



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

## Doveton

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

#### Honesty and Integrity

Let your "Yes" mean "Yes," and your "No" mean "No." Anything more is from the evil one.

Mt 5:37

This teaching from our Lord comes after a series of new and deeper teachings from our Lord on the Commandments of old. Jesus mentions the Old Testament teachings that we ought not kill, commit adultery, or lie. He then follows up each of these commandments with a deeper insight. In the New Law of Jesus' teaching, "Thou shall not kill" is deepened to mean that we ought to avoid all anger in our hearts. "Do not commit adultery" is deepened to mean we ought not have lust in our heart. And "Do not lie" is deepened and presented in a new way in the above quoted Scripture.

The first thing to note is the more general fact that Jesus' life and teaching brings us to a new depth of morality. No longer are we to simply avoid seriously sinful actions, we are now called to avoid even interior tendencies toward these actions. Not only must we purify our external actions, we must also purify our hearts.

This particular passage, that our "Yes" must mean "Yes," and our "No" must mean "No," is Jesus' way of saying that the words we speak must flow from the honesty and integrity of our hearts. In other words, what we say, exteriorly, must be spoken from the depths of our being. Our words must flow from that which is in our hearts.

What a profound lesson for us. It's so very easy, in life, to live in a two-faced way. It's easy to say only that which we believe benefits us the most, makes us look good, or makes a particular situation easier. It's a common tendency to say what we believe others want to hear or to say that which paints our lives in the best light.

True honesty and integrity requires that we speak only from the truth that resides within our hearts. When we do feel compelled to speak, it's essential that our words carry the integrity of truth in every way. Otherwise, they are meaningless, deceptive and, ultimately, destructive.

Reflect, today, upon your own honesty and integrity. When you speak to others, do your words flow from the truth alive within your heart? When God hears your words, does He see honesty? After a conversation, can you return to prayer and face your Lord in peace and with a clear conscience?

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#### This Week

**Euch:** Lynette Francis, Gerald D'Cruz, Lindsay Sant

**Reading:** Lynette F, Josephine P, Johanna F, Christine H,  
YOUTH MASS

**Readings:** Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

#### Next Week

Danny McCormick, Joe Marvin, Anthony Fernando

Albert L, Davina R, Maureen M, Anthony W, Sachin P,  
Priyanka P

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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

**School Principal**  
Mr Steve Twomey

**Parish Manager:**  
Mr. Danny McCormick

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**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil.... 6.30pm  
Sunday..... 9.30am  
.....11.00am

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

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## NOTICES

### Healing Masses:

The healing Mass on Sunday at 7pm will resume from the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

### Catechesis of Good

#### Shepherd:

Tue: 4pm – 5:30pm

Wed: 5pm – 6:30pm

Thu: 10am – 11:30am

(For children aged 3-6)

### 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.

### Ash Wednesday:

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Mass & distribution of ashes: 9:15am & 7:00pm  
Kind reminder that it is a day of fasting and abstinence

### Induction session for employees, volunteers and leaders of the parish:

A compulsory induction session on parish child safety is being arranged in the parish on **Feb 28th & Mar 4th - 7:30pm to 8:30pm** in the Small Hall.

Please chose to attend ONE of these sessions. Compliance is an Archdiocesan requirement and attendance has to be documented.

Vina Fernandes will be facilitating the session.

### Hall Hire:

The parish hall is available for hire on Friday nights, Saturday & Sun (till 4pm). It can be hired by parishioners and those recommended by parishioners. Ultimately it is left to discretion of the parish priest.

## READINGS

### MONDAY

James 1:1-11;  
Mk 8:11-13

### TUESDAY

James 1:12-18;  
Mk 8:14-21

### WEDNESDAY

James 1:19-27;  
Mk 8:22-26

### THURSDAY

James 2:1-9;  
Mk 8:27-33

### FRIDAY

James 2:14-24,26;  
Mk 8:34-9-1

### SATURDAY

**The Chair of St Peter**  
1 Pet 5:1-4;  
Mt 16:13-19

### SUNDAY

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18;  
1 Cor 3:16-23;  
Mt 5:38-48

## How to prepare for Lent!

By Vinita Hampton Wright God's desires?

How do I want to *be* during Lent this year? More quiet and thoughtful? More open to God's desires? Better able to sit with people who need me? More attentive to sacred readings, whether in church or in private? Do I need to be more compassionate toward my own fears and failings? Do I need to become more courageous about using the gifts God has given me?

In the days prior to Lent, try one or more of these suggestions.

- Ask God, every day, "**What does my soul need?**" Just ask, and wait quietly. Because we're very good at fooling ourselves about how we're doing, it might take several days of praying this question before we're truly open and humble enough to know the answer.
- Ask God, every day, "**What about my life makes you happy?**" Yes, when God looks at your life, some parts of it—perhaps many aspects of it—bring joy to God's heart. Think of how your children or grandchildren or other people close to you make you happy. God is in relationship with you, which means that your sins grieve God's heart, but also that your growth and love and freedom and kindness bring joy to God of the universe. Again, you will probably need to pray this a few times before you are willing to consider that you give God pleasure, that you make God happy in any way. Stick with this little prayer and keep listening.
- Tell God, and yourself, every day, "**I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season.**" Maybe you're not open right now, or you're not as open and willing as you'd like to be or think you should be. What else is new? We can always open our lives a bit more, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do more quickly and passionately what we know helps nurture God's kingdom on earth.

This is a beginning: three short and simple prayer starters to ready yourself for the holy season.

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## PAPAL NEWS: Pope Francis' Amazon exhortation calls for holiness, not married priests

Pope Francis published his response to the Vatican's 2019 Amazon synod in an apostolic exhortation Wednesday. Despite widespread speculation following the synod, the pope does not call for married priests, but seeks to expand "horizons beyond conflicts."

The topic of ordaining *virii probati*, or mature married men, was a point of considerable discussion at the synod, and made waves across the Church. Speaking of priestly celibacy, the Vatican's editorial director, Andrea Tornielli wrote that "the Successor of Peter, after praying and reflecting, has decided to respond not by foreseeing changes or further possibilities of exceptions from those already provided for by current ecclesiastical discipline, but by asking that the essentials be the starting point," for discussions regarding priestly ministry in the Amazon. "He asks us to begin again with a vivacious and incarnated faith, with a renewed missionary thrust rooted in the grace that allows room for God to act rather than on marketing strategies or the communication technologies relied on by the religious influencers," Tornielli added.

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