



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

## Doveton

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR A 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr. Michael Payyapilly VC

**School Principal**  
Mr Steve Twomey

**Parish Manager:**  
Mr. D. McCormick

**Catechist**  
Mrs Maureen Marvin

**Secretary**  
Mrs Maureen Goonewardena

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Mrs. Vina Fernandes

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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](http://holyfamilydoveton.org.au)

### Baptism of Jesus

In the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men'* (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins.

(Excerpted from *Congregation of Clergy*)

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture>

#### **This Week**

**Euch:** Danny McCormack, Joe Marvin, Antony Fernando  
**Reading:** Lynette F, Albert L, Maureen M, Johanna F, Jasmin V,  
Royston D  
**Readings:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13- 17

#### **Next Week**

Simon Matthew, Gerald D'Cruz, Lindsay Sant  
Grace R, Josephine P, Crhistine H, David Naidoo Jnr,  
YOUTH MASS  
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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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.

### Healing Masses:

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

### Condolences:

Maureen Goonewardena, our parish secretary, lost her mother on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. We offer our heartfelt sympathies and prayers for Maureen and her family during this time of grief. May the soul of Belzie Weerasinghe Rest In the Peace of Christ.

### Thanks to

#### **Fr. Shadbolt !**

A word of special thanks to Fr. Shadbolt who helped us with the Masses during my absence. Fr. Shadbolt's ministry is always a blessing for us at Holy Family.

A big thanks to everyone who helped in the smooth running of the parish during the time I was away.

Fr. Michael VC

## READINGS

### MONDAY

1 Sam 1:1-8;  
Mk 1:14-20

### TUESDAY

1 Sam 1:9-20;  
Mk 1:21-28

### WEDNESDAY

1 Sam 3:1-10,  
19-20;  
Mk 1:29-39

### THURSDAY

1 Sam 4:1-11;  
Mk 1:40-45

### FRIDAY

#### **St Anthony**

1 Sam 8:4-7,  
10-22;  
Mk 2:1-12

### SATURDAY

1 Sam 9:1-4,  
17-19,  
10:1;  
Mk 2:13-17

### SUNDAY

Is 49:3, 5-6;  
1 Cor 1:1-3;  
Jn 1:29-34

## National Prayer Campaign For Draught

Eternal God,  
In wisdom and love  
you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life.  
We turn to you now  
in faith, hope and love,  
asking you to look with favour  
on our drought-stricken land,  
on our starving animals,  
on our failing crops.  
Strengthen, sustain and give new heart  
to our farmers  
and to all who are affected by drought;  
be with those who support them.  
In your loving providence,  
send abundant rain  
and restore our parched earth.  
Father of all compassion,  
hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life  
has dawned, and  
through the power  
of the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord the giver of life:  
Renew your faithful people;  
Renew the face of the earth.  
Our Lady of the Southern Cross,  
Mary, help of Christians –  
Pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –  
Pray for us.

<https://catholic.org.au>

## Pope Francis: I am close to the Australian people

By Christopher Wells

Pope Francis asked for everyone "to pray to the Lord to help the people [of Australia] in this difficult time" as major fires rage across the nation. Addressing Australian speaking pilgrims at the General Audience, the Holy Father said "I am close to the Australian people". Earlier this week, the president of the Australian Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, issued a statement about the "unprecedented" crisis facing the country. Like Pope Francis, he too called for prayer, noting that "A genuine Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action".

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en>

*There will be a special collection for those affected by the bushfires on Australia Day. Kindly be generous as we share their pain.*