



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

## Doveton

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

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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)

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

#### Be Another Christ

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 5:13-16. No less an authority than Christ himself calls his true followers the "salt of the earth." and the "light of the world." These are titles of honour, surely, and of the greatest distinction. Christ is putting his true follower on almost a level with himself. He was the light of the world; he was the salt of the earth. He it was who gave men the knowledge of the true nature of God, as shown by the Incarnation. He it was who gave this life its flavour, who gave this life its meaning, its preservation. By his death and resurrection he took away the sting of death, and removed its eternal corruption, by the guarantee and promise of a resurrection to an eternal life.

This very Christian knows, and this knowledge every Christian helps to bring to those who are ignorant of it, if he lives his life daily and sincerely. The Christian who does this, is really another Christ; he is continuing his work of salvation during his years on earth. He is the salt, of the earth and the light of the world. How many of us, can truly say that these honourable titles, which Christ gives to his followers, are given to us?

In true humility, we can all say that we are far from worthy of any such honourable titles. Yet in all sincerity too, many if not the majority among us, are doing their little bit of Christ's work, in cultivating their own small corner of his vineyard. The parents who teach the Christian way of life to their children by word, and especially by example, are spreading the Christian faith. The workmen, whether in office or factory, who show that they are Christians by their honesty, charity for their fellowmen, their respect for God, and the things of God, in their speech, are spreading their Christian faith. All those who show moderation in their personal expenditures, and donate some of their savings to help their brothers, their fellowmen who are in need, these are true disciples of Christ and are cooperating with him in bringing God's children back to their Father who is in heaven.

Unlike the salt that has lost its flavour, and the light that is kept under the bushel, the Christian who has thus behaved can change his attitude, provided he is aided by God's grace which is never refused. He can become once more what he ought to be--a life-preserver for his neighbour. Life on earth is short. The demands of our Christian life may not always be easy, but we know that if we live up to them, we are other Christs. We are continuing his great work by our own good example to our neighbour, and we are giving glory to God, and are earning for ourselves the eternal light of heaven.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

<https://www.catholicculture.org>

#### This Week

**Euch:** Paul Richardson, Joe Marvin, Antony Fernando

**Reading:** Grace R, Albert L, Gerard C, David Naidoo Snr, Jessica P, Malcolm D

**Readings:** Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16

#### Next Week

Lynette Francis, Gerald D'Cruz, Lindsay Sant

Lynette F, Josephine P, Johanna F, Christine H, YOUTH MASS

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

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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.

### 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

**St Scholastica**  
1 Kg 8:1-7;  
9-13;  
Mk 6:53-56

### TUESDAY

1 Kg 8:22-23,  
27-30;  
Mk 7:1-13

### WEDNESDAY

1 Kg 10:1-10;  
Mk 7:14-23

### THURSDAY

1 Kg 11:4-13;  
Mk 7:24-30

### FRIDAY

### Sts Cyril & Methodius

1 Kg 11:29-32,  
12:19;  
Mk 7:31-37

### SATURDAY

1 Kg 12:26-32,  
13:33-34;  
Mk 8:1-10

### SUNDAY

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

## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – 11<sup>th</sup> February

### **St. Bernadette: A product of ‘Poor Catechesis’**

St. Bernadette could be called a product of poor, minimal catechesis. But Bernadette started her faith life the best way possible. She was the product of a strong “domestic Church”.

She had the minimal schooling of a poor girl of her time, compounded by missing lessons due to ill health and the fact that she was needed at home to help care for siblings. To the chagrin of the teaching Sister preparing her for her First Holy Communion, Bernadette was a technically abysmal Catechism student. But she received the most important preparation – that which can hardly be replicated in a classroom – being raised in a family whose greatest riches were their faith. There is profound understanding in this heart which would one day write, “I was nothing, and of this nothing God made something great. In Holy Communion I am heart to heart with Jesus. How sublime is my destiny.”

### **History of the “THE SONG OF BERNADETTE”**

A variety of authors wrote about St. Bernadette and the apparitions at Lourdes. But 20th century cultural popularity of St. Bernadette owes much to “The Song of Bernadette” and the efforts of its author. Franz Werfel, a Jewish German writer found himself in Lourdes while trying to escape to Portugal after France fell to the Nazis. Families who took in Werfel and his wife told them the story of Bernadette and her visions of Our Lady. Werfel vowed that if they should be able to escape, he would write the story of St. Bernadette. True to his promise, his first task when arriving in the United States was to write the beautiful work of historical fiction (which is more historical than fictional), *The Song of Bernadette*. An interesting bit of trivia: the structure of this bestseller is itself a reference to the holy rosary – five sections of ten chapters each.

(Taken from article by *Ellyn von Huben* in <https://www.wordonfire.org>)

### **Nigeria: ACN announces death of kidnapped seminarian**

“With immense sorrow we must inform you that the last seminarian, Michael, in the hands of the kidnappers, was murdered”. The news came in a Tweet by Aid to the Church in Need, Italy. The seminarian, Michael, had been kidnapped along with three other seminarians from the Good Shepherd Major Seminary in Kakau, Kaduna State.

The other three seminarians had been released in the previous days and are now receiving medical care.

Archbishop Aukbeze explained that though all the seminaries in Nigeria have protective walls, “they are not sufficient to stop the attacks of Boko Haram”, the Islamic extremists whose violence since 2009 has caused, according to recent UN data, more than 35,000 victims.

Not all the structures, instead, have security cameras, he said.

<https://www.vaticannews.va>