

Parish News...

Parish Office: Will be closed from Christmas day, reopening on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

Volunteer Lunch: All you wonderful volunteers who keep this Parish functioning, are invited to a lunch on Sunday, 20th January, 2019 from 12 noon in the Walter Baker Hall. For catering purposes, please call the Parish office to confirm your attendance.

Church Cleaning Roster 2019: Available for collection in the Leo Mahon Room.

Readers Roster for 2019: Will be available this weekend.

God's Word 2019—Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary: available in Piety stall discounted to \$10. Includes Readings of the day & reflections.

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

Recently Deceased: Noel Domingo, Sr Pat Barton, Lynda Webber.

Anniversaries: Eugene Ozment, Joyce Woodin, Doris Pickering, Barrie McKeowen.

Sick: Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis Aloisio, Olive Brittliff, Leon de Pradines, Margaret Davin, Helen Taylor, Amanda Sheridan, Marta Panczyna, Sue James, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Paul Hennessy, Sue Rose, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Elaine Finlayson, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Leo Fry, Karen Chorazyczewska, Joan Kelleher, Carolyn Jupp, Lynette Durie.

Psalm Response



Salesian Thought

Through devotion, your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.

Saint Francis de Sales

Welcome to all for

Membership of Fransalian Associates

Fransalian Associates are men and women who embrace the vision and spirituality of the missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (Fransalians), founded in Annecy, France by Peter Marie Mermier in 1839.

- To know about St. Francis De Sales
- To know about the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales
- To know the Spirituality of St. Francis De Sales

Please register your name with your phone numbers at the gathering table.

The First gathering of Fransalian Associates will be held on 6th January after the evening Mass at 7.00 p.m. Fr Mani Malana msfs will be our resource person for that day.

OUT OF HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY

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Fr. Timothy Raj. M.S.F.S. Administrator

Fr. Philip Thottam. M.S.F.S. Assistant Priest

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds). Saturday and Public Holidays 9am

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. *Alleluia!*



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Mission and Vision

Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:

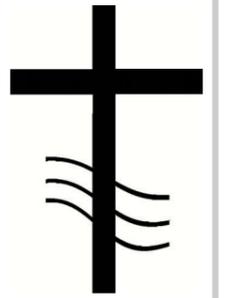
Worship and Liturgy

Outreach

Our Parish School

Hospitality

Adult & Child Faith Formation



The Holy Family

30th December, 2018, Year C (Psalter Week 1)

Gospel Reflection -© Fr Michael Tate



Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?' Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about *my* Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys.

But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church.

We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

December 31st New Years Eve

6:00pm (Adoration)

7:00pm

January 1st New Years Day

9:00am