the Catholic Foundation website at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au).

## New Year's Day Holy Masses



On Friday, as the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, there will be Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church and Holy Mass at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Family Church. Join us for these Masses as a way to begin the new year and to beseech the grace and mercy of almighty God, through the intercession of His Mother, for yourselves and your families.

And on this solemnity, we celebrate, also, the feast day of our Sisters—the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World.

We wish the Sisters a very happy and holy feast day. We pray for them and with them as they undertake their spiritual retreat. And we ask that almighty God and the Blessed Virgin Mary bless and protect them always and grant them His grace.



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# Christmas APPEAL

*Please support the good works  
of our parish by your gift this Christmas  
so that we can continue to offer to the glory of God  
worship and service  
for our salvation  
and for the salvation of all the world.*

The money you give to the second collection each Mass supports the day to day running costs of the parish and helps us to meet our repairs and maintenance costs to look after our churches, our halls, and our other buildings.

Like every family and every organisation the parish has many expenses to meet including electricity and water, telephone and internet, office and printing costs, and especially insurance.

These are in addition to the other costs which further support the works of the parish in public schools and the broader community.

Your gifts are a sign of your love and care for Our Lord and His holy Church in this place.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



# Saints & STUFF

## The Holy Innocents

The massacre of the Holy Innocents is the infanticide by Herod the Great, the Roman-appointed King of the Jews, following the birth of Christ.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, Herod ordered the execution of all male children under the age of two in and around Bethlehem, so as to avoid the loss of his throne to a newborn King of the Jews whose birth had been announced to him by the Magi.

It is understood as the fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy: "It was then that the words spoken through the prophet Jeremiah were fulfilled: A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loudly lamenting: it was Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted because they were no more" (Matthew 2:17-18)

The Holy Innocents, although Jewish, are martyrs of Christ, for they were killed out of hatred of our Lord. And so the Church prays on their feast day on December 28<sup>th</sup>: "Grant, O Lord, abundant salvation to your faithful as they receive your holy gifts on the feast day of these, your Saints, who, though still unable to profess your Son in speech, were crowned with heavenly grace on account of his birth."

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Mary, Mother of God*

**963** "The Virgin Mary... is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer... She is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ'... since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head." [She is] "Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church."

**971** "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honours "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs... This very special devotion... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration."

The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

## CATHOLIC Trivia

### WORLD DAY OF PEACE

The Church celebrates New Years Day, January 1, as the World Day of Peace. It was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967, being inspired by the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of Pope John XXIII and with reference to his own encyclical *Populorum Progressio*.

The World Day of Peace has often been an occasion on which Popes have made magisterial declarations of social doctrine. Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II made important declarations on the day in each year of their pontificates regarding the United Nations, human rights, women's rights, labour unions, economic development, the right to life, international diplomacy, peace in the Holy Land, globalisation, and terrorism.

The day itself, first established by the Church, is recognised and honoured worldwide as a day for the promotion of peace around the world, echoing the words of the angels to the shepherds and prayed in the Gloria of the Holy Mass: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will."



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# TEMPORARY SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY  
VIGILS

Holy Family Church 4:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church 7:30 a.m.

Holy Family Church 8:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church 3:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays, Holy Family Church 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass  
and to comply with N.S.W. Government legislation  
regarding church occupancy limits and physical distancing,  
additional temporary times for Mass have been arranged.

Please consider attending one of these additional times  
so that we can ensure compliance with the restrictions that have been placed on us.

These times are temporary and will only remain in place  
until physical distancing restrictions are removed.

*Please be aware that the N.S.W. Government will impose fines on the parish  
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# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year B

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## The Readings

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### Introit (Lk 2:16)

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

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### First Reading

#### The Book of Genesis (15:1-6, 21:1-3)

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

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### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 104:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 7-8)

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works! R.

Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. R.

Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.  
O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose. R.

He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac. R.

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### Second Reading

#### The Letter to the Hebrews (11:8, 11-12, 17-19)

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more

descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

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### Gospel Acclamation (Col 3:15, 16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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### Gospel of Luke (1:26-38)

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord—and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected—and a sword will pierce your own soul too—so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.