

CHERISHING OUR FAMILIES

On this first Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. As for any couple, the arrival of a child was a momentous event for Mary and Joseph, affecting every aspect of their lives.

The gospels offer just two accounts of Jesus' childhood. In Luke's gospel, we glean something of Mary's experience, her joy and her sadness. Luke (2:35) tells us that when Mary and Joseph took the child Jesus to the temple, they met Simeon who, after blessing them, prophesied to Mary that "'Behold, this Child is appointed to cause the rise and fall of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed— and a sword will pierce your soul as well."

Luke tells us that Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Matthew, on the other hand, writes of Joseph's experience of four dreams in each of which an angel of the Lord appeared and spoke to him. All four dreams occur during Jesus' infancy, beginning with the dream in which Joseph is told not to be afraid to take the pregnant Mary as his wife, because she has conceived by the Holy Spirit. In a second dream, he is warned to take the family and flee to Egypt. In a third dream, he is told that it is safe to return to Israel and lastly, in a fourth dream, to go to the region of Galilee, instead of Judea.

These stories from Jesus' childhood, growing up in the care of his family, prompt us to reflect on the place of family in our lives. Today's feast reminds us that families are the important building blocks of our communities all over the world. It is in the family that we learn and practise living and working together, accommodating each other's strengths and weaknesses, learning to negotiate differences of opinion and priorities, respecting individual differences but working together for the common good.

The reading from the Letter to the Colossians speaks of the virtues that are fundamental to family life: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, self-control, forgiveness, and, above all, love.

There is no doubting that family life is not always easy or that it is not without times of suffering, conflict, and sometimes even fracture. Today's feast urges us to nurture family life, and to protect and support it in very practical ways in our local communities and in government policy and resourcing.

Policies and programs that support family life are our proper concern, be it work-life balance and flexibility in the workplace, or social welfare policies that provide support for families in times of need. Today's feast also prompts us to reach out in whatever way we can to those in our communities who are without family support.



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29th December, 2019

**The Holy Family Of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
Year A**

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 3:13-15, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

5th January, 2020

**The Epiphany of the Lord
Year A**

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies

Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - 1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00-5.45pm or anytime by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00-6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00 - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

2020 Columban Calendar

Support your Vinnies by purchasing a 2020 Columban Calendar at only \$8 each. Calendars are available in the Church foyer. Place your contribution in the envelope provided and drop it into the SVDP Poor Box at the back of the church.



Feast Days this Week

Dec 31	Tue	Pope St Silvester I
Jan 1	Wed	Mary, Mother of God
2	Thu	St Basil the Great, St Gregory Nazianzen
3	Fri	The Most Holy Name of Jesus, St Munchin, St Genevieve
4	Sat	St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Praying For You



Deceased

Catherine Hitchings, Frank, Jackie, Anna, Bob, Dominic, Lynette Taylor

Death Anniversary

Joseph Stekl

Our Sick

Richard Bisnath,
Gerry & Annette Greenway,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira,
John Warui, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Natasha Curran,
Hirute Selassie, Peter Cox,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Bill Tucker,
Margaret Evans, Rene Priest,
Erika Magness, Ian Ballantyne,
Mavis Hall, Rose Thomas

Baptised Recently

Leanne Grace Sacare

New Year 2020

Wednesday 1st January New Year's Day
9.00am Mass, Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God

Rosters for 28/29 December, 2019

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Bette Lyra Theresa Spicer	Lance Dcruz	Brian Augustin	Colin Loh	Faye Mitchell, Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh, Ludette Van Der Spil Sandra Wren, Remi Biju	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Lucas Morphett, Jemima Pinto Matthew Ravanez, Josue Ravanez
Sunday 7.30am	Jackie Hall Yvonne Padua	Franklin D'Cruz	Geoff Mills	Gerard Peters	Diana Chong, Peter Mack Rod McAtee, Pay Tru	Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun Andrea Martin, Aldric Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Brenda Ring Robert Szlezak	Lenny Rodaje	Clarence Pereira	Phillip Magness	Servite Sister, Angela Bushby Maureen Byrne, Helen Magness Carolina Hayward, Kerry Keys	Alexandria Newman, Nicole Oo Isabelle Phillips, Erin Pickering Yatumika Shelvan, Seren Adams
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay				Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Richard Serrano		

Rosters for 4/5 January, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Richard Serrano	Mary Ann Bombita	Lenny Dcruz	Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies Cigi Dcruz, Vivian Loh Faye Mitchell, Christy Ravanez	Elsa Rehart, Ashton Rica-Franca Joshua Rozario, Aya Van Ingen Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan
Sunday 7.30am	Ann Ralston Eric Almen	Jenny Mills	Ann Ralston	Aruna Ratnasekera	Volunteer, Ann Ralston Diana Chong, Pay Tru	Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas Josies Thomas, Josey Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Elsie T-Boundy Jackie Vogels	Robert Szlezak	Silvana Sciorilli	Nigel Hayward	Servite Sister, Lorna Mitchell Geraldine Pereira, Peta Phillips Silvana Sciorilli, Elsie T-Boundy	Thomas Armoogum, Able Biju Aron Biju, Juan Carlos Bonlongan Khryzia Casas, Emily Crestani



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Jesus,
the Reason
for the Season!



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the joy we celebrate this season be
the joy we share with others.
May the peace that Jesus brings be
ours to keep.

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome and
thank you to Fr Richard Rutkauskas who
will be celebrating Mass this weekend.

Thank You and Goodbye



Thank you Fr Philip
and everyone in the
beautiful Gosnells
Parish for sup-
porting and helping
me during my stay
here. I felt very
happy with bless-
ings from God. I
like this community
because you are
friendly and each of

you are gifts which God sent to me.
I will go to Melbourne to serve the Viet-
namese people for 4 years. Please pray
for me as I will also pray for you so that I
would become a genuine witness for
Jesus Christ to bring Good News to every-
one, especially for the poor people and
those who are abandoned in society.
May God bless you always. Merry Christ-
mas and Happy a New Year. Thank you.
Fr Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Winners

1st Prize: Carmen Pace
2nd Prize: Ann Rawlston
3rd Prize: Maryie Platt
4th Prize: Greg Drewett
Amount raised was \$1,100.00
Thank you for all your support.

Flowers for Christmas

We thank all those who have contributed
towards the cost of our flowers for
Christmas. May God continue to bless
and keep you and your family as we
prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU



Thank you to all those who were involved
in making this Christmas a joyous
celebration. So many people gave so much
of their time and love. Thank you to those
who so generously donated towards the
costs of our Christmas flowers and those
who arranged the flowers so beautifully.
Those who set up the Christmas crib and
the members of the music ministry who
spent so much time in practice and then
leading us into singing with joy, all the
children and their parents who also spent
so much time in practice and leading us in
the singing at the 6.00 pm Christmas Vigil
Mass and all the children and their parents
who were involved in bringing to life the
Christmas Story for the Vigil Family Mass,
the readers and commentators, the aco-
lytes and altar servers, the collectors and
sacristan, those who donated the choco-
late for the children, and those who organ-
ised the cake and wine after the Midnight
Mass. Thank you too for bringing your re-
latives, friends and neighbours to our
Christmas Masses.

Fr Hieu and I would also like to thank all of
you for your many gifts, well wishes and
support.

May the peace of God's Love be with you
always. Sincerely,
Fr Philip

Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed from
23rd December to 7th January 2020.

A heart felt thank-you to all our
parishioners that donate their time by
volunteering for our Parish ministries,
out-reach programs through Marycare
and St Vincent de Paul, our Parish
Committees and to all that have
contributed to our Parish in any way.
May your Christmas be filled with the
love and light of the Holy Spirit as we
celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus
Christ. May the new year
be filled with many blessings.

Sincerely,
Naomi
Parish Secretary



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About two weeks ago, we had over 20 youth from our very own Gosnells Parish attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. We all had a wonderful time attending various spirit inspired workshops, daily plenary sessions and meeting like minded young people across Australia. None of this would have been possible without your support and prayers especially throughout this year; please accept our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. Please continue to support us and May God continue to bless you all in all your endeavours and undertakings. We wish you all a holy and blessed Christmas.



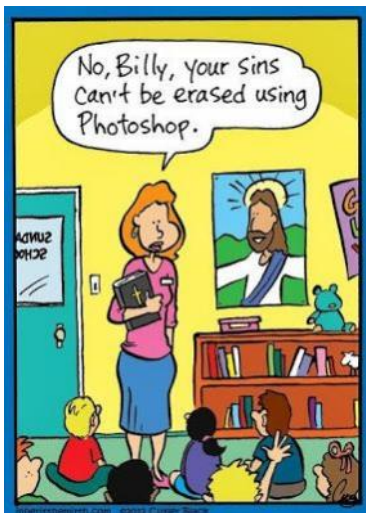
Vinnies

Thank You for your support for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We wish you, and your families, all the joys of Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!!



New Rosters

The roster for Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes for the next four months is available in the foyer. Please ensure that you collect a copy for your reference at home. Once again thank you for your service to our community.



Catholic Faith Renewal

We wish to remind you about our coming Weekend Retreat By Fr Gino Henriques. "The Joy of the Gospel" Friday, 1 May, 6.00pm to Sunday 3 May, 5.00pm - 2020. Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Rd, Maida Vale. Each day will begin with morning Prayers and Praise & Worship, followed by teachings from Fr Gino. Daily Holy Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. More details to follow nearer the date. For more information please call Charles 0413 755 799, Ron or Rita 0422 917 054 or email: catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com

First Friday Coffee Corner

There will be no coffee corner in January. Join us again on 7th February - the first Friday of the month.



Parish Safeguarding Officers

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