

Year B
Holy Family
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The Holy Family



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CHRISTMASTIDE IS HERE! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Advent Season has ended and Christmastide or the Christmas Season has begun. Traditionally, Christmastide begins at Vespers on December 24th and continues for twelve days to the 5th January – the twelve days of Christmas. The infant Jesus, our Divine Saviour, has been born amidst great expectation and excitement – the First Coming, so to speak. In our Church, however, the Liturgical Season of Christmastime runs from First Vespers on Christmas Eve, the eve of the Nativity of the Lord, up to and including the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Epiphany or after the 6th January. This year it will end on Saturday the 9th January. It is a time for rejoicing and celebrating after the season of Advent – a time of preparation through self-restraint and sacrifice. A time for exchanging gifts and hugs. We celebrate a Divine Saviour born.

So, what is the significance of Christmastide? The season has its beginning in history as a resolution of the problem confronting the Roman Empire at the time of different dates in the East and the West for celebrating the Nativity. The Roman Empire was governed at the time by the Julian Calendar but some of the eastern regions of the Empire had different calendars and there could be up to 12 days difference in celebrating the Nativity. The resolution of the date difference was determined by the Council of Tours in 567CE which declared a season of celebration between Vespers on the 24th Dec and the Epiphany on the 5th January. The time in between was filled over time with feast days such as the Nativity (Dec 25th); St Stephen, Martyr (Dec 26th); the Holy Family (today); The Holy Innocents (Dec 28th); Mary the Mother of God (Jan 1st); Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (Jan 2nd); The Epiphany of the Lord (Jan 3rd); The Baptism of the Lord (Jan 10th). It is a season of continued celebration, despite the fact that many in our society today think it is all over on Boxing Day – time to go shopping, you might say. But no – for the Church, the time for celebration is only just beginning!

The mystery of God acting in the world continues just as it did for Abram and Sarah in our First Reading today. Sarah gives birth to Isaac, not as a virgin but as an older woman who is past childbearing age. Today, a new family is born. In fulfilment of the Scripture, as indicated in our Gospel reading, God created a new family with the virgin birth of Jesus – a holy family – Mary, Joseph, and Jesus – God with us.

Our families are “holy” too – marked as different for the Lord through our baptism. Families are the bedrock of love within our society. We count on them. So as we celebrate The Holy Family, let's celebrate ours too – warts and all! Happy Christmastime!

Deacon Peter

LITURGY TIMES

28th December - 3rd January

Grovely St William's

Next Weekend Masses

Friday: 8:00am New Year's Mass
*The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God*

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am Mass
The Holy Innocents

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

Thursday: 8:30am Mass
11:00pm Adoration

Friday: 00:00am New Year's Mass
*The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God*

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Sunday: 11:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass



Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is in Recess

Saturday Adoration will resume
January 23

Weekly reconciliations will also
resume at this time

Can't Make It To Mass?

Watch Online:

Mass is streamed live everyday from the Cathedral of St Stephen and can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website or YouTube channel.

Weekday (Mon - Fri) 8am

Saturday, Jan 2: 11:30am

Sunday, Jan 3: 8am & 10am

Watch on TV:

'Mass for You at Home' can be viewed on Channel 10 at **6am** on **Sundays**

This Week's Readings: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Genesis 15: 1 - 6, 21: 1 - 3
Hebrews 11: 8, 11 - 12, 17 - 19
Luke 2: 22 - 40

Next Week's Readings: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6
Ephesians 3: 2 - 3, 5 - 6
Matthew 2: 1 - 12

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently Departed: Teresa 'Terry' Dart, Rufino Denila, Fr James Byrne, Joan Smith, Aileen Kelly

Anniversaries: Duncan Robertson, Florence O'Hara



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Paola Curatore, Warwick Lee, Stuart Smith, Maureen Campbell, Kathleen Edden, Cindy Roberts, Teresa Pitman, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Wagner

Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

Pope's Prayer Intentions: December For A Life Of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ may be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer



Give thanks to God for 2020 with Adoration, and begin 2021 with Celebration of the Eucharist.

Our Lady of Dolours:

Adoration - December 31, 11pm
New Year's Mass - Midnight

St Williams:

New Year's Mass - January 1, 8am

All Welcome!

What Christmas carol is heard in the desert?

O Camel Ye Faithful



GROVELY

Vinnies Bread Run

The Grovely SVDP Conference requires a volunteer to deliver bread to needy families within the parish. Commitment would be approx. 2.5hrs once every 4 weeks on a Saturday/Sunday evening.

Anyone interested in helping this worthy cause please call Brian Bensted on 3351 1174 or 0412 569 170

Security Cameras at Grovely

Due to the number of break-ins at St William's, please be aware that security cameras have been installed in the church, parish office and the surrounding areas.

The Parish Office will be closed from December 23 to January 11. In the event of emergency, call the parish office and your call will be redirected to a priest's mobile. Please make your Mass bookings in advance, especially if your preferred method is via phone or email. Otherwise, book online, sign in via the QR code at the Church entrance or arrive early and sign-in manually.

Resumption of Home Communion at Moonah Park Aged Care

Eucharistic Ministry will commence in the New Year for our Aged Care family at Churches of Christ, Oxford Park. This is an essential Catholic mission in reaching out to those who cannot practice their faith with us on weekends. If you are interested in helping in this very rewarding role please let us know by contacting Marie-Louise Singson at the Parish Office. Training and support will be provided by the team.

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you forgive." Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone - a family member, a friend or co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Bible Quiz

Who claimed that the golden calf simply came out of the fire?

Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

What was the first thing Noah built when he came out of the ark?

Answer:

Altar (Gen 8:20)

Feast of the Holy Family A Vocation View

The Old Law said that every first born male shall be dedicated to the Lord. Is there a priest, deacon, brother or sister from your family? Now is the time for families to encourage vocation!



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