



28 December - The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY YEAR A - 28 DECEMBER 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

FAMILY LIFE REFLECTS THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY

Family life is embedded in the mind and life of God. God is the family per excellence – Father, Son and the Holy Spirit – the Trinity. Human family of mother, father and child is the simplest and most practical way to explain the mystery of Trinity. Hence, as we celebrate the holy family Sunday, we ask ourselves:

What makes the Holy Family holy? Not simply the fact that Mary and Joseph are the parent of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God. Mary, Joseph and Jesus are holy because each of them lived a life of loving obedience to God without compromise.

As Jesus says of his mother; she is the one who heard the word of God and obeyed it. And numerous times in the Gospel, Joseph hears the command of the Angel of God and obeys. Jesus, too. Affirms that he came to do the will of his Father. The first reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (3:2-6, 12-14), and the second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:12-21) give us the core of being a holy family. The fourth commandment is well captured in the first reading, and the second reading St. Paul explains to the community of Colossians and to us too, how to live in our families.

St. Theresa of Lisieux says: Holiness consists in doing the will of God and being what God wants us to be. Being holy, however, is no protection against the difficulties and sufferings of life. In the Gospel we hear of the hardships that the Holy Family went through, having to escape multiple times from those wished to do harm on them. The family unit is under threat today with the rise of selfish individualism and aggressive assertiveness. St. Paul exhort us to live lives of holiness by being compassion, kind, humble. Patient, gentle and forgiving.

In this way. We will live in peace within our families and God will reign in our hearts and homes. God bless our families. God bless our Parents. Amen

Fr. Gaspar Mushi, Cssp.



Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
we place in your tender and powerful care the life of our parish and the life of every
parishioner. May marriage and family life be valued in all cultures.
May the will of the Father be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

Christmas Offering



The Christmas Offering envelopes in the Church are for the support of our Clergy.

If you have an automatic credit card deduction in place for Christmas Offerings, this will be processed next week.

Thank you for your appreciation of and generosity to our Clergy.

Mass Times: Throughout December and January, regular weekday and weekend Mass times will be maintained.

Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 9:15am Weekends: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am 9:30am and 5:30pm

First Saturday of the month: 3 January — Mass at 9:15am

Parish Office Hours into January: The office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays up to Wednesday 14 January and then is closed until Monday 2 February. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to leave a message on 9489 3221 or email holynname@bbcatholic.org.au

During this time, Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and a Priest on duty.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	29 December	No Mass				5th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday	30 December	Mass	9.15am			6th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday	31 December	Mass	9.15am			7th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday	1 January	Mass	9.15am			MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD
Friday	2 January	Mass	9.15am			Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
Saturday	3 January	Mass	*9.15am	5.00pm		*FIRST SATURDAY of the Month Saturday before the Epiphany
Sunday	4 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nancy den Hertog (died 14 December), Judith (Judy) Allan (died 6 December, mother of Philippa, Vincent and Sonia), Sharon Ogden (died 3 December aged 79yrs), Marie Maloney (Mary Weaver's Mum, died 18 November aged 92), Angela Wodzga (life long friend of Linette Sardinha, died 17 November), John Clark (husband of Joan (dec), father of Julie, Cathryn and David, died 4 November aged 96), Gennaro (Jim) Abignano (died 24 October aged 93, husband of Maria, Dad to Nina, Luisa, Biagio, Joe, Mario and Pierre), Robert Malonga (Fr Jules-Davy's father - died 14 October aged 86yrs).

ANNIVERSARIES: December: Mario Severino (19th anniversary on 26 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 24th anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 4th anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (39th anniversary on 29 December), Denese O'Brien (4th anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne, grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 55th anniversary on 24 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 4th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—7th anniversary, 25 December), **January:** Aaron Lori (13th anniversary 1st January), Elisha Foti - 13th anniversary on 4 January), Michael Phoebus (4th anniversary, 6 January) Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 10th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (32nd anniversary 8 January), Patricia McGrath (3rd anniversary, 17 January, wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Muriel Molnar (10th anniversary, 21 January), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, 3rd anniversary 21 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 9th anniversary, 23 January, Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 6th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 65th anniversary on 21 January), Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 39th anniversary on 23 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (4th anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January).

FOR THE SICK: George Ozelins, Peter and Jan Van de Velde (Jacqui's parents), Jannette Mary Cameron (sister of Tom Gait), Peter Dewar (good friend of Reg Gibbons), Jenny O'Brien, Lawson Wynter, grandson of Marilyn Orrock, Megan Khannah, Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), Tammy Ibda (friend of Dominic McGrath), Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis), Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Noeline Mannix, Tina Northcott, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret and Pat MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Henry Alan Field (grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Pam Gallagher, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us an almighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen

(A modern prayer for the New Year from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

