

The Holy Family 30th December 2018



The Holy Family

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Let us take time to be thankful for all the members of our own families and to ask God to bless them abundantly with happiness. The first reading is a commentary on the fourth commandment: "Honour your father and your mother." Sirach reminds children of their duty to honour their parents – even when it becomes difficult. He reminds children that God blesses them if they obey and show compassion to their parents. Paul, in the letter to the Colossians, advises us that we should put on love and remain thankful in our relationships with one another. Paul's advice is part of the "Household code" – the rules for members of the Christian family. In a truly holy family all members are respected, cherished, nurtured and supported, united through the bond of love. As children of God and members of God's family, we are invited to show the same care to God, our heavenly Father, our own parents and our parental role models.

This is the last weekend that Fr. Lucius will be with us and wish him all the best in his new parish. Here are his parting words:

After the resurrection, while Jesus was ready to ascend to his Father in heaven, he looked at his disciples' face and seeing that they were going to miss him, he said "I will not leave you orphans, but will ask my father to send you another advocate (Councillor) (priest) to guide you and to remind you all that I have thought you". (John 14: 16) Obviously, Jesus knew the devastating impact that his leaving would have on his followers and so he makes them a promise: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever". (John 14: 16)

Today, I feel like I have found myself in the same situation with Jesus, and sadly but not regrettably I'm repeating the same words of Jesus; I will not leave you as orphans... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14.16,18, 27) but this time around not addressed to Jesus' twelve disciples but to you my beloved people of Grovely-Samford and Mitchelton. But wait a minute! Is it true that I have already spent two years here in this parish? Wow! How time flies!

Naturally, it is always sad to say goodbye to people you love but when I look back on how quickly I have settled into the parish family and the love and care you have lavished on me within these two years of my priestly ministry here in GSM, I feel exceptionally blessed and even more equipped to go out and bear more fruits that will last. (John 15:16)

Very sad though, that this appointment is coming now that I can comfortably call GSM a home, having known my way around, made a lot of friends and gotten used to a lot of good parishioners and enjoyed lots of family dinners and barbecues.

All the same, I still believe that I'm only a few kms away from the beautiful western Hill communities from Gaythorne to Mt Glorious and will always return home occasionally, as out of sight is never out of mind. All I can say now is thank you wonderful people of GSM for being my family here in Australia, while away from home. Thanks for all your support, prayers, kind words and gifts during my farewell. May the blessings of Christmas remain ever new in your lives and in the life of your families.

*Finally, as I continue my priestly ministry with the people of Caboolture and Bribie Island, I ask that you continue praying for me and my ministry, as I also keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I am proud of you and will always be! **Season's blessing to you all! Fr Lucius Edomobi***

Farewell Fr. Lucius and Thank you for your ministry,
Every blessing in your ministry.

Nigel Sequeira



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LITURGY TIMES

31 December - 6 January

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9.15am Mass
Tuesday	9.00am <i>New Year's Day</i>
Wednesday	7.00pm Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass 11.00am <i>Funeral Kathleen Dawson</i>
Friday	7.00am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday:	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm.

Oxford Park St. Joseph's

Sunday 9.30am Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday:	11pm <i>Adoration</i>
Tuesday:	12.00am <i>Midnight Mass</i>
Friday	8.30am <i>Cancelled</i>
Saturday:	3.45 - 4.30pm Reconciliation

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday:	4.30pm Mass
Sunday:	8:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Thursday 6.00pm *Lit. of the Word*

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8.00am Mass

GROVELY NEWS

Counters this week:

Sue Skehan, Tony & Sharon Agar.

Family Rosary:

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Emma & Amel Girjes at 10 Lapilli St, Keperra at 7pm on Tuesday.

St Williams Meditation is now in recess and will resume at 7 pm Tuesday 15th January 2018. All welcome enquiries Bob 0428 813 483

GROVELY-SAMFORD & MITCHELTON NEWS

Faithful Departed

Recently:

Gloria Kissane (*Denise Quinlan's Mother*), Kathleen Dawson, Barry Todd, Neil Hamilton, Phyllis Black, Jerry Gomes, Sylvia Simpson, Catherine Bermingham, John Coren, Fr William McKeown, Fr John Dobson.

Anniversary:

Nell Feldman, Duncan Robertson, Kit Robertson, Maurice baker, Mossie Baker.

Funeral:

The funeral for Kathleen Dawson will be held at St William's Church on Thursday 3rd January at 11.00am. Our sympathy and prayers are with family and friends.

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Colyn Bierton, John Campbell, Maureen Campbell, Fr David Catterall, Kathleen Edden, Arthur Fitzgerald, Peter Kennedy, Jim O'Leary, Lynne Marr, Linda Moffatt, Margaret Murphy, Ron Needham, Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, Rudi Wagenwood, John Weier.



The Grovely Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has again been very active throughout 2018 in seeking to provide a hand up to those doing it tough in our Community. During the year we have conducted 485 visits, assisting 1548 people of which 758 are children under the age of 16. It would simply not be possible to do our work without the support of all the generous people who have joined with us throughout the year. Thank you to Father Nigel for supporting us and all the Parishioners who have made donations, cooked for us or attended a fundraising event. Thank you to our schools St Andrews Catholic Primary School, St Andrews Community Association, St Williams Catholic Primary School for your support and Noel and Ann Stallard who give their time and their talent at Verses for Vinnies.

MITCHELTON NEWS

Family Rosary:

This week: Mayette & Matt Boongaling

Counters this week:

Group C – Michael Saide

Counters next week:

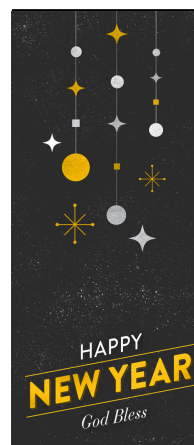
Group D - Dermott O'Moore

Parish Office Hours Christmas / New Year

The Parish Office will reopen on **Wednesday 2nd January 2019**, when normal hours will recommence:

Monday: 8am—1pm
Tuesday to Friday: 8am—4pm

In an emergency please call the Parish Office number: 3355 2667



Give thanks to God for 2018 with Adoration and begin 2019 with Celebration of the Eucharist.

Our Lady of Dolours
December 31st - 11 pm **Adoration**
January 1st - 12 midnight **Mass**

A light supper will be held after Mass please bring a plate

The Parish Calendar is available from the Parish Office

Please call to arrange delivery/collection of your group's copies, advising number required.

Thank you to all the countless volunteers who contributed to our Christmas celebrations. There were so many who helped at our three communities - general helpers and welcomers, church decorators, communion ministers, readers, commentators, altar servers, musicians and singers - all who contributed their talents so that all of our ceremonies ran well and smoothly.

Many, many thanks from our three communities.

The feast of the Epiphany next weekend marks the end of the Christmas Season.

World Day of Peace

Tuesday 1st January



This Week's Readings

The Holy Family Year C

1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28
1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24
Lk 2:41-52

Next Week's Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord Year C

Is 60:1-6;
Eph 3:2-3,5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

