



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 6.30 pm  
Sunday: 8.00 am  
9:15 am (Italian)  
10.30 am

### Weekday Masses and Services:

Monday: 8.00 am  
Communion Service  
Tuesday: 8.00 am Mass  
Wednesday: 9.00 am Mass  
Thursday: 8.00 am Mass  
Friday: 8.00 am Mass  
Saturday: 8.00 am Mass

**Reconciliation:  
5.30—6.00pm Sat**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW YEAR'S MASSES : MIDNIGHT** —1 January 2024 at 12:00am; **Day Mass**— 9:00am



*HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you.*

*Help us to be instruments of peace.*

*Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.*

*May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.*

## Happy New Year



*As we begin a New Year, I pray that all of us will be built up*

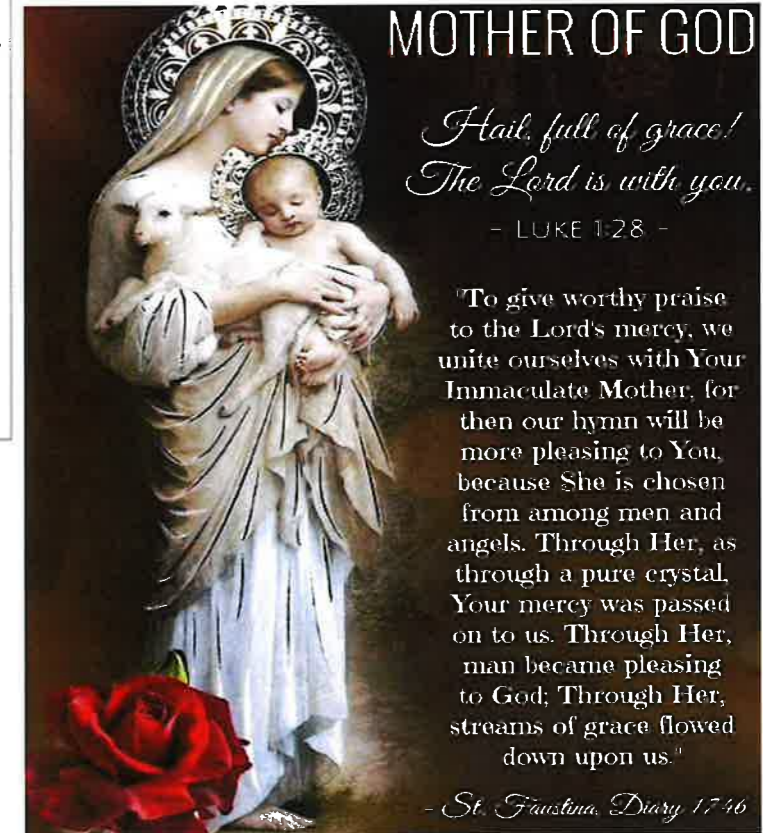
*in a spirit of Joy and Hope.*

*May this day and the days ahead of 2024 hold many Blessings for you and your families, especially the blessings of good health, happiness and prosperity.*

*Continue to be humble and grateful to the Lord.*

Fr. Jeffrey

## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



MOTHER OF GOD

*Hail, full of grace!  
The Lord is with you.*

— LUKE 1:28 —

*"To give worthy praise to the Lord's mercy, we unite ourselves with Your Immaculate Mother, for then our hymn will be more pleasing to You, because She is chosen from among men and angels. Through Her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, man became pleasing to God; Through Her, streams of grace flowed down upon us."*

— St. Faustina, Diary, 1746

<https://www.prayersandpetitions.org/solemnity-of-mary-mother-of-god-1st-january-2/>

- **Parish Morning Tea:** There will be no Morning Tea in January. The next Parish Morning Tea will resume on **Sunday, 4 February 2024.**

- **Cake Stall:** The next Cake Stall will be held on **Sunday, 11 February 2024**

- **VOLUNTEERS :** Our parish is need of the following volunteers: Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers, Catechists, Church cleaners, Gardening and maintenance. If you are able to assist, please contact Fr Jeffrey or the Parish Office on 9444 9624.

### MASS INTENTION & DONATION ENVELOPES

Parishioners are reminded that all Mass Intention requests must be given to the Parish office by Wednesday before the weekend bulletin is printed. We thank our generous donors and are grateful if you can extend your donations to help our Parish.

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP HICKEY :** He has completed his memoirs titled '**My Spirit Land**'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, priests, cardinals, popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia.

The book is available online at [myspiritlandmemoir.com](http://myspiritlandmemoir.com) for \$44.95 plus postage and handling or collect at Our Lady of the Mission Church, Craigie for \$44.95 on Wednesday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

Email [myspiritlandmemoirs@gmail.com](mailto:myspiritlandmemoirs@gmail.com) for enquiries or bulk orders to your parish.

### QR CODE

We are introducing another way of donating to our Parish that supports our traditional methods. Please support our innovation journey. Thank you.



**Thank you:** I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your Christmas gifts and presents. May the Lord Bless you of your generosity and kindness. Thank you so much. Fr. Jeffrey



### The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

This week will be a  
**PRIVATE FAMILY ROSARY**



### FINANCE NEWS Week ending 24/25 Dec 2023

Envelopes	\$502.00		
Loose	\$ 828.35	Family Fast	\$632.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1330.35</b>		

### ROSTERS

#### GENERAL HELPERS (Next Week)

ALTAR LINEN Dolores Foley  
ALTAR SERVERS' VESTMENTS Kerryn Doyle  
SANCTUARY : Team 1 Lina Panaia  
Giuseppina Palazzolo

#### ALTAR SERVERS (NEXT WEEK)

SAT 06 JAN (6.30PM) Patrick O'Loughlin  
SUN 07 Jan (8:00AM) Joseph Wardjiman  
Elizabeth Wardjiman  
SUN 07 Jan (10:30am) Renata Pintabona

#### READERS (Next Week)

SAT 06 JAN (6.30PM) Celine Templin  
SUN 07 Jan (8:00AM) Maureen Hart  
SUN 07 Jan (10:30AM) Leo Di Gregorio  
Sarah Raspa



### PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends who are Sick and Lonely:**

Lauro Gilluo, Mini Mirenda, Isebella Jones, Michelle Kruger, Clara Taxone, Antonia Russotti, Giovana Di Candilo, Teresa Leone, Lina & Pepo, Mary Leone, Sandra, William Paterson, Luigi, Ada, Joseph Leon, Patricia Hugh, Lise Templin, Patricia Costley, Victoria, Winnifred Dyson, John Boylen.

### 30 December 2023 — 6 January 2024

30 Dec Sat	6:30pm Mass	
31 Dec 2023 Sun	8:00am Mass	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>
	9:15am Mass	Padre Samuele Rodomonti (OFM) Alison Tunney
	10:30am Mass	
1 Jan Mon 2024	12:00am Mass	<b>New Year's Midnight Mass</b> <b>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>
	9:00am Mass	<b>New Year's Mass</b>
02 Jan Tue	8:00am Mass	
03 Jan Wed	8:00am Mass	
04 Jan Thu	9:00am Mass	
	<b>10:30am Mass</b>	<b>Funeral: Late Mr Nicola 'Nick' Fucile</b>
05 Jan Fri	8:00am Mass	
	<b>11:15am Mass</b>	<b>Funeral: Late Mrs Marie Florise Janick Comarmond (known as Janick)</b>
06 Jan Sat	8:00am Mass	<b>Followed by Rosary</b>



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.