

MASS ROSTER							
Date		Commen- tator	Lector	Organist	M of C	M of C	DPO
1-Jan	5:30pm	Sutton	Gash	Dewhirst	Masterson	Studdert	Goonan J
2-Jan	8:00am	Burgess	Gibson	Mcauliffe	Lieschke	Harris	Volun- teer
	10:am	Baker	Temple- Brown	Edis	Graham	Baker	Locke
8-Jan	5:30pm	Walker	Cook	Adams	McGovern	Cooke	Moon
9-Jan	8:00am	Harris	Friedlieb	Carroll	Tooth	Gibson	Brady
	10:am	Locke	Martens	Dewhirst	Terry	Brown	Locke

### DIOCESAN COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

NO RESTRICTIONS IN NUMBER—SINGING IS ALLOWED.

KEEP CHECKING IN WITH QR.

### LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS

1st Collection \$1,205.30 — 2nd Collection \$1,437.70

Contact the parish secretary if you require new second collection or twinning envelopes.

### PLEASE CONSIDER DIRECT GIVING

### PREFERRED PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

**Second Collection:** Direct debit to the Parish account BSB 066 789 A/C No 100005658, which is our parish working account, showing your surname as reference, no tax deduction.

**First Collection:** For priests in the diocese, BSB 066 789 A/C No 100005657 also showing your surname as reference, no tax deduction.

### GOSPEL CONNECTION

The second element that I would like to grasp from the Gospel is the *anxiety* that Mary and Joseph felt when they could not find Jesus. This anxiety reveals Jesus' centrality in the Holy Family. The Virgin and her husband welcomed that Son, protected him and watched him grow in age, wisdom and grace in their midst, but above all he grew in their hearts; and, little by little, their affection for him and their understanding of him grew. This is why the family of Nazareth is holy: because it was *centred on Jesus*; all of Mary and Joseph's attention and concerns were directed toward him.

And today let us go home with these two words: astonishment and anxiety. Do I know how to be astonished, when I see the good things in others, and in this way resolve family problems? Do I feel anxious when I am distant from Jesus?

Let us pray for all the families in the world, especially those in which, for various reasons, peace and harmony are lacking. (Pope Francis 2018)



# Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal

## 26th December, 2021

### Sunday Mass Times:

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

### Daily Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday: Friday 5:45pm

Tuesday-Thursday 7am.

Saturday: 9.30am

Changes of Mass times on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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### PRAY FOR:

**DECEASED:** Norm Corbett, Sr. Carmel Clancy pbvm, Steven Bourke, Joan Druett (Marian Pitura's mother), Dorothy Castle, Edmond Dearn, Debbie Cox, Mary Kennedy (Trish Goonan's sister in law) and Andrew Winslett (Marg and Harry Edmonds' grandson), Francis B. Conlan., Margaret Matthews (SHP Principal's mother), William Longmore, Lyle McPherson (Nola Baker's Brother-in-law), Ron Terry, Mike Fogarty, Sr. Barbara Hallam pbvm, David Pulver, Merle Simpson, Molly van Der Rijt, Leo Berben, Roger Milne, Kay Allcock, John Lowe, Elizabeth Karas, Brian McGrane, Sr. Andre Guthrie rsj, Shirley Williams, Sr. Michael Soani dolc.

**ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:** Bill & Pat Hazelman, Mary & Terence Ryan, the deceased members of the Ryan, Ferrario, Clark and Torpy families.

**SICK:** Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Mary Codell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds, Jeff Edwards, Gwen Castle, Margaret Casey, Fran Ellis, Stephen Buchanan, Ian Buchanan, Liam Hatt (Claire Baker's grandson), Fr. Luke Fongi, Bruce Price, Cecilia Lim, Emily Davis, Brian Baker, Robin Nugent, Frank Gaynor.

**SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 16th 2022**

**FAREWELL FR. JOHN AND WELCOME FR. PADDY**

**AT 9AM MASS CUP OF TEA FOLLOWED**

(no 8am Mass)

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR C

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the first book of Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28  
Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 83: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10

*How happy, they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

*How happy, they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the first letter of John 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Acts 16: 4

*Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL:**

Luke 2:2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Every year 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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL CONNECTION

**Today** we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, and the liturgy invites us to reflect on the experience of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, united by an immense love and inspired by great trust in God. Today's Gospel passage recounts the journey of the family of Nazareth to Jerusalem, for the celebration of Passover. But, on the return journey, the parents realize that their 12-year-old son is not in the caravan. At the sight of the Son, Mary and Joseph "were astonished" and the Mother revealed their fear to him, saying: "your father and I have been looking for you anxiously". *Astonishment* — they "were astonished" — and *anxiety* — "your father and I, anxious" — are the two elements to which I would like to call your attention: astonishment and anxiety.

In the family of Nazareth *astonishment* never waned, not even in a dramatic moment such as Jesus being lost: it is the ability to be astonished before the gradual manifestation of the Son of God. It is the same astonishment that even strikes the teachers of the temple, "amazed at his understanding and his answers". But what is astonishment; what is it to be astonished? Being astonished and being amazed is the opposite of taking everything for granted; it is the opposite of interpreting the reality that surrounds us and historical events according to our criteria alone. A person who does this does not know what amazement is, what astonishment is. Being astonished is being open to others, understanding others' reasons: this attitude is important for mending compromised interpersonal relationships, and is also indispensable for healing open wounds in the familial environment. When there are problems in families, we take for granted that we are right and we close the door to others. Instead, it is important to think: 'What is good about this person?', and to be astonished by this 'good'. And this helps family unity. If you have problems in the family, think about the good things in the family member with whom you have problems, and be astonished by this. This will help to heal familial wounds.