



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Doveton

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A
22ND DECEMBER 2019

Parish Priest:
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Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil.... 6.30pm
Sunday..... 9.30am
.....11.00am
Healing Mass.....7.00pm

Spanish Mass
4.30pm Saturday.

Weekday Masses
Monday..... 9.15am
Tuesday..... 9.15am
Wednesday..... 7.00pm
Thursday..... 9.15am
Friday..... 9.15am
Saturday..... 9.15am

Reconciliation:
Saturday 9.45-10.15am
.....6.00- 6.25pm
Tuesday 9.45- 10.15am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Tuesday after Mass
Every Thursday at 8.00am
Every First Friday all day
Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday.....7.00pm
Prayer Meeting:
Tuesday.....7.30pm

Baptisms, Marriages:
Speak with Fr. Michael.
Church weddings only.
No Parks or reception centres.
In other Catholic churches
For practising parishioners only

Funerals
We do our best to fit in with your wishes. We prefer not to have viewings in the church.

Hall may be available for hire on Sunday afternoons. For cost, and availability ring parish office.

Parish-website
holyfamilydoveton.org.au

How to have a fruitful Advent, according to St. John Paul II

Devote yourself to prayer

Preparing ourselves to receive him requires first and foremost an attitude of intense and trusting prayer. Making room for him in our hearts demands a serious commitment to convert to his love.

Work for peace in your heart and in the world

We should be converted to peace; we should be converted to Christ, our peace, certain that his disarming love in the crib overcomes every dire threat and plan for violence. With confidence we need to continue to ask the Child, born of the Virgin Mary for us, that the enormous energy of his peace might drive out the hatred and revenge that lurk in the human soul.

Recognize the dignity of all human persons

Christmas is the privileged occasion to highlight one of the most influential Christian values: with the birth of Jesus, in the simplicity and poverty of Bethlehem, *God gave back dignity to every human being's existence*. He offered to all people the possibility to participate in his same divine life.

Look to Mary's example of faithful obedience

Mary, who in this novena of preparation for Christmas, guides us towards Bethlehem. Mary is the *Woman of the "yes"* who, contrary to Eve, makes the plan of God her own without reservation. Thus she becomes a *clear light* for our steps and *the highest model* for our inspiration.

Open your heart to an encounter with Jesus Christ

"Open the door to Christ, your Savior!" This is the invitation at the heart of the City Mission, but it must first echo in our own hearts. We ourselves must first open the doors of our conscience and our life to Christ the Savior, making ourselves docile to the Spirit's action, so that we are more and more conformed to the Lord.

Look forward with hope to Christ's Second Coming

The exhortation to be watchful resounds many times in the liturgy, especially in Advent, a season of preparation not only for Christmas, but also *for Christ's definitive and glorious coming at the end of time*. It therefore has a distinctly eschatological meaning and invites the believer to spend every day and every moment in the presence of the One "who is and who was and who is come" (Rv 1:4), to whom the future of the world and of man belongs. <https://aleteia.org>

This Week

Euch: Paul Richardson, Gerald D'Cruz, Lindsay Sant

Reading: Albert L, Cathy M, Paul R, Maureen M, Youth Mass

Readings: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1: 1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Next Week

Lynette Francis, Gerald D'Cruz, Bernadette

Lynette F, Larissa B, David Naidoo Jnr, David Naidoo Snr, Sachin P, Priyanka P

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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NOTICES

Healing Mass:

Every Sunday evening at 7.00pm.

Catechism Classes

For State school children on Thursdays at 4.00pm in the Small Hall.

Legion of Mary:

Every Tuesday at 10:45am
Venue: Small hall

Youth Group

Fridays 7.00pm in the small hall.

Parish Prayer Group

Meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm -8.30pm in the Big Hall. New parishioners are always welcome.

Christmas services:

24th Dec. Family Mass 7:30PM
24th Dec. Midnight Mass
12AM
25th Dec. Morning Mass 10AM

New Year Services:

31st Dec. Thanksgiving
Adoration 11PM
01st Jan. New Year Mass
12AM
01st Jan New Year Mass 10AM

Spanish Services:

24th Dec. Christmas Mass
4:30PM
31st Dec. New Years Mass
4:30PM

New office:

The office has been moved to the room between the presbytery and the main hall. This room was previously used as the men's room.

Christmas break:

The Parish office will be closed from the 24th of December to the 2nd January. Kindly note that the emails will still be accessed in case you need to get in touch.
Email: doveton@cam.org.au

Saturday Mass:

There will not be Saturday morning Mass on the following dates:

Dec 28th & Jan 4th

Healing Masses:

There will not be Sunday 7pm healing Masses from **Jan 5th to Feb 9th**, 2020. There will be a special Mass and healing service held on **Jan 19th at 7pm.**

READINGS

MONDAY

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;
Lk 1:57-66

TUESDAY

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12,
14-16;
Lk 1:67-79

WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS

Is 52:7-10;
Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY

St Stephen

Acts 6:8-10,
7:54-59;
Mt 10:17-22

FRIDAY

St John

1 Jn 1:1-4;
Jn 20:2-8

SATURDAY

The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5-2:2;
Mt 2:13-18

SUNDAY

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21;

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Tradition of Christmas Carols

Carols were first sung in Europe thousands of years ago, but these were not Christmas Carols. They were pagan songs, sung at the Winter Solstice celebrations as people danced round stone circles. The word Carol actually means dance or a song of praise and joy!

Early Christians took over the pagan solstice celebrations for Christmas and gave people Christian songs to sing instead of pagan ones. A famous early Christmas Hymn was written in 760, by Comas of Jerusalem, for the Greek Orthodox Church. Soon after this many composers all over Europe started to write 'Christmas carols'. However, not many people liked them as they were all written and sung in Latin, a language that the normal people couldn't understand and most lost interest in it. This was changed by St. Francis of Assisi when, in 1223, he started his Nativity plays in Italy. The people in the plays sang songs or 'canticles' that told the story during the plays. The new carols spread to France, Spain, Germany and other European countries.

Most Carols from this time and the Elizabethan period were seen as entertaining rather than religious songs. They were usually sung in homes rather than in churches! Traveling singers or Minstrels started singing these carols and the words were changed for the local people wherever they were traveling.

Before carol singing in public became popular, there were sometimes official carol singers called 'Waits'. These were bands of people led by important local leaders who had the only power in the towns and villages. They were called 'Waits' because they sang only on Christmas Eve.

<https://www.whychristmas.com/customs>

Papal News: The Pope abolishes the pontifical secret in cases of sexual abuse:

Two documents are destined to make a lasting mark: Pope Francis has abolished the pontifical secret in the case of sexual violence and the abuse of minors committed by members of the clergy. He has also decided to change the norm regarding the crime of child pornography by making the possession and dissemination of pornographic images of children under the age of 18 which fall under the category of *delicta graviora* – the most grave delicts. The first and most important document is a Rescript. The new instruction specifies that such information be “treated in such a way as to ensure its security, integrity and confidentiality” established by the Code of Canon Law to protect the “good name, image and privacy” of those involved. But this “confidentiality”, does “not prevent the fulfilment of the obligations laid down in all places by civil laws” including the possible obligation to report, and “the execution of enforceable requests of civil judicial authorities”. In the second Rescript, it establishes that falling under the most grave delicts reserved for judgment by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith are “the acquisition, possession or distribution by a cleric of pornographic images of minors under the age of eighteen, for purposes of sexual gratification, by whatever means or using whatever technology”.