

WELCOME



"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH — 27 DECEMBER

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @ 7am
Wed/Fri: 7.00am
Tues/Thurs: 9.00am
Sat: 7.30am & Vigil @ 6pm
Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Reconciliation:

Sat: **4.30PM-5.30PM**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30am—5pm
Tues/Thurs: 9.30am— 5pm
Wed/Fri: 7.30am—5pm
Sat: 8am—12noon

Rosary Groups:

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on Thursdays @ 1.00pm

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert Lynch Room @ 1.30pm

Baptisms: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Marriages: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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**HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
FRIDAYS @ 7.30AM**



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THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR B

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

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

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

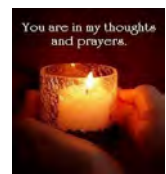
Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Tom Lyons, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Sr Carla, Beryl
Kerman, Truus Botman, Eric Walsh, Sim Tan, Norman Thomas, Ng Chai Hong, Beatrice Leong and all others who are not included in this list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Victor Henderson, Kathleen Christina Donnelly, Mary Irene Stasinowsky, Joan Roberts, Jack Dominic Oswald, Maureen Mary Court, Michael Officer, Petronela Przybylski, Myrtle Kirwan, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Thank You.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: THE EPIPHANY of the LORD

1st: Is 60:1-6

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



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READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Lk 2:16*

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

First Reading: *Gen 15:1-6. 21:1-3*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Your own son shall be your heir.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8*

(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! (R.)
2. Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. (R.)
3. Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)
4. He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

Second Reading: *Heb 11:8. 11-12. 17-19*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation *Heb 1:1-2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;
now he speaks to us though his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 2:22. 39-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Communion Antiphon *Bar 3:38*

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 2 & 3 JANUARY 2021

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	C CARDOSO	R DOWLING	W V ALEBEEK	M WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	D & D FERNANDES	T & O DOWLING	I & A BARFIELD K TAN	M & S ELHAJ
COMMENTATORS	D SUTCLIFFE	E MUENCHOW	M CICCARELLI	J NORTON
COLLECTORS	T GARBIN B NEWMAN	J GALVIN	M SANDFORD C WOOLFORD	C JOSEPH M NARDONE
READERS	E DIAS S SALDANHA	M ANDERSON F GERICEVICH	J PHILLIPS C RECHICHI	A GOMES B KERMAN
EMOHC	S CHEN R STEENKAMP	S ROBERTSON J LEE	A GOMES K DWYER	R PAUL O D'SOUZA

ALTAR SOCIETY: MRS H McNAUGHT & MRS A SEQUEIRA

PILGRIM STATUE: T YOUNG

COUNTERS: T & Y GARBIN, J OVERMAN, R PACKER & R BOURNE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: **NO LITURGY DURING COVID-19**