

**Year B HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**



**Monday 1st January**  
**Sunday 7th January**

**Monday 1st:** 9am Mass—  
Solemnity Mary, Mother of God

**Tuesday 2nd:** 5 pm Mass  
Adoration 4pm

**Wednesday 3rd:** 9am Mass

**Thursday 4th:** 9am Mass

**Friday 5th:** 9am Mass

**Saturday 6th:** 6pm Mass  
Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm

**Sunday 7th:** 9am Mass

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays**

<b>ROSTERS Next Week</b>	<b>9.00 AM MASS:</b>
6/7 JANUARY	Welcomer M deSmet
<b>Cleaning</b>	Commentator . B
8-13 Coffey& Paine	Basevi
<b>6.00PM MASS</b>	Reader: D Her-
Welcomer J Anderson	ring ..
Commentator M	Eucharistic Ministers
Weatherall	V & C Burns
Reader P O'Kelly	Computer Screen D
Eucharistic Ministers	May.
J Wain	<b>MORNING TEA:</b>
Computer Screen	Filipino Community
M O'Neil	

**MASSES IN AGED CARE RESUME FEBRUARY 2024** For emergencies and anointing of the sick call Fr Loi on 0450 699 363

Our Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging

**Challenging Times for Families**

As we reflect on the Feast of the Holy Family I cannot help thinking of the many and varied challenges families face in our modern world. As for myself I grew up in a family with loving, hard working parents who simply wanted the best for my two brothers and me. They, like any family unit, faced difficulties and challenges but their faith in each other and God and the support of family and friends allowed them to work through these, sometimes overwhelming challenges. As a Vincentian trying to help families I witness, as do other Vincentians, the struggles of families challenged by domestic violence, or Grandparents looking after their daughter or son's children because of alcohol or drug addiction; or a Dad coming home from Gaol wanting to re-establish himself so he can once again be with his children in a new and changed way. Paul Kelly sings of this in his song: 'How to make Gravy'. From prison the Dad sends a message to his wife and children at Christmas time telling them how he misses them and lovingly tells them how to make the gravy like he does each Christmas at home.

**The Gospel of the Family**

How does the Feast of the Holy Family in the Gospel today address these challenges? What is striking in today's Gospel is Simeon's blessing of the family from Nazareth: **'This child is destined for the fall and the rising of many in Israel and destined to be a sign that is rejected— and a sword of sorrow will pierce your own soul too.'** [Luke 22:34-35] Mary, Joseph and Jesus were also going to face many challenging times ahead.

**Pope Francis in Oct 2013** while reflecting on the message of the Holy Family states the following: **'To live the Gospel of the Family is not easy today.** In the Gospel we find the way to live a beautiful life on the personal and familial level, a way that is certainly challenging, but attractive and all embracing. It is a way that still deserves to be trusted and undertaken after the example and through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth itself. There are happy and sad, serene and difficult moments in every family. This is life. To live the 'Gospel of the family' does not exempt us from experiencing difficulties and tensions, of encountering moments of pleasant fortitude and painful weakness. **Families who are wounded and marked by weakness, failure, difficulty ... can rise again if they learn how to draw from the font of the Gospel. There, they can rediscover new possibilities of starting over.** Let us pray for all families that they be a welcoming presence of goodness and peace for children and the elderly and those who are sick and alone, for those who are poor and in need.

**Marie W**

**Tribunal of the Catholic Church**



Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on **6239 9813** or email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)

**POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS 2024 For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church**

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



**REMEMBERING THE SICK** - We pray for those of our families and friends who have asked for our prayers together with those in hospital and nursing homes and all those effected by conflicts

**We pray for the recently deceased in the**

**Parish Community:** : Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphett, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bander, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman

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and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Colossians 3:15. 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Gospel *Luke 2:22-40*

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 – 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.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**WISHING YOU ALL A JOYOUS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR.**



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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B**

**First Reading** *Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14*

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

### 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!

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.

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.

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.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

**Second Reading** *Colossians 3:12-21*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

*Concerning the Christian life in the world.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns