

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YEAR A

28 December 2025

NOTES:

- All rostered liturgical ministers need to **sign-in** (Readers, Senior Server, EMHC, and Musicians) in the foyer.
- **SC only:** After mass sign-in sheet for St. Cecilia needs to be put back in the basket.

ROSTER: Week 4

	SAT 5.30	SUN 7.30	SUN 9AM	SUN 9.30	SUN 5PM
Presider	Jojo	John	Peter	Jojo	Senan
Mass Intention					
Welcoming					
Coordinator			Christine		
Senior Server	Louise	Edelvine	Antoinette	Edelvine	Michael
EMHC	Elizabeth-Anne Volunteer x 1	Volunteers x 2	Volunteers x 2	Titus Volunteer x 1	Carol Volunteer x 1
Readers	Ronda Leonie Val (R)	Elsie Lea Tim (R)	Sacha/Amy Cathy (R)	Kaye Anne	Geraldine Leanne Christine (R)
Music	Parish Choir	None	PPT with audio	PPT with audio	PPT with audio
Hospitality					
Laptop		Olivier			

BAPTISMS

11.30am	Ashlyn McDavid	Liam & Emma
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PRESENTATIONS/WELCOMING

WELCOME TO THE ASSEMBLY

Good morning/evening, everyone. My name is _____, and I warmly welcome you to our celebration of the Eucharist on this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – a day to honour and give thanks for the gift of family life.

Today, we look to the Holy Family as our model of love, faith, and unity, and we pray for all families in our parish and beyond. May this celebration strengthen our bonds of love and draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

Before we begin, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land and their enduring connection to its lands and waterways. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.

As we begin our celebration, I now invite you to stand, warmly greet those around you, and join wholeheartedly in singing our Entrance Hymn.

(pause)

And now, let us welcome our presider for this Mass, Father _____.

Sat 5.30pm	Fr Jojo
Sun 7.30am	Fr John
Sun 9am	Fr Peter
Sun 9.30am	Fr Jojo
Sun 5pm	Fr Senan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRESIDER As we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the perfect model of love, unity, and faith, let us bring our prayers to God, who is the source of all family life and peace.

RESPONSE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church: That the Church may always uphold and promote the beauty of traditional Christian family values, inspiring families to grow in love, faith, and forgiveness. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For families everywhere: That all families may be strengthened in love and that broken relationships may be healed. May the example of the Holy Family inspire families to place God at the center of their lives. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For those struggling in faith and family life: That those burdened by doubt, isolation, or challenges in their relationships may find hope and healing. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For those in need this season: For the poor, the lonely, and those who feel abandoned, that they may find comfort and hope through the kindness of others. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For peace and reconciliation in our world: We pray for all affected by violence, including the victims of the recent tragedy at Bondi Beach. May God grant eternal rest to those who have died, healing to the injured, and comfort to grieving families. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For all people of goodwill: That the example of the Holy Family may inspire us to be peacemakers in our homes, our communities, and our world, fostering reconciliation, love, and unity wherever there is division. **Lord, hear us! R.**

May those who have died in the present wars and through captivity find life in God. We remember those who have died recently: **Regino Agapito, Armando Ianni, Yvonne Di Mauro**, and those whose anniversaries occur: **Theresa McEwen, Eric McKinnon, Virginia Mendoza, Zenaida Sinohin, Maria Polito, Antonio Gelonesi, Francesca Gelonesi**, Let us pray! **R.**

PRESIDER Loving Father, you gave us the Holy Family as a model of faith, love, and obedience. Hear our prayers today and help us to follow their example in our own families and communities. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

We will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Day with Mass at St Kieran's at 8:30AM on January 1. All are welcome.

Bishop's Christmas Message

Bishop Anthony extends his Christmas greetings in a special message to all the faithful. The full text of his message is available online. Check the bulletin for the details. We will now view the video of his message.

Christmas Closure

Our Parish Office will close for Christmas at 4:30PM on Tuesday, 23 December. It will reopen on Tuesday, 6 January at 9:00AM.

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

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

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *(R.)*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! *(R.)*

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

[Colossians 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

Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's roster (1st Sunday of the month)

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Readers	Val Cecilia Caterina (R)	Joseph Pauline Jenny (R)	Michael H Michael C Pauline	Brian Kate Tania (R)	Louise Catherine Linda (R)
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