

CATHOLIC PARISH OF APPLECROSS

St Benedict's Church

Newsletter



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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sumter

Look at any newspaper, magazine, television current affairs program or social commentary and you will be bombarded with the notion that the institution of family is under attack. Rather, what appears to be under attack is a particular view of what it means to be 'family'. Society in general and governments in particular are recognising the reality that 'family' is a much more fluid term than it used to be. Rather than an attack on family, it might be argued that there is in fact an embracing of the concept of family by making its definition much broader.

In this feast we celebrate the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The model of family that we have in this Holy Family is a model that would not be entirely out of place in the 21st Century. Mary was a very young woman; possibly no more than 13 or 14 years old. Joseph was an older man; possibly on his second marriage. There was a degree of scandal about the conception of their child and Joseph seriously contemplated whether or not he would go ahead with the marriage. They were forced to flee their homeland and seek protection as refugees in Egypt. We see from today's passage that the parents are doing their best to be faithful to their religious and cultural traditions whilst worrying about what the future holds for their son. It is a picture that is not too different from the situation in which many families today find themselves. So while we celebrate today the feast of the Holy Family, it is very much a celebration of every family.

2018

1 Jan—Mass @ 9am—CHURCH CLOSED AFTER MASS

26 Jan—Australia Day—Mass @ 7.30am—CHURCH CLOSED AFTER MASS

6 FEB—MASS OF HEALING @ 9AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
@ 7.30AM

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

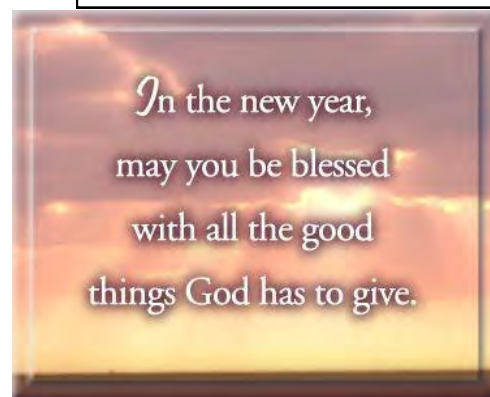
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The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary and Joseph



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Officer, Jack Oswald, Nellie Przybylski, Myrtle Kirwan, Kathleen McAdam, Faith Court, Mary Lissiman, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Please remember all our ill and sick parishioners in your prayers. Thank you

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please fill-in a Membership Form which is available from the turn stand in the foyer of the Church and post or hand-in to the Parish Office. Thank you

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MASS TIMES

Wed/Fri: 7.00am
 Tues/Thurs: 9.00am
 Sat: 7.30am
 Sat Vigil: 6.00pm
 Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

*If Public Holiday falls on Wed/
 Fri, Mass will be celebrated at
 7.30am*

Reconciliation:

Sat: 11am—12noon
 4.30pm—5.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon: 7.30am—6pm
 Tues/Thurs: 9.30am—6pm
 Wed/Fri: 7.30am—6pm
 Sat: 8am—12noon

Rosary Groups:

For the Sick: Mon-7pm
 For Priests & Vocations: Sat-8am
 Cenacle: Thurs-9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:
 Holidays

Baptisms:

Sundays at 11.30am.

Marriages:

By appointment

BENEDICTCARE GROUP

During the month of January, please contact the Parish office if in need of help or assistance.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—31st December 2017

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: LK 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

FIRST READING: Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 127:1-5. R. SEE V.1

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

SECOND READING—Col 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

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.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL—Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON—Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Will meet on Friday, 5th January in the Fr Albert Lynch Room @ 11am so we invite all our usual members and new ones to come along a share in some wonderful company

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS
 Mass will be at 7.30am, all welcome.

THE CHURCH & CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED AFTER THE MASS.

MASS OF THE ANOINTING—Tuesday, 6 FEB
 At the 9am Mass. All are welcome. If you need transport, please contact the Office. Morning tea follows the Mass.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Draw the angel speaking to Joseph in his dream.



PARISH MINISTRY ROSTERS—6/7 JANUARY 2018

	SAT: 6PM	SUN: 7.30AM	SUN: 9.30AM	SUN: 6PM
ACOLYTE	C. CARDOSO	M. KILROE	L. HANDCOCK	K. BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	E. BIANCUZZO L. MORRIS	C & L KILROE	K & L BARNES M. DA SILVA	E & N CAUCHI
COLLECTORS	T. GARBIN I. COORAY	G. DOYLE	C. WOOLFORD R. BUNN	G. CINANNI C. JOSEPH
COMMENTATORS	K. PACYNA	J. OVERMAN	C. HACKETT	J. NORTON
READERS	Y. GARBIN G. CLAY	M. ILICH M. ANDERSON	P. SEARSON G. WAKE	J. GARDNER M. CINANNI
EMOCH	P. DOWNES E. O'CONNOR F. MEYERKORT S. SALDANHA M. REGO	B. LILLIS R. DOWLING	M SANDFORD C. RECHICHI K. WRINGE M. BUNN J. PHILLIPS	D. LONGO M & G CINANNI C. GELDENHUYS R. PAUL
ALTAR SOCIETY	MRS B. YOUNG			
COUNTERS	T & Y GARBIN	J. OVERMAN	R. PACKER	R. BOURNE
PILGRIM STATUE	B. NEWMAN			

ROSTERS:

Rosters have been emailed out and if you did not receive yours, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who has sent cards, Christmas wishes, gifts and also gave so generously through the Christmas Dues. Your support and care is very much appreciated.

Fr Nelson

Readings for next week **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YR B**

1st Reading: Is 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12