



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Doveton

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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:
Please get in touch with the Parish office.

Funerals
Please contact the Parish Priest

Hall Hire
Please contact the Parish Office for Hall availability

Parish-website
hollyfamilydoveton.org.au

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 26TH JANUARY 2020 – HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

Light in the Midst of Darkness

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.” Matthew 4:15-16

This passage from Matthew’s Gospel is quoted from Isaiah the Prophet at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. After quoting Isaiah, Jesus goes forth saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

This prophecy from Isaiah is clearly fulfilled in Jesus’ coming. Jesus is the “great light” of which Isaiah speaks. Therefore, Isaiah is prophesying this particular historical moment when Jesus appears in our world preaching His divine Word.

But Isaiah’s words should not only speak to us about this one-time historical event of the coming of Christ and His public ministry, it should also reveal to us the fact that Jesus is the “great light” who continues to shine in whatever darkness we encounter.

This is not only an image of what happened long ago when Jesus came and began His ministry, it also happens every time we sincerely listen to the Word of God and allow His Word to penetrate our minds and hearts. Jesus’ words must fill us with Himself for He is the Great Light of Truth.

Reflect, today, upon the area of your life that seems to be covered with darkness. What is it that leaves you feeling hurt, angry or confused? What is it that burdens your heart more than anything else? It is this area of your life, more than any, that Jesus desires to enter and to shed the rays of His glory upon.

Lord, come to me and enter the darkness of my mind and heart. Come and cast aside the sorrow and pain that I feel this day. Bring clarity to my confusion and replace it with the bright knowledge of Your loving presence. Jesus, I trust in You.

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This Week

Euch: Lynette Francis, Sajjan Jose, Bernadette

Reading: Albert L, Larissa B, Paul R, David Naidoo Snr, Malcolm D Nancy J

Readings: Is 8:23 -9:3, 1Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23

Next Week

Florida Nugara, Jean Clause Lazer, Jennifer Rawlins

Cathy M, Larissa B, Maureen M, Paul R, Cheryl R, Andrew R

Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

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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 5th to Feb 9th, 2020.**

READINGS

MONDAY

2 Sam 5:1-7, 10;
Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY

St Thomas Aquinas
2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19;
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

2 Sam 7:4-17;
Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY

2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29;
Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

St John Bosco
2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17;
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17;
Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY

Malachi 3:1-4;
Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40

Prayer for Australia

O God, powerful and gentle,
you love this southern land
and all its peoples, old and new.

As the Cross shines in our heavens
so may Christ bring light to our nation.

As the waves encircle our shores
so may your mercy enfold us all.

O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land
reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new.

May your blessings flow upon us
as a stream in the desert,
and may your spirit prompt us

to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength.

May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm.

May God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light.

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PAPAL NEWS:

Pope at Audience: Give migrants the same hospitality St Paul received

By Francesca Merlo

Pope Francis urged men and women of goodwill to promote and practice a culture of welcome, especially towards vulnerable migrants in search of a better life. He decried recent government policies that have seen migrant ships in the Mediterranean be denied access to a safe port.

Speaking during his General Audience on Wednesday, the Pope referred to the passage in the Acts of the Apostles in which St Paul is shipwrecked on the island of Malta. The Pope compared St Paul and his companions to the migrants of today. The hospitality they received from the people of Malta, said the Pope, reflects the love of God.

Today, the sea on which Paul and his companions were shipwrecked is, once again, a dangerous place for the lives of other sailors. All over the world migrant men and women face risky voyages to escape violence, to escape war, to escape poverty.