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*The Holy Scriptures  
are our letters  
from home*



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**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Feast of the Holy Family, Yr A**

**CELEBRATIONS: 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020**



Monday 9.00am  
 Tuesday { 4.30pm  
               5.00pm  
 Wednesday 9.00am  
 Thursday  
 Friday 5.00pm  
 Saturday 9.15am

Mass of 6<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of Christmas  
 Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel  
 Mass of 7<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of Christmas  
 Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
 No Mass  
 Mass of Friday of Christmas with Anointing  
 Reconciliation

**Saturday 6.00pm** Mass of the solemnity of the **Epiphany** of the Lord, Yr A  
**Sunday 8.00am** Mass of the solemnity of the **Epiphany** of the Lord, Yr A  
**10.00am** Mass of the solemnity of the **Epiphany** of the Lord, Yr A



● **Buy a Ticket** in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish. There are **14 Prizes including 3 Cars**. Tickets are **\$2** each and can be purchased in the church foyer or from the Parish Office. Books of tickets can be taken to sell to friends, relations, colleagues etc. Buy a ticket, support our Parish. ✍ *Fr Joe*

● **HAPPY NEW YEAR** May the Holy Family be our inspiration to work together for the good of everyone and of the family of the Church. The Plenary Council of the Church in Australia begins with the New Year. May the Holy Spirit work amongst us through this Council so we as Church can truly respond to *what God is asking of us at this time in Australia*. ● Let's keep in mind those who are in the midst of trauma at this time especially those engulfed with the bushfires around our nation, and those suffering the devastation of drought. May 2020 see an end to their traumas and may we all support them as they put their lives back together. As the Holy Family came out of exile and set up their family's home in Nazareth, may those who have lost homes be helped in every way to re-establish homes for their families and live in peace and security. We pray that we may grow as a nation as we reach out again to help each other. ✍ *Fr Joe*

#### **Lectors:**

**28<sup>th</sup> Dec/ 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019**

6.00pm .... G.Steele      8.00am .... N.Bosquet      10.00am .... D.Jones

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan/ 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020**

6.00pm .... B.Eames      8.00am .... J.Amore      10.00am .... D.Thirard

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**28<sup>th</sup> Dec/ 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019**

6.00pm ... M.Young      8.00am ... A.Wells      10.00am ....B.Ellwood

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan/ 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020**

6.00pm ...P.Donnelly      8.00am ... B.Wells      10.00am ....D.Foster

#### **God's Housekeepers this Week:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan .... Group C      9<sup>th</sup> Jan .... Group D

#### **Counting Teams:**

**January:** Mike & Pauline Henry and Anthony McDermott

#### **Last week's Offerings:**

First (Support of the Priests) **715.00** Second (Support of the church/Hall) **\$974.00**



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you listen to our prayers, especially our family prayers.

Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**

⌘ Christ Jesus, you have forgiven us; help us to forgive others.

Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you accepted the care of Mary and Joseph.

Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**



➤ **FIRST READING:** *Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14*

*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***R Happy are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways.***

**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***

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



***R***

**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:** *Colossians 3:12-21*

*Concerning a Christian's life in the world.*



➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

**May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts  
and the fullness of his message live within you.**

***Alleluia!***

➤ **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 2:13-15.19-23*

*Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.*



***Please pray for those who are sick especially:***

**Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.**

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

**Please pray for those who died recently, and for Colin Matthews and Peter Fay whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.**

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## PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

### Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) **now:**

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Comm. Antiphon: (Used **only** when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)  
**Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.**

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go forth, the Mass is ended

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Readings for next Sunday: Feast of the Epiphany, Year A**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 60: 1-6**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Ephesians 3 :2-3, 5-6**

Gospel: **Matthew 2: 1-12**

### WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

→ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

**Lectio:** Our text is in two parts. The first part comes after the wise men had left (the Epiphany, next week). The second part comes after the slaying of the innocents by king Herod and, some time after that, the death of Herod. It is through dreams that Joseph takes his family into exile and safety in Egypt and also, in a dream, that Joseph returns his family to safety in Israel. Joseph and Mary are caring for the Infant Jesus through tough times of exile and then of homecoming.

Read **Matthew 2: 13 – 15, 19 – 23**

**Meditatio:** How does the Lord speak to me? Is it through dreams? Have there been quiet times when I have heard the Lord? When have I felt in danger or insecure? Can I identify with the plight of exiles or refugees? Is *coming home* a good feeling for me? How important is security for me; e.g. *being settled*?

**Oratio:** Pray to be better at listening to the Lord when he speaks to you. Pray that we will make quiet and reflective times so the Lord can speak to us. Pray for families who *fear for their lives*. Pray for families who must leave their homes seeking refuge and safety. Pray for innocent victims of oppression. Pray that refugees may be treated with respect and compassion. Pray for peace, harmony and security in families.

**Contemplatio** – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

**After your prayer** – Use the holidays as a gift for family time. *✍ Fr Joe*

## Coming Events in 2020

### **2020 – Plenary Council Year**

- 18<sup>th</sup> January – Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Rosebud – if you can help with this Parish Fundraiser, there is a roster in the church foyer.
- 26<sup>th</sup> January (Sun.) – Australia Day BBQ Lunch
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday
- 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday





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