



Sacred
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Feast of the Holy Family Cycle C

Sunday 29 December 2024



Readings for this week: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 or Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52



Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Family

“Within the family ‘which could be called a domestic church’ (Lumen Gentium, art. 11), individuals enter upon an experience of communion among persons, which reflects, through grace, the mystery of the Holy Trinity. ‘Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer. (Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis 2016) Here Pope Francis emphasises how the family becomes the teacher of prayer and liturgy to its members. The Family is the place for prayer and leads to community liturgy. The Roman Missal and the Rites of the Sacraments refer to family in four ways: 1. God’s family or the family of the church, 2. The family of humankind, 3. The Holy Family (today’s feast) and 4. The domestic family. The Missal contains a Mass for the Family under “Various Needs and Occasions” in which we pray for charity, peace, grace and sharing in God’s love and life.

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Looking at the Readings

Samuel and Jesus have a few things in common. Both had miraculous births, albeit 1000 years apart. Their mothers, Hannah (1Sam 2:1-10) and Mary (Luke 1:46-56) gave songs of praise to God for his marvellous works. They contain many common phrases. Both Samuel and Jesus had a very special mission. Perhaps the most striking similarity are their experiences in the temple we read today in the lectionary readings. Both are presented in the temple after their births. Samuel stays in the temple and is taught by Eli. Jesus returns home but frequently revisits with his parents. Today’s passage relates the teaching he received from the elders in the temple.

The relevance of the story is not so much an adolescent causing his parents worry and stupefaction which many parents experience in the lives of their children, but rather the unfolding of the mystery of salvation. This mystery is slowly revealed: Who is Jesus? What is his relationship to the Father? What are his Father’s business and Jesus’ mission. Later he asks: “Who are my brothers and sisters and mother?”. While Mary and Hannah pondered many things in their hearts, we too ponder on our lives and relationships, on our vocations now and our destinies in the future.

Quote for the Day

Peace in society depends upon peace in the family. *St Augustine*
The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. *Theodore Hesburgh*

Pope Francis’ Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection & division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan. (from *Amoris Laetitia*, 2016)

On the Lighter Side ~ Family Riddles

Q: Your mother’s brother’s only brother-in-law is asleep on your couch. Who is asleep on your couch? A: Your father.

Q: A doctor and a boy were fishing. The boy was the doctor’s son, but the doctor was not the boy’s father. Who was the doctor?
A: His mother.



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Bob Licciardo
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Guiseppe Casuscelli, Carolina Cortese (Italy), Joe Vraca
	Our sick and their carers	

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Saturday 4th January 6:00pm

Commentator: Anne Hutchison
 Reader: Mary Vraca
 Gospel Procession: Deb Turvey
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 5th January 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
 Reader: Dean Filgate
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller
 Gifts: A Basile & L Mercuri
 Special Minister: Anna Ciavarella
 Screen Operator: Mary Gale
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: S De Lai & E Worm

Sunday 12th January

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill
 Reader: Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: Mary Gale
 Gifts: Steve & Simone De Lai
 Special Minister: Evert Worm
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: C Coulston & L Worm

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$297.90
 Christmas Collection: \$1250.45



Thank You

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 4th January

Weekend Mass

Sat 4 January 6:00pm
 Sun 5 January 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 8th January 9:15am
 Friday 10th January 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 12th January 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 15th January 9:15am
 Friday 17th January 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sat 18th January 6:00pm
 Sun 19th January 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30pm
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month
 at 2pm in St Mary's Hall.
 All welcome.



There will be no meeting in January

WHY WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
 DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT I MUST
 BE IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE?

Luke 2:49



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Updated rosters are available in the Narthex. Please take a copy.

Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?

Luke 2:49



PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIPS 2025

CatholicCare has pre-marriage programs in 2025. Not only do these programs support couples, but they contribute to building thriving families too. They also support couples after marriage. There are brochures available in the Narthex for any interested couples. More information can be found at www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops

Feast of the Presentation Mass (formerly Alf Seiter (RIP) grotto mass at Wunghu) . The Macgill family invite you to our home to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation, prayers for our priests, seminarians and vocations, there will also be Blessing of the candles.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Venue: 70 Tank Corner East Road , Lemnos

Date: Tuesday 4th of February

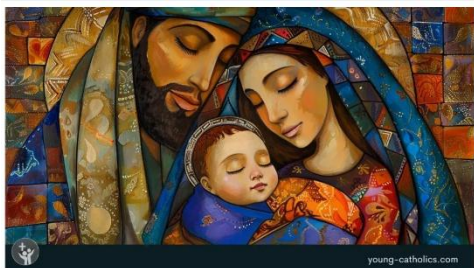
Time: 7.00 pm Rosary

7.30 pm Mass

Bring your candles for "Blessing of the candles". Please bring a plate to share, and a chair, tea and coffee provided.
All Welcome

thank you

Fr Uday wishes to thank all of you for your Christmas wishes and prayers. Fr Uday wishes all a Prosperous and grace filled New Year 2025.



The Feast of the Holy Family Year C celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The readings focus on the importance of family and the values that hold it together.

The Holy Family also reminds us that we are part of God's family. Jesus knew His place in His Father's house, and we are called to find our place too.

Through prayer, we can understand our role in God's plan. By living with respect, love, and unity, we can build families that reflect the Holy Family.

We are called to find our place in God's family. It might not always be what we want, but through prayer and discernment, we can understand God's will for us. The Feast of the Holy Family Year C teaches us to be like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We should respect and love each other, and seek to know our roles in God's plan.

Reflect on the readings and consider how they apply to your family life. How do you show respect, love, and unity at home?

PRAYER

Lord, help us to honor and respect our parents. Guide us to love and unite our families. Show us our place in Your family. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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