

The Living Word

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

30 December 2018

First Reading 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. 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. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

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.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

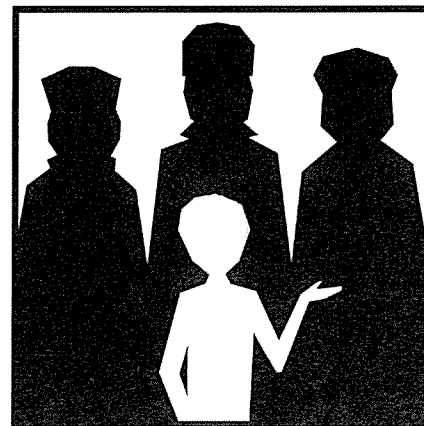
Gospel Lk 2:41-52

*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.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The optional readings for the feast of the Holy Family provide us an opportunity to reflect on 'family values' in a slightly different way. Here the pivotal theme is the union that we enjoy with God, a union of love that makes us children of God, members of the family of God. All other families find meaning and inspiration in this fundamental gathering. The stories of Hannah, Elkanah, and Samuel as well as Mary, Joseph and Jesus are examples of how the plan of God unfolds within the everyday occurrences of family life.

It is out of love that we are called to be children of God. As children of God, we are also joined to God's own Son, who has commanded us to love one another as God has loved all. If we are faithful to that commandment, Christ remains in us. We are bound to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The human family plays a significant role in the fashioning of the broader family of God. The larger family that God initiates is specified in unique historical families, as strange and as complex as those family relationships may be, with their joys and sorrows, their barrenness and their fruitfulness. There is no way of separating this human family and the broader people of God. The plan of God does not unfold in a vacuum, but in the everyday family situations that include separation and misunderstanding as well as joy and celebration.

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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.

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

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

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 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.

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.

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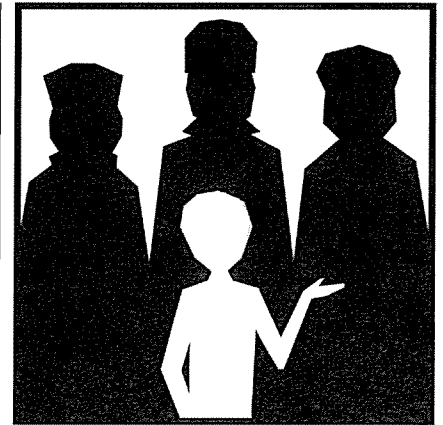
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The specifics of customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but the values out of which they emerge are not. Though Sirach sketches a picture of ancient family customs, it is easy to look beneath them and find values that are enduring and that speak to us today. There we discover mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children and between the young and the old.

The model placed before us is the Holy Family. There we find mutuality in the relationships; compassion, kindness, and humility; gentleness and patience; obedience to parents along with respect for the uniqueness of children. In this portrait of the Holy Family, people do not claim privilege. Jesus, who was the Son of God, submitted himself to his human mother and father. Mary and Joseph, who exercised authority over Jesus, also stood in wonder of him.

While this feast considers the family unit, it also celebrates the Church as the Family of God. Thus the values of mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. Within the family of God, the virtues outlined by Paul are to be lived in a mature manner. We are all called in one body to live in a collaboration of love, of mutuality, and of service. We are joined in a bond of perfection.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OCEAN GROVE: Tue & Thu 9:15am
QUEENSCLIFF: Wed & Fri 9:15am

GEELONG: St. John of God Hospital Thu 11:30am

MASS TIMES IN THE GEELONG REGION
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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
PLEASE SEE BELOW.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS BY APPOINTMENT

THANK YOU to everyone for your help as we continue to update our parish records to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details and addresses for everyone.

With gratitude – Fr Darien and Daniella

Recently Deceased: Pina Liistro, Sr Bernadette Fox (Good Shepherd Sister)

Anniversaries 30th December to 5th January:

Nora Ellis, Joan Shapter, Violet O'Bryan, Greg Herrick, Wahia Hackem, Peter Roberts, Dola Harrison, Bert Klabbers, Ray Leschke, Sheryne Frater, Keith Kenworthy, Kevin Price, Peg Sheppard.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Mavourneen Ray, Jeanne Ross, Sharon & Gary Kingsbury, Ross Gilham, Lorna Taylor, Peter & Maris Williams, John Poulos, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mary Jo Robinson, Laurance Hodgkinson, Belinda Monterosso, Joan Glen, Steve Retallick, Adam Wilde, Declan Shine, Cheryl Leonard, Arnie Bench, Nell Fraigneux, Willow Hanan, Mary Pace, Josh Walsh, Rev Deacon Allan Ansell, Denise Johnston, Lorraine Lang, Ian Briggs, Jill Hamblin, Bob & Kay Freyne, Vera Pollard, Susan Gibson.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your obligation on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATORS (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

BARWON HEADS: 5th January 6:00pm:

(C) M. Fitzgerald (L) M. de Been (SM) T. Dunell
(W) M & E Leahy

OCEAN GROVE: 6th January 9:00am:

(C) B. Bissinella (L) N. Calnin (SM) P. Healy, J. Lally
(W) J. Donovan, J. Considine

SPECIAL MINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Week 1, 6th Jan

G. Malone, J. Altamore

QUEENSCLIFF: 6th January 11:00am:

(C) J. Hanan (L) F. Cox (SM) S. Gould (W) P. Robinson

COUNTERS: Monday 31st December 10:00am:

F. Neville, P. Robinson

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

Expressions of interest for counters: any Parishioners interested in assisting our current counting teams on Mondays, please email Daniella.

The Parish office will be closed from
12pm on Monday 24th December 2018
and re-opening from
10am on Monday 7th January 2019

2019 Columban Calendars & Christmas cards are now on sale:
Calendars \$9.00 each; Christmas Cards \$7.00 for packet of 10.

Calling all musicians! Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to share your talent with our community? There is no age barrier, so if you are learning to play the piano, guitar, etc, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish office.

After school care program will be going ahead in 2019; for grades 3-6 state school students receiving sacraments within our Parish. Any further queries, please contact Lyne Horner on 5251 5819.

Knights of the Southern Cross "Wally Higgins Memorial Scholarship Raffle." Tickets available at each Mass centre this weekend and every weekend till the first weekend in February.

Queenscliff 21st Sand Sculpture Contest on Thursday 3rd January from 4-6pm and Pilot's Jetty Beach (Tobin Drive). Organised by Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House. For more information, contact Carolyn on 5258 3367.

Interested in advertising your business or services in our weekly bulletin?

Please contact Daniella for more information.



Love Your Glasses!

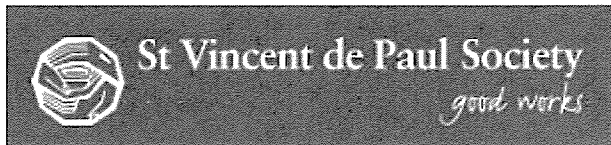
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IT'S A FLETCHERS THING

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 1st January – *Solemnity*
MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD
News Year's Day (2019)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 2nd January – *Feria*
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 3rd January – *Feria*
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 4th January – *Feria*
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 5th January – *Feria*
6:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Sunday 6th January – *Solemnity*
The EPIPHANY of the LORD
9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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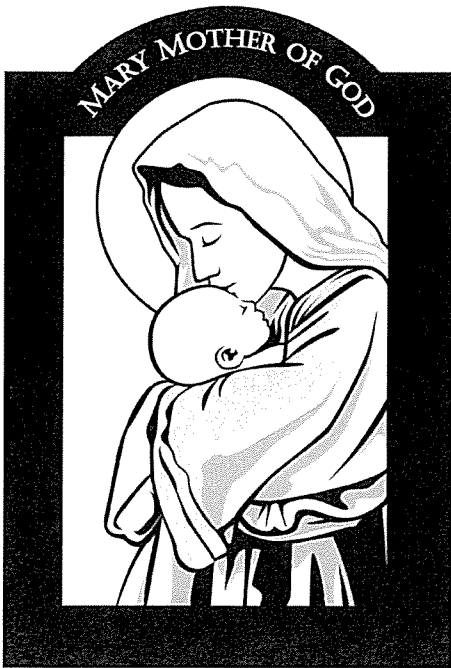
PARISH VISION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Holy Trinity Parish is your family committed to praying and growing together as we build on the gifts of our past, the living of our present and our hopes for the future.

Lord Jesus, we are nourished by prayer, the word and sacraments especially the Eucharist. We recognize and trust in each other's spiritual gifts. We will strive to be a visible sign of God's love for the world.

Holy Spirit, baptized in your name, we accept the challenge to live as Jesus did. We will celebrate our lives and gifts in service to others, welcoming all people and sharing our talents and resources. As a parish we will endeavour to make present the Kingdom of God, here and now.

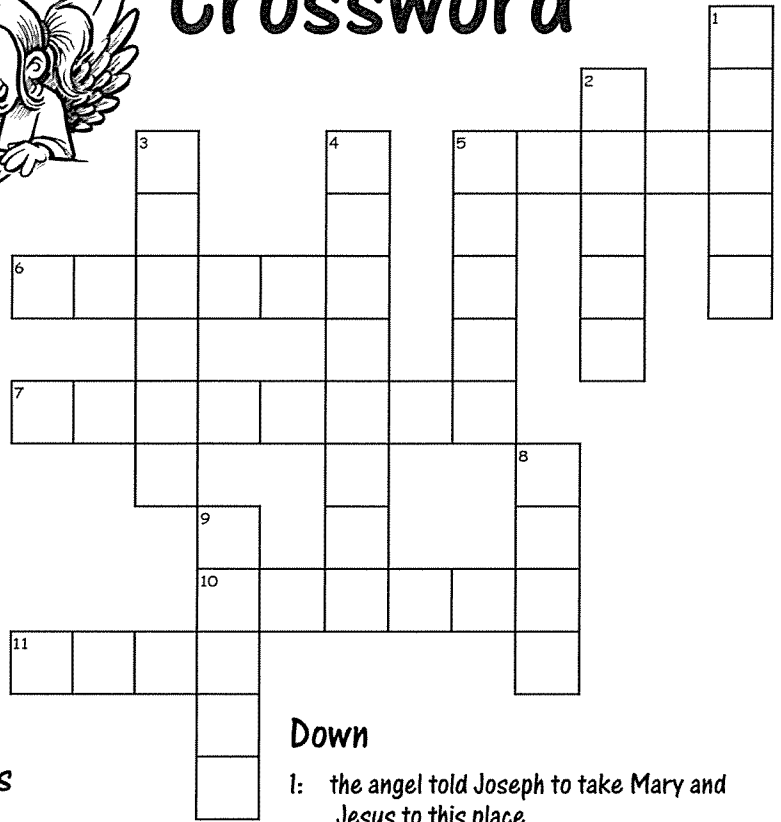
AMEN



Mary, Mother of God. This day has been celebrated as part of the Octave (eight days) of Christmas since around the sixth century. It is a feast which talks about both Jesus and Mary. It is a celebration of the fact that Jesus was truly God and truly human. Because this is true of Jesus, it is also true that Mary is the "God-Bearer" – the Mother of God.



Crossword



Across

- 5: rush
- 6: sacred songs and poems in the old Testament
- 7: replied
- 10: to go back
- 11: a husband's partner

Down

- 1: the angel told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to this place
- 2: incorrect
- 3: to speak highly of
- 4: teach
- 5: this king wanted to harm Jesus
- 8: bad deeds
- 9: the angel appeared to Joseph in a _____

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- appeared
- Archelaus
- dream
- Egypt
- Herod
- hurry
- looking
- Nazarene
- promise
- return
- true
- wife

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