



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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Heb 1: 1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 2: 22, 39-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

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.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 2: 22-40

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FAMILY TREASURE

What a treasured gift is a child, especially one longed for. In the story of Abram and Sarah we see how bereft they are to have no heir, no child, yet God gifts them Isaac. The Gospel tells us of another couple, Mary and Joseph, who also have a child gifted by God, Jesus. They "stood and wondered about the things that were said about him [Jesus]." While both of these sets of parents and their sons had a much larger role than many, let us not lose sight of the sacredness of family: the ability to bring a life into the world and to nurture that life to fullness.

The invitation on this feast of the Holy Family is to reflect on family – our own family, those around us and in our world. Families come in all shapes and sizes. The Holy Family is centred on Jesus and our families, centred on Christ, grow in holiness and love, face challenges together and are held in God's care. Parents and carers can identify with Mary and Joseph wondering and worrying about their son. A child raised in a loving environment has the opportunity to thrive and to grow into their full potential. The treasure of a family is not limited to the nuclear family but to the extended relationships through all of its members, centred on Christ, forming a community where all can thrive in faith and love whatever might come.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Your own son shall be your heir.

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 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9. R. vv. 7, 8

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. 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.**
2. 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.**



3. 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.**

4. 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.**

SECOND READING Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

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.

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 Mass Sunday's at 10am
 Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation
 As requested following Mass
 St Patrick's Weekday
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
 Except Third Friday of Month
 Nursing Home Mass
 9.30am Yallambee Lodge
 11am Sir William Hudson

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 Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
 *5pm Sat Vigil Mass
 1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

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 Mass 4th Sunday at 5.00pm
 LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale
 Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month
 Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm
 1st 3rd & 5th Sunday Liturgy
 of the Word 10am Sunday

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 2nd 3rd & 4th = Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
 1st & 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat



Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,
 "We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":
 Gloria Sellars, Bob Maguire, Tim Ferguson, Joan Duffy, Glen McRitchie,
 David Cant, John Rudd OAM, Bill Russell
 Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of"
 our departed family and friends.

Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence" Shirley Blyton, Tania Giuliani, Jara Gregor, Judy Tozer, Don McDonald.

A very big *thank you* to all involved in the Christmas celebrations and everyone involved in preparing the Children's Christmas Eve Mass.

Thank you to Tony and the Nassar family from Roses for the delicious panacotta dessert treat after Mass, this was very much enjoyed by everyone.



Let's spend some time looking at and talking about the decorations. We see them each year, but sometimes we forget the meaning behind them.

Santa Clause

- Santa means saint in many languages.
- He is also known as Saint Nicholas.
- Brings gifts once a year. God gives us gifts every day (parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, teachers, friends, created the world for us, gives us life).

Gifts

- Jesus has given us each many gifts, and he calls us to share them with God and one another. We need to continue to give people the gift of ourselves all year.
- The Three Kings brought gifts for Jesus.
- Jesus is the greatest gift of all. Jesus is God.

Fr Mark's Jokes:

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Frosted Flakes!

Q: What did one Christmas tree say to the other Christmas tree?

A: Lighten up!

Q: What kind of motorcycle does Santa like to ride?

A: A Holly Davidson!

Q: What do you get when Santa becomes a detective?

A: Santa CLUES!



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Next weekend Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord/ B

1st Reading Isa 60.1-6
 2nd Reading Eph 3. 2-3, 5-6
 Gospel Matthew 2.1-12



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