

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



**Monday 30th December**  
**Sunday 5th January**

**Monday 30th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 31st:** 5 pm Mass  
 Adoration 4pm  
**Wednesday 1st:** 9am Mass—  
 Solemnity, Mary Mother of God  
**Thursday 2nd:** 9am Mass  
**Friday 3rd:** 9am Mass  
**Saturday 4th:** 5pm Mass  
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm  
**Sunday 5th:** 9am Mass  
**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays**

**ROSTERS Next Week** **9.00 AM MASS:**  
**4/5 JANUARY** Welcomer van den Broek  
 Cleaning Commentator .  
 6-10 Favetta/ O'Neill/Nugent B Basevi  
**5.00PM MASS** Reader: N Beatty  
**Welcomer** K Conway **Eucharistic Ministers**  
 Commentator N & L Page  
 J Quigley **Computer Screen**  
**Reader** J Mackay **Eucharistic Ministers** : M Weatherall  
**Computer Screen** D May  
**MORNING TEA:** Filipino Community  
**COUNTERS** D & L May

**MASSES IN AGED CARE RESUME 2025** 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

My mandate in the parish has been cut short as normally intended (6 years). Short but sweet. For two years I have rested well (self-care), and had quality time for prayers and reflections. God was generous in providing me a place, a “temple” to “lay my head and rest” in his presence embraced by the beauty of His creation (nature) and surrounded by the beautiful faith-filled parishioners of St. Bernard’s Parish.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us the importance of our own family. In recent times, our families have been facing lots of difficulties from different fronts. Families are breaking up for so many reasons. There’s so much misunderstanding, pains and conflicts. A messy family becomes a normal NORM. Something has to be done.

Jesus in the Gospel was found in the Temple sitting among the learned men listening to them. As Jesus was growing up, he was listening, observing and absorbing the different issues and concerns of his time. This certainly laid the foundations of His future ministry.

Jesus presence in the temple is indicative to where God the Father wanted him to be. His parents found him in the temple implies that Jesus gives importance in following the Father’s will over and above any other interests. Jesus could be found by his parents in any other places, but in the temple, the place of worship where everyone and especially families should gather and pray together as one.

It is always good for families to come together in prayer to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as much as possible. Jesus grows up in stature and wisdom, and I am sure that the love of his parents played a big factor as they grow together as a Holy Family. **“A family that prays together stays together”.** May the family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary, bless all members of our less perfect families as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

*Fr Loi*

**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 2025 JANUARY**

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



**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:** Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O’Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O’Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O’Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O’Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O’Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre

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**ACC Name:** St Bernard’s Operating  
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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**

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!

### **Gospel** Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate** **Adolescent impatience**

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?' Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt. By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?' What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys. But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church. We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

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**WISHING YOU ALL A JOYOUS & BLESSED NEW YEAR**



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### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Sunday 29 Dec 2024**

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

**First Reading** Sir 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 127:1-5. R. see v.1

**(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.

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

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

### **Second Reading** Col 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 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