



Catholic Parish of Warringah

Diocese of Broken Bay, NSW— Scalabrinian Fathers

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31st December 2023 : The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph— Year B

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St Kevin's Church

Weekday Masses:

Mon-Sat:8:30am (Holy Rosary 8am) , Friday
12 Noon

Week-end Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8am; 9.15am, 10.30am (in Italian);
6pm

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of the month

4pm & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11.45am -
in Tagalog

Mass in Spanish : 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4pm

Brazilian Mass : 2nd & Last Saturday at 4pm.

Every 4th Sunday:

Chaplaincy Youth Mass at 6.00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9am

Cenacle of Prayer:

Wednesday after the 8.30am Mass

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Fridays of the month: 7pm Mass

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays after 8.30am Mass till 11.45am

Legion of Mary: Every Thursday at 2pm

Divine Mercy :3rd Friday at 7pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm except 1st
Wednesday (Novena Mass is every 1st
Wednesday at 7pm)

St John the Apostle Church

Weekday Masses: Tuesday—Saturday:

9.30am (Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
9.00am)

Week-end Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am & 10am (Rosary at 9.30am)

Reconciliation: Saturday: following the
9.30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday 7pm—8pm

1st Saturday 8:45am: Devotion &
Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of
Mary (prayers for Souls in Purgatory)

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. John's, Narrabeena :

Saturday	5.00pm	30	Dec Avelino Francisco Samartin (3 months), Roland King (10 years anniv).
Sunday	8.00am	31	
	10.00am		
Tuesday	9.30am	2	
	Sts Basil & Gregory		
Wednesday	9.30am	3	
Thursday	9.30am	4	
Friday	9.30am	5	
Saturday	9.30am	6	

St. Kevin's, Dee Why :

Saturday	6pm	30	
Sunday	8.00am	31	
	9.15am		
	10.30am		Dec Grace Rossi, Francesco Pugliese, Bruno Romeo, Francesco & Maria Romeo, Nicolino & Rosina Paola, Antonio Simonetta
	6.00pm		
Monday	8.30am	1	
	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God		
Tuesday	8.30am	2	
	Sts Basil & Gregory		
Wednesday	8.30am	3	
Thursday	8.30am	4	
Friday	8.30am	5	
	12 Noon		
Saturday	8.30am	6	

The Gospel reading on this feast centres on the family that is attuned to God. Joseph and Mary bring the Child Jesus to the Temple in obedience to the law of the Lord.

'Every first-born male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord'.

As the firstborn son, Jesus is consecrated to the Lord as the law requires. While holding the child Jesus in his arms, the old man Simeon blesses God who has fulfilled his promise of salvation—'a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'. May Nazareth teach us what the family is, in its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character! Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation which one receives is gentle and irreplaceable, and that, on the social level, it is primordial and without comparison.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis. The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless.' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104:1-6, 8-9

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! **R.**

Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. **R.**

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**

He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of

the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



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